



Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

The Sunday News

February 19, 2012

Loving People, Loving Jesus

COLLECT FOR THE DAY – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR B

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR B

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Psalm 50:1-6

1. The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to
its setting.
2. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
3. Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
4. He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
5. “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
6. Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

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Office Hours

9:00 am to 4:30 pm
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

Monday, February 20	9:30 a.m.	Morning/Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
Tuesday, February 21	9:30 a.m.	Morning/Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Pancake Supper	Narthex
Wednesday, February 22	9:30 a.m.	Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist	Sanctuary
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Thursday, February 23	9:30 a.m.	Morning/Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
Friday, February 24	9:30 a.m.	Morning/Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Winter Fun Trip	Mountains

Welcome 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 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.** Please be aware that we offer a nursery for children ages three and under during the 10:30 a.m. service. The nursery is located in Room #1 of the education wing on the right-hand side hallway.

In this community of faith, all persons regardless of their religious affiliation are invited to join our fellowship in the sharing of the Holy Communion. There are three ways to receive the Bread and the Wine: The Bread followed by the Common Cup (Chalice); the Bread only with arms folded over the chest afterwards; or by intinction (dipping of the bread into the Chalice). If you do not want to receive the Bread or Wine, you may also come forward and receive a blessing from the clergy. You are welcome at our Lord's Table.

Those persons serving our community this morning: 8:30 a.m. – Steve Messick

10:30 a.m. - Chalice Bearers: Pam Hatley, Carol Miller; Substitute Bread Bearer: Miles Atkins; Acolytes: Miles Atkins, Noah Sprinkle, Caleb Sprinkle, Liam Atkins, Rett Atkins; Lectors: Nicole Pehan, David Bramigk; Prayers of the People: Carol Miller; Vestry Person of the Day: Pete Barger; Altar Guild: Pat Dubiel, Betty Chalker, Martha Jones; Lay Minister of Healing: Jane Pope; Greeters: Peggy and Bob Smith; Ushers: Page and Gail Connelly, Jeff Jones, Charley Patterson; Nursery: Kristen Forbes, Theresa Busa; Counters: Roger Jenkins, Julie Lynch.

Weekly Announcements



ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY JOAN KONEN

The flowers on the pedestal in front of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Joan Konen. They are given in thanksgiving for the birthdays of her husband Joe, and their daughter Lauren.

LIVE SHRUB GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF HENRY TRAULSEN

The live shrub in the Narthex has been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Traulsen, father of Kristen Forbes. It was given by the community of Saint Patrick's.

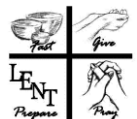
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ON FEBRUARY 26

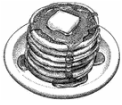


The adult Christian Education forum on February 26th will be led by our own Steve Messick. Steve will speak on "Darwinism vs. Creationism". Can religion and science be reconciled? This forum will explore the relationship of faith and reason. Please join us in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

2012 LENTEN SERIES – SIGN UPS UNDERWAY

Small groups of the faithful meeting in homes provided the foundation of the early church. In the comfort of the home setting early Christians developed relationships of trust, respect, fidelity and love. I encourage us all to recapture the spirit of the early church this Lent. Similar to previous years, we will offer a variety of choices in terms of geography, meeting times, childcare and topics of study (movie and book studies). Dinner, Eucharist, and religious discussion will be an integral part of each weekly gathering. Christ will be present. Sign up online via the Weekly Reminders, or go to the website at www.saint-patricks.org.





YOUTH TO HOST PANCAKE SUPPER ON SHROVE TUESDAY

Please join us for our Annual Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21st, 6-7:30pm. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and fruit! All proceeds benefit our Youth Scholarship Fund.

NEEDED: TALENT AND AUCTION ITEMS

The St. Patrick's Youth Group is sponsoring a Talent Show and Dinner with a Silent Auction on Saturday, March 17th from 6-9:00pm. Please begin to prepare your act and consider making a donation to our silent auction. Great auction items include: sports tickets, gift certificates, musical instruments, artwork, any new item, or one in excellent condition that you cannot use, etc. Contact Pam Hatley to make a donation. All proceeds will benefit our Youth Mission Trip and Pilgrimage Funds.



Prayers for Outgoing and Incoming Vestry Members

Celebrant and People:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the ministries of Roger, Gail, Bob, Rob and David. As members of our vestry, they have served your people with diligence and compassion. In our gratitude, we ask that you bless them, keep them, and guide them as they move forward from this ministry. May their lives forever be filled with your grace. Amen.

Celebrant and People:

God of wisdom, we give you thanks for Alex, Pete, Georgia, John and Tony. They have opened their hearts to discern and heed your call to vestry leadership. Enlighten them with your grace, and guide them with your spirit of counsel, that they may lead us into the fulfillment of your vision. May their ministries be blessed. Amen.

Outgoing and Incoming Vestry Members Issue the Peace

Outgoing and Incoming Vestry Members: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

The Season of Epiphany: Why We Do What We Do

A timely reminder of why we worship in a 'circular' seating arrangement.

Christmas and Epiphany celebrate the Incarnation, God's living presence in the world. In the person of Jesus, God lived amongst us. In the interior of our hearts, Christ remains present, seeking to break ever more fully into our awareness. These are both important aspects of the Incarnation. In our worship we sit encircling the altar, the sacramental symbol for God's living presence. By doing so we remind ourselves that God resides in the midst of us. 'Emmanuel': God with us. Additionally, we face one another. For it is in one another's faces that we most powerfully witness to the incarnate Christ.

Why have we included a prayer for other religions in the Prayers of the People during Epiphany?

The traveling wise men are a testament and symbol to prayerful inter-religious exchange. In this light, you may note the inclusion of the following line in our POP: "Remember all people and all faith traditions who pursue your inexhaustible Truth." Simply put, the mystery of God and His ways are ultimately beyond all religious thought and expression. Furthermore, and as the Gospel of John reminds us, the Spirit of God blows where it will. We pray for all people responding to the Divine Spirit.

Why is the altar draped in green?

The altar, lectern, and clergy stoles change color according to the church season. Akin to the story of the wise men, Epiphany is a time of intentional searching, a time to be spiritually stretched. Green is symbolic of living plants and thereby embodies this emphasis upon spiritual growth.

Why are we using Eucharistic Prayer D during the season of Epiphany?

During the season of Epiphany, a season which particularly reminds us of the call to ecumenical and interfaith relations, St. Patrick's is praying Eucharistic Prayer D during communion. This prayer is especially suitable to the season as it was developed under ecumenical auspices. It incorporates various theological and liturgical elements practiced within the vast scope of Christendom. Anglicanism, Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism are all represented. Also, please be aware that when Prayer D is used, the Prayers of the People find their place within the Eucharistic Prayer, and not where we are usually accustomed.