20th Anniversary and Homecoming

The big day is one week away! We will celebrate our 20th anniversary as the Episcopal Church in Tallassee.

Date: April 13, 2014, Palm Sunday
We will not have Sunday School.
Worship at 10:30 am
Lunch and celebration to follow

Epiphany will supply the entree, rolls, and beverages. Please bring two dishes to share.

Persons serving at Epiphany

This week:
- Ushers: Lee and Amanda Borden
- Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
- Lay Reader: Sharon Cleary
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kara Shea Davis
- Refreshments: Ramona Norris
- Stewards: Pam Van Etten and Sharon Cleary

Next week:
- Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon
- Altar Guild: Jean Kerr
- Lay Reader: Laura Williams
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten
- Refreshments: Everyone
- Stewards: Cathy Jones and Barbara Trogdon

Reach the Church during the week by telephone at (334) 252-8618 or online at http://www.epiphanytallassee.org

Reach Father Wells during the week by telephone at (334) 332-3222 or by email at fatherwells@epiphany.org

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany celebrates 20 years as a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, the Episcopal Church USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion.
The Gathering of the People
The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer

Prelude
Words of Peace
Hymn If Thou But Trust in God To Guide Thee Hymn 635
(Sing as written, then repeat first verse)

Penitential Acclamation Page 323, BCP
Holy God Trisagion Hymn S-102
Salutation (And with thy spirit) Page 325, BCP

The Collect of the Day
O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God
Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14 Insert
Psalm 130 Page 784, BCP
Epistle Lesson Romans 8:6-11 Insert

The Gospel Sequence
Are Ye Able, Said the Master Insert, Verses 1-2
Gospel Lesson John 11:1-45 Insert, Verses 3-4
Are Ye Able, Said the Master

Sermon Father Wells

The Nicene Creed Page 326, BCP
The Prayers of the People Page 328, BCP
Confession of Sin Page 330, BCP
Absolution and Comfortable Words Page 332, BCP
The Peace

The Holy Communion
Offertory Breathe on Me, Breath of God Hymn 508
The Great Thanksgiving Page 333, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus Hymn S 113
Consecration of the Elements
The Lord's Prayer Page 336, BCP
O Lamb of God Agnus Dei Hymn S 158
Communion Spirit of the Living God Hymn SH -8
Post-Communion Prayer Page 339, BCP
Blessing
Recessional Nearer, My God, To Thee Hymn SH -90
Dismissal

Epiphany Prayer List
- Lynda Denton
- Thurman Harris
- Charlotte and Lannon Poole
- Barbara Trogdon
- Dezsel Oliver (Kathy Haynie)
- Billie Wilkinson (Eddie and Pam Harper)
- Lindsey Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper)
- Kathy Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten)
- Sherry Gritz (Jean Kerr)
- Clifford Flood (Jean Kerr)
- Adam Dorough (Kelli Kerr)
- Sally Kingsley (Hugh Thompson)
- John Graves (Betty Weldon)
- Allison Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon)
- Ed Clayton (Jean Kerr)
- Kathy DeArmond (Jean Kerr)
- Phil Gatusso (Jere Van Etten)
- Charlene Bates (Jean Kerr)
- Mavilene Prentice (Betty Weldon)
- Virginia Nordon (Betty Weldon)
Are Ye Able, Said the Master

1 "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?" "Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."

[Refrain:] "Lord, we are able." Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine. Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

2 "Are ye able" to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes, that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise? [Refrain]

3 "Are ye able" when the shadows close around you with the sod, to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God? [Refrain]

4 "Are ye able?" Still the Master whispers down eternity, and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee. [Refrain]

The Lessons for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Lesson  Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley;[a] it was full of bones. And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, thou knowest." Again he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, says the Lord."
Epistle Lesson  Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

Gospel Lesson  John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go into Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, “W h e r e h a v e y o u l a i d h i m ?” T h e y s a i d t o h i m , “L o r d , c o m e a n d s e e .” J e s u s w e p t . S o t h e J e w s s a i d , “S e e h o w h e l o v e d h i m !” B u t s o m e o f t h e m s a i d , “C o u l d n o t h e w h o o p e n e d t h e e y e s o f t h e b l i n d m a n h a v e k e p t t h i s m a n f r o m d i e i n g ?”

T h e n J e s u s , d e e p l y m o v e d a g a i n , c a m e t o t h e t o m b ; i t w a s a c a v e , a n d a s t o n e l a y u p o n i t . J e s u s s a i d , “T a k e a w a y t h e s t o n e .” M a r t h a , t h e s i s t e r o f t h e d e a d m a n , s a i d t o h i m , “L o r d , b y t h i s t i m e t h e r e w i l l b e a n o d o r , f o r h e h a s b e e n d e a d f o u r d a y s .” J e s u s s a i d t o h e r , “D i d I n o t t e l l y o u t h a t i f y o u w o u l d b e l i e v e y o u w o u l d s e e t h e g l o r y o f G o d ?” S o t h e y t o o k a w a y t h e s t o n e . A n d J e s u s l i f t e d u p h i s e y e s a n d s a i d , “F a t h e r , I t h a n k t h e e t h a t t h o u h a s t h e a r d m e . I k n e w t h a t t h o u h e a r e s t m e a l w a y s , b u t I h a v e s a i d t h i s o n a c c o u n t o f t h e p e o p l e s t a n d i n g b y , t h a t t h e y m a y b e l i e v e t h a t t h o u d i d n ’ t s e n d m e .” W h e n h e h a d s a i d t h i s , h e c r i e d w i t h a l o u d v o i c e , “L a z a r u s , c o m e o u t .” T h e d e a d m a n c a m e o u t , h i s h a n d s a n d f e e t b o u n d w i t h b a n d a g e s , a n d h i s f a c e w r a p p e d w i t h a c l o t h . J e s u s s a i d t o t h e m , “U n b i n d h i m , a n d l e t h i m g o .”

M a n y o f t h e J e w s t h e r e f o r e , w h o h a d c o m e w i t h M a r t h a a n d h a d s e e n w h a t h e d i d , b e l i e v e d i n h i m .

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.