



# Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

## The Sunday News

February 8, 2015

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### COLLECT FOR THE DAY – THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### LESSONS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Mark 1:29-39*

Jesus left the synagogue, at Capernaum and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Psalm 147:1-12, 21c**

1. Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
2. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
3. He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
4. He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
6. The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
8. He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
9. He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
10. He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
11. He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
12. But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.  
Hallelujah!

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**Office Hours**

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 8	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Bible Study	Youth Room
Monday, February 9	6:30 p.m.	EFM	Youth Room
Tuesday, February 10	1:00 p.m.	MSK Prep Chefs	Mooresville Soup Kitchen
	6:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Wednesday, February 11	9:30 a.m.	Midweek Eucharist	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Daughters of the King	Library
	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: Bob Millikin

**10:30 a.m.** - Chalice Bearers: Jon Ramsey, Wes Bryant; Lectors: Cynthia Kratt, Mark Fowler; Psalm and POP: Rosemary Bramigk; Acolyte Leader: Ron Gimla; Altar Guild: Bob and Karalee Millikin; Lay Minister of Healing: Rita Azali; Ushers: Ron and Carole Stoehr, Cathy and Jim Hadden; Greeters: Ted and Cynthia Kratt; Counters: Rita Azali, Jim Sabine; Coffee Hour Team: Carolyn and Don Rogers; Nursery Volunteer: Kristen Forbes; Children's Chapel: Michela Vernon.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY BOB AND PATRICIA BERINI

The flowers on the pedestal in front of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Bob and Patricia Berini. They are given in loving memory of Patricia's beloved mother, Marion Jordan Inman.

## 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 all classes; 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 is required.



#### RECTOR'S SABBATICAL POSTPONED

Due to budgetary constraints and the 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**



### 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.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - FEBRUARY 17

Saint Patrick's Youth will host the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and fruit cups will be served. A donation of your choice will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund.



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - FEBRUARY 18

The Imposition of Ashes and the Celebration of Holy Eucharist will take place at Saint Patrick's on Wednesday, February 18th with services at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

### 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 web site.



#### 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

Today we find ourselves, as described in Reverend Mark Forbes homily, with a *boulder* in front of us but we are looking as a community "to realize the *Angel in the boulder*." To do this while meeting our 2014 financial challenges will be a primary enabler for us to continue forward with our Vision and Mission.

#### 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.