



Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

The Sunday News

January 18, 2015

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

LESSONS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1. Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
2. You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4. You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
12. For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
13. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
14. My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
15. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
16. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
17. If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to
be like yours.

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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, January 18	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Bible Study	Youth Room
	Noon	Youth Meeting	Youth Room
Monday, January 19	6:30 p.m.	EFM	Youth Room
Tuesday, January 20	6:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Wednesday, January 21	9:30 a.m.	Midweek Eucharist	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	10:00 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: Steve Messick

10:30 a.m. - Chalice Bearers: Ron Gimla, Carol Miller; Lectors: Peter Dolby, Youth slot; Psalm: Linda Simowitz; Acolyte Leader: Wes Bryant; Altar Guild: Betty Chalker, Martha Jones, Rick Krumel; Lay Minister of Healing: Jane Pope; Ushers: Bob and Peggy Smith, Charles and Jan Lamm; Greeters: Scott Coble, Roger Jenkins; Counters: Rita Azali, Julie Lynch; Coffee Hour Team: Kathy and David Yager; Nursery Volunteer: Michela Vernon.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST FOR HOSPITALITY

Please consider supporting the Diocesan Harvest for Hospitality Campaign. Each family of the parish is being asked to prayerfully consider contributing \$50 to the campaign. Consider this amount a guideline. Contributions of more or less are most welcome and will greatly assist the diocese in ministering to the underserved population of migrant farmworkers in our state. Checks may be made payable to Saint Patrick's and placed in the Sunday morning offering plate or mailed to the church office. Be sure to include "Harvest for Hospitality" in the memo line. For more information on the campaign, please visit the homepage of our website at www.saint-patricks.org which has posted a couple of informative videos. Also, please explore the diocesan website at www.episdionc.org.



NEW WINDOWS IN THE SANCTUARY

Gifted anonymously "to the glory of God," we have been blessed with new sanctuary windows above the Narthex doors. The fine craftsmanship and sacred design beautifully enrich our worship space. We are ever grateful for the gift.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

A new sign up genius for Children's Chapel and Nursery volunteers for all of 2015 is now on the church website. Please consider donating your time to Saint Patrick's Children's formation. The more participants, the less often individuals need to volunteer.



SHAMROCKS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children from kindergarten to fifth grade are welcomed to participate in Shamrocks, our Saint Patrick's children's choir. Practice will be on the second and fourth Sunday mornings of each month immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. Practices are for 20 to 30 minutes in the youth room/Children's Chapel room and will begin from January 25th. The children can sing with their friends while their parents have fellowship during Coffee Hour in the Narthex.



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 Vision and Mission calls for inspired and active stewardship to ensure financial stability. Our operations and ministries are funded by pledges. For 2015 we currently have 85% of the funding needed with 53% of households participating. Every member counts, so if you have not already done so please prayerfully consider making the commitment. Also, if you already give regularly please consider making your giving a pledge so we can plan accordingly. Thank you, to all who pledge.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

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

During a portion of 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.

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.