



Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

The Sunday News

March 8, 2015

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LESSONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Psalm 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
2. One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
3. Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
4. Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
5. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
6. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
7. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
11. By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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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, March 8	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Bible Study	Youth Room
Monday, March 9	6:30 p.m.	EFM	Rector's Office
Tuesday, March 10	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Rector's Office
	1:00 p.m.	MSK Prep Chefs	Mooresville Soup Kitchen
	6:30 p.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Wednesday, March 11	9:30 a.m.	Midweek Eucharist	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	11:40 a.m.	Preschool Chapel	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 14	7:00 a.m.	Youth Yard Sale	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: Ron Gimla

10:30 a.m. - Chalice Bearers: Raleigh Baker, Linda Simowitz; Lectors: David Bramigk, Pat Patterson; Psalm and POP: Linda Bashaw; Acolyte Leader: Bob Millikin; Altar Guild: Bob and Karalee Millikin; Lay Minister of Healing: Rita Azali; Ushers: Scott Coble, Roger Jenkins, Raymond Fulton, Charley Patterson; Greeters: Carol Miller; Barbra and Bryan Gordon; Counters: Judy Sabine, Julie Lynch; Coffee Hour Team: Charlie and Jean Wollbrinck.

ALTAR GREENERY GIVEN BY BOB AND PATRICIA BERINI

The greens on the pedestal in front of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Bob and Patricia Berini. They are given in honor of their granddaughter, Madison Paige Berini.

LAST WEEK'S ALTAR GREENERY GIVEN BY TONDJA WOODS AND MATTHEW COLVIN

The greens on the pedestal last Sunday were given to the glory of God by Tondja Woods and Matthew Colvin, for all those precious souls who have gone from our sight.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 continue to be held on March 8, 15, and the last class on Sunday, March 22nd. 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.



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.



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 to the sale. They will begin accepting donations after the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday, March 8th. Donations can also be brought to the church during the week leading up to the sale. Please place donation items in the Sanctuary.

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

This week we give thanks for the glory of God and the wonderful gifts totaling \$45,000 that our church has recently been given. We also are thankful for the good stewardship that has led to the management of our operational expenses to enable savings in both 2013 and 2014 years, totaling over \$30,000. The Vestry is diligently considering and deliberating the best use of these resources.

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!