

Spring 2021

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The Episcopal Church of the  
**Holy Apostles**



# *The Voice of the Holy Apostles*

## *A Message From the Rev. Blake Hutson*



Dear Apostles,

A few weeks ago, I was on a Zoom Call with our new Bishop, Glenda Curry. Bishop Curry wanted to meet with rectors in the Diocese, to hear from clergy about how parishes have been navigating the pandemic, specifically discussing how parishes have been worshipping at the local level.

One thing was clear — there hasn't been a 'one size fits all' and each parish has taken a different approach. Many parishes are worshipping outside, but not inside. Many that had resumed inside worship last fall made the difficult decision to suspend inside worship in December when Covid numbers started going up around the holidays. Several parishes

resumed inside worship February 21st, the first Sunday of Lent. Some parishes still haven't resumed outside or inside worship but are worshipping online. Each parish has taken a different approach, and each has been doing their best during this challenging time.

Since last summer, Holy Apostles has offered outside, inside, and online worship options. We might think this is the norm, but we're in the minority — only about 20% of parishes in our Birmingham Convocation are currently offering all three of these worship options.

We've been able to offer these options because of the hard work of our Safety Team (Ed Burtnett, Racquel Shelton, Cathy Newhouse, Diane Eggert, Drew Dahlgren, Emily Collette, Marti Holmes and José Fernandez). From May through February, this group met weekly and recently began meeting every other week. With their suggestions, we reconfigured office space for the safety of the staff, thought through every step of our worship service, and every part of the liturgy. With safety in mind, they found a way for our community to worship and continue meeting. They have worked hard to keep our community safe, open, and worshipping together.

Anytime there are changes, there are some complaints, and this committee has heard a few over the last months. But all in all, things have gone smoothly. We've sent out two notices about potential Covid exposures, but to our knowledge no one has contracted the virus while at Holy Apostles and we have not contributed to community spread.

On the Zoom Call a few weeks ago, Bishop Curry said she was looking to the future. More and more people are getting vaccinated every day. As the statewide mask mandate expires April 9th, I imagine we will hear from the Diocese. We can expect guidance about social distancing, wearing masks at church, singing in worship (choir and congregation), wine at Communion, and more.

We'll soon be entering another time of transition. Over these next weeks and months, we'll be taking measured steps toward reopening. We'll have good communication and let you know well ahead of time about what to expect. There are good changes around the corner! With God's help we'll continue to keep our community safe, open and worshipping together.

*Warm regards,*  
*Blake*

# Jesus's Passion Inspired the Way of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows or the *Via Crucis*, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The object of the stations is to help the Christian faithful make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It has become one of the most popular devotions and the stations can be found in many Western Christian churches, including Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic.

After the siege of 1187, Jerusalem fell to the forces of Saladin, the first sultan of Egypt and Syria. Forty years later Franciscans were allowed back into the Holy Land. Their founder, Saint Francis of Assisi, held the Passion of Christ in special veneration. In 1217, St. Francis also founded the Custody of the Holy Land to guard and promote the devotion to holy places. Their efforts were recognized when Franciscans were officially proclaimed custodians of holy places by Pope Clement VI in 1342. Although several travelers who visited the Holy Land during the 12–14th centuries, mention a *Via Sacra*, a settled route that pilgrims followed, there is nothing in their accounts to identify this with the Way of the Cross, as we understand it.

The earliest use of the word “stations”, as applied to the accustomed halting-places in the *Via Sacra* at Jerusalem, occurs in the narrative of an English pilgrim, William Wey, who visited the Holy Land in the mid-15th century, and described pilgrims following the footsteps of Christ to the cross. In 1521, a book called *Geystlich Strass* (German: “spiritual road”) was printed with illustrations of the stations in the Holy Land. During the 15th and 16th centuries the Franciscans began to build a series of outdoor shrines in Europe to duplicate their counterparts in the Holy Land. The number of stations varied between seven and thirty; seven was common. These were usually placed, often in small buildings, along the approach to a church. In 1686, in answer to their petition, Pope Innocent XI granted to the Franciscans the right to erect stations within their churches. In 1731, Pope Clement XII extended to all churches the right to have the stations, provided that a Franciscan father erected them, with the consent of the local bishop. At the same time the number was fixed at fourteen. In 1857, the bishops of England were allowed to erect the stations by themselves, without the intervention of a Franciscan priest, and in 1862 this right was extended to bishops throughout the church.

Commonly, a series of 14 images will be arranged in numbered order along a path and the faithful travel from image to image, in order, stopping at each station to say the selected prayers and reflections. This will be done individually or in a procession most commonly during Lent, especially on Good Friday, in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during his passion. The style, form, and placement of the stations vary widely. The typical stations are small plaques with reliefs or paintings placed around a church nave. Modern minimalist stations can be simple crosses with a numeral in the center. The Stations of the Cross are also inside in our sanctuary. We invite you to walk the Stations of the Cross as part of your Lenten practice.

## AS WE CONTINUE THE SEASON OF LENT, WE INVITE YOU TO WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

They have been set up in the upper parking lot at Holy Apostles.

Walking the Stations of the Cross is a practice that dates back hundreds of years, as Christians observed the final hours of Jesus' life by retracing his steps and remembering his suffering. We also invite you to make use of the Memorial Garden for prayer and reflection.

We hope this offering adds to your Lenten discipline and observance.





**Palm Sunday, March 28th**

8:00 am Blessing of Palms and HE II (outside)

10:30 am Blessing of Palms and HE II with Special Music (inside)

Passion Narrative Read by HA Members available on [YouTube](#)

**Maundy Thursday, April 1st**

7:00 pm Foot washing and HE II (inside)

**Good Friday, April 2nd**

12:00 pm Seven Last Words Service with Communion from Reserved Sacrament

6:00 pm Seven Last Words Service with Communion from Reserved Sacrament

**Saturday, April 3rd**

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt at Holy Apostles

7:00 pm Easter Vigil Service with Holy Eucharist (inside)

**Easter Sunday, April 4th**

6:30 am Sunrise HE II (outside)

8:00 am HE II (outside)

10:30am HE II with Special Music (inside)

12:00pm HE II with Special Music (inside)

## A Report from our Senior Warden



Dear Apostles:

As you read this, it will have been one year since your Vestry has met in person! Shortly after our March 2020 Vestry meeting, the Covid-19 pandemic came to our state. Although we cannot see each other in person, your Vestry

has met faithfully and continues to work towards that day when we all can come together in person again. Some of the items we have worked on these past months include:

- The Vestry approved the application of another forgivable loan from the Payroll Protection Program under the second phase of the CARES Act. These PPP loans are intended to help both small businesses and not-for-profit organizations protect their employees from furlough due to decreases in donations. Any funds received from PPP II will be used on payroll expenses and certain allowable facility costs, but they are not available to fund any programs. Our Bookkeeper, Tom Brown, and Treasurer, Betsy Whitfield will carefully monitor the use of these funds to ensure we meet those mandates.

- The most pressing concern of the Vestry is to carefully monitor our finances. We are happy to report that we finished the last year in the black due to the use of the first PPP loan and the State of Alabama Grant monies we received. The Vestry was delighted to see that we exceeded our pledged income! Thank you, Holy Apostles,

for your continued support. We did not meet income projections for non-pledge income from the plate and several fundraisers that had to be canceled due to the pandemic.

- The Vestry has started discussions on the possibility of having some of our fundraising events this year but modified to meet the social distancing criteria in effect at the time of the event. To that end, we have asked the coordinators of the Crawfish Boil and Starry Night Art Show to begin discussions of what those events might look like this year. They will work with the Gathering Safely Committee to ensure that whatever form they take, any event will include the safety measures necessary. Stay tuned for more information.

- We discussed ways that Holy Apostles could assist in the vaccination efforts. Currently, UAB has decided not to use the space we offered, but we are happy to report that many of the Holy Apostles family volunteered to assist with the first few weeks of the drive through vaccination site at the Hoover Met!

- Our first month financial reports, for January 2021, were positive. Both the church operations and the Little Apostles operated in the black for the month. We will continue to monitor our finances very carefully this year as we begin to start to think cautiously about more church-wide activities if the current vaccination rates continue to climb!

— *Diane Eggert*  
Senior Warden

## A Report from our Junior Warden



The church parking lot will be sealed again this spring. The work that was done last year is showing significant wear and tear and is still under warranty. Dates and details have not been worked out yet but will be fully communicated when they are determined.

— *Ed Burtnett*  
Junior Warden

## Welcome Your New Vestry Members



***Phillip Crunk***

Phillip is originally from Tuscaloosa where he graduated in Civil Engineering; later, he earned a Master's degree in environmental engineering. After working for several years in the Washington, D.C. and northern New Jersey areas, he returned home to Alabama where he met and fell in love with his wife, Alice. Both stay busy chasing their 4-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son in the Bluff Park area of Hoover. The Crunk family has called Holy Apostles 'home' for the past three years.



***Scott Dunbar***

Scott and his family have been members of Holy Apostles since 2005, when they moved to Hoover from Nashville. He and his wife, Suzanne, have two young adult children: Holly (22) and Hudson (19). They also recently gained a son-in-law, named Hunter. Scott is a cradle Episcopalian and grew up attending St. Mark's in Prattville, Alabama. He is a graduate of Auburn University and of the Thunderbird School of Global Management. He has served on vestry twice previously, once at Holy Apostles and once at Church of the Epiphany in Lebanon, TN. He works in sales for The Braintrust Consulting Group. He enjoys traveling, hiking, sports, music, and discussing/drinking craft beer with his dad and brother. He and Suzanne have also recently discovered that online wine tastings and concerts are nice distractions from the coronavirus.



***Jane Mantooth***

Jane grew up in Bessemer, where she attended Trinity Episcopal Church with her family. She earned a degree in accounting at UAB and began her career with a local advertising/marketing firm in 1973, eventually becoming controller and partner. Today, 47 years later, she is still with the firm, now in a part-time capacity. Jane has two children, and her family has grown over the years to include four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all in the Nashville area. Jane came to Holy Apostles in 2015 after her mother passed because she had been looking for a place to worship with those closer to her age. "While shopping at the local farmers market, I found Holy Apostles," said Jane. "It has been my church home ever since. My activities at church include the altar guild, the meal ministry, Cursillo and serving as president of Daughters of the King. It is an honor for me to be on the Vestry and serve my church in this way."



**Tracy Wayland**

Tracy Wayland, long-time Apostle, joined the Vestry as Clerk this year. Her family has attended Holy Apostles since 1998. She says “My late husband Jim, my two children Beth and Lee, and I have served Holy Apostles in almost every ministry. I have taught Children’s Sunday School, directed VBS for one summer, and chaired Altar Guild and Flower Guild. Holy Apostles has been a part of every major event of our lives! I’m honored to serve as clerk.”



## Spring Christian Formation Opportunities at Holy Apostles

We have a variety of Christian formation opportunities planned for the spring at Holy Apostles. In the season of Lent, we will be finishing up our current Sunday morning series on Lent and Holy Week on March 21st. Our Wednesday Lenten speaker series, “Grief, Healing, and Wholeness,” will conclude on March 24th. We hope you will join us for the remaining classes in these series. We will also be offering a recorded version of Mark’s Passion Narrative during Holy Week. This recording will feature parishioners and will be available on **YouTube** for us to use as a resource for Holy Week.

In the Easter season, our Sunday morning series will center on the topic of resurrection. Our fellow parishioners will offer reflections on how they live into the Easter resurrection on a daily basis, and encourage us to do the same. Finally, we will continue to offer twice-monthly Children’s Services on Sunday mornings. These services are tweaked for the liturgical season we are in, and they offer our families a chance to pray together, reflect on scripture, and share in the Eucharist. Older children are invited to serve as acolytes both in our children’s services and in our regular Sunday services. We hope you will join us for as many of these offerings as possible!



## Little Apostles

INFANT CARE

**Little Apostles Infant Care has openings for summer and fall.**

For more information, contact Betsy Fetner, Director, by email at [bfetner@holypostleshooover.org](mailto:bfetner@holypostleshooover.org), or call 205-988-8000.

## Making a Difference Throughout the Year

We have had a tough year. Pandemic, tornadoes, arctic winter storms, and hurricanes have dotted the calendar. These are big events that affect a huge portion of our population at one time. We notice these events and want to quickly respond.

Then, at the holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, our hearts are stirred by the thought that folks won't have celebratory meals, or children will go without gifts under a tree. We want to give them the "Magic of Christmas" as we imagine it for ourselves. Most of us fail to realize that those who are doing without at this time don't usually have a tree. Likely, they can't pay their water or power bill. Their transportation is likely so unreliable that they live with the daily pressure that they may lose their job.



Every day of every year a personal storm will hit some families. An unexpected illness will turn their lives upside down. A job loss will devastate a household. Chronic poverty, due to lack of affordable training and education for a decent career, can severely limit their ability to provide adequate shelter, food, utilities, clothing, medical care, and transportation to their children. Individuals and families for various reasons, suddenly become homeless. For the most part, these folks suffer unnoticed by us in our daily lives.

The **Outreach Committee** has developed a way to remember and respond to the various needs of the poor and vulnerable throughout the year. Each month will be designated with a theme that will encourage you to make a small contribution to one of those year-round needs. In January, we collected spices for the Grace Woodlawn Food Pantry, which assists those living in poverty by supplementing their grocery shopping needs. In "Feminine February", we remembered our sisters who live on the streets or in homeless shelters who do not have the resources to provide for their most personal needs and collected those items to deliver to them. March is "Must Have Meats" month, and we will be collecting canned, shelf-safe meats to contribute to St. Mark's Food Assistance Program. Each month, in some small (or bigger!) way, each of you can love your neighbor by contributing to the collection toward meeting these daily needs.



Watch the Happenings and the Sunday bulletins for the notices about the monthly collection. And, please be aware that the items have been specifically requested by the agency/program we are supporting, so be sure you respond to the need as they have defined it.

Big efforts to respond to big events are wonderful and kind. Thankfully, our **Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee** keeps us informed so that we receive information on how we can responsively and responsibly serve those affected by natural or man-made disasters. We also continue to support Bridge Ministries financially as a parish, and their basket is out all year round to receive donations. As a parish, we financially support some other ministries that need funds to serve our brothers and sisters in need. You will hear more about those in the next Voice!

— Deacon Marti Holmes

## *Episcopal Terminology:* **Deacon, Transitional Deacon, Archdeacon**



The Episcopal Church seems to have a language of its own, and it is so easy to get confused! Let's see whether we can help with some of that!

**Deacons** are ordained ministers of the church and hold a distinct area of ministry called the "diakonia" (there's another word for you!) The "diakonia" is the servant ministry of all baptized Christians; it is the call to each of us to use our God-given gifts and resources to notice the human needs of the people around us, and to respond in ways that those in need find helpful. So, the deacon vows to serve the church, and to live out the example of service to others as they help form, inspire, and call the people of the church to also live out their lives of service. It is a lifetime vow. Marti is our Deacon.

Seminary graduates who will be ordained to the priesthood are first ordained as a deacon for a period of about 6 months. For that period of time, they have the title of **Transitional Deacon**. Emily was a Transitional Deacon when she arrived as our **Curate**.

The Bishop may appoint one or more deacons to serve as the **Archdeacon** — to assist in the formation, deployment, supervision and support of the deacons of the diocese. Marti also serves the Bishop as the Archdeacon of our diocese.

In the Diocese of Alabama, we have 29 actively serving deacons. Most of them serve in a parish, although two of them serve as employed Chaplains at Episcopal institutions (e.g., St. Martin's in the Pines, and Episcopal Place.) Since there are 87 parishes and worshipping

communities in our diocese, only about one in three parishes has a deacon serving on the clergy staff. Most deacons are non-stipendiary — that means that they serve without pay. Each deacon decides how much time he or she can devote to ministry, and this amount of time changes as their lives change. At this time, nearly all of our deacons have retired from their secular employment due to age.

The amount of time that the average deacon spent this past year in ministry, on behalf of the church and its people, is 740 hours. This number represents 36% of one full-time paid position. The adjusted total hours of ministry completed by the deacons in this diocese (16,266.5 hours total — down from the previous year's 22,751), calculated at the current volunteer time valuation of \$27.20 (see Independent Sector of Points of Light 2019-2020, valuation of nonprofessional volunteer role) represents the contribution of \$442,489.00 to ministry in our diocese. This financial value of time provides the minimal financial worth of the work of deacons in Alabama. The actual benefit is much wider in scope and greater in overall value.

Deacons represent the voice of the voiceless, form and inspire members of the parish to lovingly serve the poor and vulnerable responsibly and responsibly, and share with the priests and bishops in the Word and Sacraments to urge all to increase in faith and to bring love, mercy, and compassionate action for justice in the world.



## We live a faith that is full of reminders

**M**y second year of seminary was definitely my most challenging one. I was instructed to reach down into myself and start to develop my pastoral identity. Although I knew that developing a pastoral identity is a lifelong process, I realized that I was entering a chapter of my journey when I needed to develop a greater and deeper sense of awareness of my behaviors, my communications and my interactions with others. I discovered that my pastoral identity is attached to my belief that, as Christians, we are called to build the kingdom here in earth. So, during my second year of seminary (or perhaps as an expression of an unaware mid-life crisis), I got a tattoo in my inner left arm. It reads: “on earth as it is in heaven.” It was my first and only tattoo, and I have resourced to look at it many times, as a reminder of my commitment to my faith and to myself. I must confess that it has become particularly “handy” when I am dealing or interacting with others who might not think like me. As nontraditional as it might seem, this tattoo serves as a reminder.

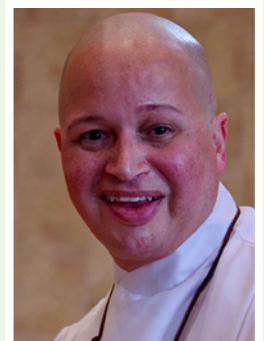
We live a faith that is full of reminders. In the covenant between God and Noah, the rainbow was set as a reminder. Early Christians used the cross as a reminder of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Our experience of the Eucharist serves as a reminder of Jesus’s last supper with his disciples. In our world today, wearing a mask serves as a reminder of our need to protect ourselves and others from COVID-19. The challenge for us, I think, relies on making sure that reminders serve the purpose of keeping us on task with those commitments we make with, and the standards we set within, ourselves.

I think that as a community of faith, it is time for us to identify a new reminder, particularly during this time when we keep talking about the “new church” and/or we redefine “church” as a consequence of this pandemic. I have been reflecting upon how every week during Eucharist we repeat the phrase of my tattoo: “Your kingdom come, on earth as in heaven.”

Most of the time I ask myself: what does “building the kingdom on earth” look like? The truth is that I do not know. Sometimes I think that, perhaps the kingdom of heaven on earth is a collective concept, a puzzle in the making that requires from all of us to do our part. Perhaps the kingdom requires for your actions (those expressing your love for God, for your neighbors, and for yourself) and my actions to come together, and for our actions to join the actions of others, until we all build a “quilt of actions” purposely intended to share Christian love with the world around us.

I wonder how our Christian commitment would change if such a “quilt of actions” becomes our reminder, and it gets tattooed in our hearts or in our souls, where only you and God can see it. I also wonder what your contribution to the quilt would be ... which action from your heart do you want to be represented? Perhaps we can take some time these days and reflect upon what piece you would like to contribute to this “quilt of actions” and how it can help us build the Kingdom. Perhaps working on such a “quilt of actions” helps us to improve the support and Christian love we provide to each other and strengthens our faith and our commitment to love God and our neighbors.

— *José Fernandez*  
Seminarian



## Reflecting on a Full Year of Living in a Pandemic

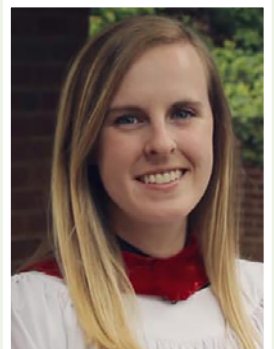
It is truly hard to believe that we have lived through this pandemic for over a year. It is also hard to believe that I have only known Holy Apostles in the midst of global pandemic. As is true of this entire season we are living through, there have been both terrible and wonderful things to come forth. Of course, I have not gotten the chance to meet many of you, and those I have been able to meet have been from a distance and with half of our faces covered. Many of the things that are so cherished by the members of this parish haven't been able to take place, including Trunk-or-Treat, the Epiphany party, and the Shrove Tuesday Red Beans and Rice celebration.

Yet, at the risk of revealing how much of an optimist I truly am, I will say that there have also been some wonderful things that I have seen in my time here. We have found creative ways to be together for all sorts of things, from Sunday school and Bible studies, to Cursillo reunion groups and Wednesday night suppers and programs. I've learned more about technology than I ever thought (or hoped) being a priest would entail. We've called each other. We've written letters. We've learned to worship together while sitting six feet apart.

For me, this has been a time of growth, often painful, sometimes beautiful. God speaks to us inside the hallowed walls of Holy Apostles. God also speaks to us in the hallowed walls of our homes. It's not a matter of making lemonade out of lemons while the world is still actively giving us copious amounts of lemons. That sort of forced positivity will only take us so far. But it is a matter of remembering that God works good from all bad things. It is a matter of remembering that God speaks to us and loves us and guides us in both good and bad times, and that good and bad times can exist at the same time.

I am very much looking forward to a time when we can gather together in a healthy and safe way with fewer of these restrictions. And until then, I look forward to continuing to figure out together how we most faithfully (and creatively) love God and each other in this time.

— *Emily Collette*  
Curate



### Meet Our Bookkeeper, Tom Brown



**Tom B. Brown, III**

Tom was born in Sylacauga and is a certified “Baby Boomer.” Following college, he worked as a bookkeeper and financial manager for a small community hospital, an automobile dealership and a printing company before finding his 35-year career as a real estate appraiser. Since childhood, Tom has participated in choral singing on a steady basis. Today, he is involved in three different local choral groups — church choir, men’s barbershop and the chorus at the Hoover Senior Center. Tom took piano lessons at age 12 (didn’t everyone?) and then tried saxophone for a year in 2010 and is currently enjoying guitar lessons today. “I actually enjoy bookkeeping,” says Tom, who came to Holy Apostles in March 2020. He adds, “I’m impressed by the strong spirit of ministry of the people of this parish.”



## The Brown Bag Book Club

Perhaps out of boredom brought on by the Pandemic, or a serious love of reading or both, last October a group of readers formed the Brown Bag Book Club at Holy Apostles. The organizers —Nancy Gennari, Sally MacDonald, Kathy Warren, and Ruth Carlson — continue to welcome new members. And, you don't have to be affiliated with Holy Apostles to join the group.

On the first Thursday of each month, the group gathers (socially distanced and masked) on the portico of Holy Apostles (or inside if weather is inclement.) Hoover Public Library's "Instant Book Club" provides reading options. Each book club member helps select two or more books from the provided list and a schedule of book selections for each month set up. Discussion of the book lasts about 45 minutes and a brown bag lunch is optional, following all necessary protocols.

Hoover Public Library's Book Club Kits provide ten copies of the selected title, a biography of the author, book reviews, and discussion questions. One group member checks out a kit for six weeks from fiction or non-fiction titles. Once read, the kit is returned in a timely manner and the next kit checked out.

Past book selections include *The All-Girl Filling Stations' Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg; *The Kitchen Boy*, by Robert Alexander; Philip Gulley's *Home to Harmony*; and *June* by Miranda Beverly-Whittemore. The March selection is *If the Creek Don't Rise*, by Leah Weiss. Harper Lee's *Go Set A Watchman* is scheduled for April, and *The Light Between Oceans*, *And The Mountains Echoed* and *Bel Canto* are set for May, June and July.

Ruth Carlson stated, "We are lucky to have two additional members already and you would be welcome to join us, too!" If you are interested, contact Ruth Carlson at [ruthcarlson303@gmail.com](mailto:ruthcarlson303@gmail.com).

## Apostles with Fire Are Cooking Again!

Our Apostles with Fire are still cooking! For Shrove Tuesday, they served 100 meals of red beans and rice to those visiting the Church on Ash Wednesday. So, it was Ashes and Beans to go! Chef Bill Davis baked homemade King Cake. Seven different cooks from our Apostles with Fire team supported the effort using the exact same recipe. The sous-chefs included Paul Gilbert, David Mize, Jason Whatley, Susan Jackson, Patrick Schexnaider, Phil Garratt, and Kenn Gaddis.

While we had over 80 people register for the event, we had enough extra to pass out some food to others that evening.

We are planning our **2021 Crawfish Boil for Saturday, May 8th**. It will be a combination pick-up or dine-in event with limited capacity dining. How might dine-in work? Dine-in will be by reservation only — set up in 10x10 tents around the parking lot with 8' spacing between tents to provide for distancing and movement. Visits will be restricted to 1½ hours and tents may only be reserved by families and their extended families, households, and others with whom you regularly socialize outside your home in order to maintain compliance with safety requirements. We will offer two dining times to our guests: 11:00 AM and 12:45 PM. In addition, we will have designated parking areas for Crawfish-to-Go. If restrictions are lifted or changed, we will add more capacity or adjust our approach accordingly.

The Apostles with Fire are also participating in the 2021 Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala! We are planning this over the course of three weeks. On Saturday April 17th we will host an event at Cahaba Brewery from 1:00PM – 4:00PM. The event will be open to the public with professional cooks providing the Gumbo. Food trucks will also be on site. All items will be available for purchase with a portion of all proceeds (food and drinks) going to Episcopal Place. Live music performed on site with the support of Cahaba Brewery!

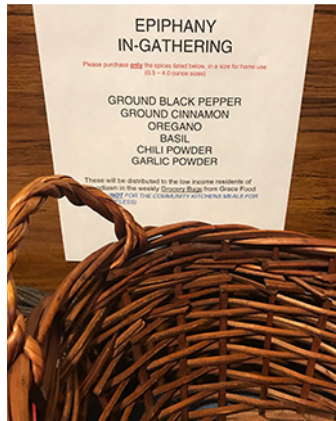
Thursday and Friday (April 22 and April 23) we will also host Gumbo-to-Go at Episcopal Place. Orders can be placed at Cahaba Brewery on the 17th, or on the website. Gumbo-to-Go will be provided by Spoon and Ladle, Cajun Cleaver, and Fit Biscuit.

Local Episcopal Churches will be offering gumbo at their individual locations in April as well. Apostles with Fire is currently planning to host **Gumbo-to-Geaux at Holy Apostles on Saturday, April 24th**. We will be cooking up Gumbo for purchase and pickup on that day. More details to come — including the types of Gumbo that will be available. ‘Stay tuned’ and read the Happenings for details!



2021 Crawfish Boil  
May 8th





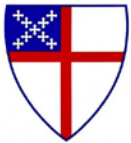


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**Worship Schedule:**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist II  
(outside)

9:30 am Adult Formation  
via Zoom

10:30 am Holy Eucharist II  
(inside)

Anytime: Online worship  
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