



Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

The Sunday News

February 22, 2015

COLLECT FOR THE DAY – THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LESSONS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:9-15

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Psalm 25:1-9

1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3. Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
4. Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
5. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
6. Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
7. Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8. He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
9. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant: Living God, be strongly present with _____ as she delivers communion to _____.

People: *May hearts be kindled, bodies restored, and hope enlivened. Our prayers go with you.*

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PATRICK'S

Sunday, February 22	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Bible Study	Sanctuary
	11:45 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Parish	Sanctuary
Monday, February 23	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	EFM	Choir Room
Tuesday, February 24	6:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Wednesday, February 25	9:30 a.m.	Midweek Eucharist	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	11:40 a.m.	Preschool Chapel	Sanctuary

Welcome to our Visitors and Newcomers

We are happy to have you with us. This service is part of our ongoing life of worship, learning and service. We are here to deepen our relationship with God and with one another, and to explore how to live our lives more fully and compassionately. Please know that you are invited to participate in all aspects of our worship, most importantly by sharing with us in our common meal at God's Table.

We invite you to continue the journey with us; ask questions, attend our educational offerings, participate in the activities of this community. We invite you to return again next week for Eucharist at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Please be aware that we offer a nursery for children ages three and under. The nursery is located just down the hallway in the education wing.

Those persons serving our community this morning:

8:30 - Acolyte/Lector/LEM: Jon Ramsey

10:30 a.m. - Chalice Bearers: Ron Gimla, Carol Miller; Lectors: Audrey McCulloh, Jim Hadden; Psalm and POP: Linda Simowitz; Acolyte Leader: Wes Bryant; Altar Guild: Colleen Mulcahy, Jon Ramsey; Lay Minister of Healing: Jessie Banks; Ushers: David and Dale Addington, Scott Coble, Roger Jenkins; Greeters: Peggy and Bob Smith; Counters: Roger Jenkins, Julie Lynch; Coffee Hour Team: Patricia and Bob Berini; Nursery: Hazel McCrone; Children's Chapel: Kari Caron, Ann Hales.

ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY DAVID AND ROSEMARY BRAMIGK

The flowers on the pedestal in front of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by David and Rosemary Bramigk. They are dedicated to their great-grandson John Harrison Smith on his first birthday, and their grandson, Thomas Russell Mann on his eleventh birthday.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP TO OVERCOME OUR FINANCIAL BOULDER

As you know, we still have a gap to meet the financial needs of our church but we have a great opportunity to help close that gap that has been given to us by an anonymous donor. As the congregation of Saint Patrick's, we have been given the offer of a one-time matching grant of up to \$10,000. In order to qualify for this grant, we have three weeks left to raise the funds to be matched. Any amount raised up to the total \$10,000 will be matched. The raised funds must be new commitments in the form of new or increased pledges, one-time cash donations or gifts of stocks or precious metals. Please prayerfully consider helping to us take full advantage of this generous offer.



ADULT LENTEN STUDY: EMBRACING AN ALTERNATIVE ORTHODOXY

Especially with a new pope who takes his name after Saint Francis of Assisi, there is a renewed interest in Franciscan spirituality. Based on video teachings by acclaimed author Fr. Richard Rohr, and with discussion facilitated by our Rector, we will explore what makes Franciscan spirituality so unique and special. Participants should be prepared to have some traditional religious ideas stretched, and may find such stretching unsettling. With this said, however, Lent is the perfect time for stretching our religious imaginations and thereby receiving the resultant growth that accompanies such endeavors. The offering will begin on Sunday, March 1st and continue meeting weekly for a total of four classes, the last class being held Sunday, March 23rd. Participants need not attend each class; however, the more one attends, the fuller the learning experience. Each gathering will begin following the 10:30am service (approx. 11:45am), and will last one hour. No registration required.



RECTOR'S SABBATICAL POSTPONED

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Due to budgetary constraints and the potentiality for significant personnel reductions, Mark Forbes has decided to postpone his sabbatical, which was previously scheduled to begin the Monday after Easter. In time as the budgetary situation improves, Mark will consult with the vestry to reestablish a new timeframe for sabbatical. Just as was the case this past year, the congregation will be informed well in advance.

SOLAS LEIGHIS CONCERT SERIES TO PRESENT KIM ROBERTSON - MARCH 15

Kim Robertson will perform at Saint Patrick's on Sunday, March 15th at 7:00 pm. An acclaimed Celtic harpist, Kim is a composer, performer and recording artist. Her performances feature lyrical, heart-touching music, played with delicacy, grace and skill. Invite a friend and come enjoy this beautiful music. If you are planning to attend, please bring a finger food for the reception. For more details, visit our website at www.saint-patricks.org.



ALTAR GREENERY NEEDED DURING LENT



Altar Greenery is needed for four Sundays in Lent (March 1, 8, 15 and 22). If you would like to donate an arrangement in memory or honor of a loved one, or to celebrate a special date, please sign up via our website at www.saint-patricks.org.

YOUTH TO HOLD YARD SALE IN MARCH



Saint Patrick's Youth will hold a Yard Sale on Saturday, March 14th. They are asking for you to save items that you no longer need and consider donating them to the sale. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, March 8th after the 10:30 a.m. service. Storage space that is available now is limited. Please contact Mark Fowler with any questions.

SALLY BROWER AWAY

Please be reminded that Sally Brower serves Saint Patrick's as a quarter time priest and thus is granted significant flexibility for time off. With this in mind, please be aware that Sally will be away the next several weeks taking personal time for the rejuvenation of body, mind and spirit. This time away was previously scheduled in anticipation of Mark's sabbatical.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Inspiring and cultivating sacred connections with God and one another
as we embrace diversity of spiritual thought, practice and being.

Inspire-Connect-Embrace-Share

PULSE OF VISION AND MISSION

Could “releasing the Angel in the Boulder” be the opportunity to further express the gratitude we feel to Saint Patrick’s Church and those who minister within it? Knowing that, in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, “It is in giving that we receive.”

THE SEASON OF LENT: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Why is the seating configuration different for Lent?

Lent is typically a time to reflect upon our separation from God, to reflect honestly upon the gulf of sin which separates us from the presence of God. This seating arrangement symbolizes the separation. The altar, symbolic of God’s presence, no longer sits in our midst, but is now spatially separated from the congregation. Also, we no longer witness to the incarnate Christ by looking into one another’s faces. Rather, we are now all facing forward, looking across the spatial separation to God’s altar.

Why a silent procession during Lent?

Focusing on the reality of sin, the traditional tone of Lent is a bit somber. But only for Monday through Saturday. On Sundays we break the tone and celebrate the Easter event in which we know that sin ultimately holds no sway in God’s kingdom. Due to modern culture, however, most of us do not experience the Monday through Saturday Lenten tone. By processing in silence and beginning with the Ten Commandments, we seek to capture a bit of this lost essence.

Why the Ten Commandments?

Reciting the Ten Commandments is a ritual recognition of our shortcomings. In sum, we are deficient in loving God and neighbor with the fullness of our hearts. We do not engage this ritual to illicit guilt, nor to incite us to strive harder (though we should). Rather, we engage this ritual to encourage us to repent--that is, to turn prayerfully to God and acknowledge our dependence on Him for the cleansing of sin, sin being all that which separates us from full love of God and people.

Why is the altar draped in purple?

The altar, lectern, and clergy stoles change color according to the church season. Purple is the traditional color reminding us of our call to repentance--to return our focus to God and away from all those things which distract us from keeping our hearts centered in God. In doing so, we prepare ourselves for the interior blooming of faith, the Easter experience.

Why are we veiling the processional cross during Lent?

The cross symbolizes resurrection, our destined awakening into the fullness of God’s glory. Separated from God by sin, the veil reminds us that the power of Christ’s resurrection has not yet been fully realized. But take heart....Easter will come!

