



Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

The Sunday News

February 1, 2015

COLLECT FOR THE DAY – THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the Lord replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Psalm 111

1. Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
2. Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
3. His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
4. He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
5. He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
6. He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
7. The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
8. They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
9. He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

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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 1	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Bible Study	Youth Room
	Noon	Youth Meeting	Youth Room
Monday, February 2	10:00 a.m.	ECW Meeting	Library
	6:30 p.m.	EFM	Library
Tuesday, February 3	6:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Wednesday, February 4	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: Ron Gimla

10:30 a.m. - Chalice Bearers: Raleigh Baker, Linda Simowitz; Lectors: Caleb Sprinkle, Jan Krumel; Psalm: Rita Azali; Acolyte Leader: Pat Patterson; Altar Guild: John and Rita Azali, David and Rosemary Bramigk; Lay Minister of Healing: Pam Ferdinands; Ushers: Bob, Rob, and Alex Gourley; Mark and Chris Hatley; Greeters: Carol Miller, Pat Dubiel; Counters: John Azali, Julie Lynch; Coffee Hour Team: Linda Bashaw, Judy Heldman; Nursery Volunteer: Eileen Kenter.

ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY LAURIE AND JULIE SMITH

The flowers on the pedestal in front of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Laurie and Julie Smith. They are given in support of Phebe Cho, Julie's cousin, who is suffering severely from Multiple Sclerosis.

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 begin on Sunday, March 1st and continue meeting weekly for a total of four classes, the last class being held 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.



RECTOR'S SABBATICAL POSTPONED

Due to budgetary constraints and potentiality for significant personnel reductions, Mark Forbes has decided to indefinitely 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.

POSTPONED

2015 SOLAS LEIGHIS CONCERT SERIES ANNOUNCED



We are pleased to announce the 2015 Solas Leighis concert series. In addition to some familiar artists, we'll be welcoming some exciting new events such as the 13th annual Harp Guitar Gathering in October. So invite your friends and make plans to attend. For the schedule and more details on the artists, visit our website.

ECW TO MEET TOMORROW MORNING

The February meeting of the ECW will be held tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. If you have questions, or need transportation, please contact Ann Farr (704) 360-2216, or email her at annfarr41@yahoo.com



ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A DAUGHTER OF THE KING?



The St. Brigid's chapter of the Daughters of the King here at Saint Patrick's is an order for women, in which each member takes a vow to live a life of prayer, service and evangelism. Our group meets once a month to pray and study scripture. Training sessions will begin by mid-February and last three months with discernment as to whether God is calling you to make this commitment. Please contact Rita Azali, Pam Ferdinands, or Sharon Sale if you are interested, so that study guides can be ordered.

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

Our commitment to lovingly reaching out to our broader community was highlighted by our recent support for the Diocesan Harvest for Hospitality campaign, an outreach ministry that serves migrant farmworkers in our state. Our aggregate contribution from Saint Patrick's was \$5,500.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Why is Episcopal liturgy (worship) so participatory?

The word 'liturgy' means the 'work of the people.' This entails all of us. Beyond the numerous official roles as acolyte, lector, chalice bearer, choir member, etc.; we each are invited to contribute our voices and movement in the reading of psalms, in the praying of prayers, in the singing of songs, in the passing of the peace, and in the sacramental movement towards the altar at communion. We are the liturgy.

Why Do We Pass Offertory Plates?

As the final liturgical preparation for the Eucharist, the offering symbolizes our commitment to God and neighbor. Money touches at the center of how we live, who and what we love, and how we understand our relationship with God and one another. By giving in the midst of worship, we deeply affirm our covenant to love God and neighbor. Additionally, the offering is a liturgical recognition that all we have is ultimately a gift from God.

Why do we pass the peace?

Passing the peace is an essential element of our liturgy. The ritual allows us to prayerfully extend a wish for the presence of God's peace in one another's lives. It is a symbolic reminder to release all of our grievances in life, to forgive and love everyone unconditionally. The peace is an important preparatory act to receive God's eucharistic grace.