

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT PASSION SUNDAY

March 18, 2018

*The Son of Man came not to be served  
but to serve: O come let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 77 | Exodus 2:23-3:20 | St. Mark 10:32-45

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 43:	page 384
The Ten Commandments:	page 68
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 148
The Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 24:4-8
Salvator Mundi:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 148
Gradual Psalm 143:1-10:	page 513
The Holy Gospel:	page 149
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
Collect for Lent:	page 138

**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall  
Time with Fr. Stockall**

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	596 (Love Unknown)
The Ten Commandments:	page 68
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 148
The Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 24:4-8
♪ SALVATOR MUNDI:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 148
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	128 (Walton)
The Holy Gospel:	page 149
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>Lord of the Dance</b> <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	222 (Rendez a Dieu)
Collect for Lent:	page 138
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>Lift High the Cross</b> <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>

*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:30 Celebration for  
Coffee & Conversation.*

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*From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

The story is told of a well-dressed westerner who was on safari in Africa. The group stopped briefly at a medical station. The heat was intense; the flies buzzed annoyingly about; the smells were nauseating. The westerner noticed a nurse bending down in the dirt, tending to the infected pus-filled sores of a small child. With disgust the tourist whispered, "I wouldn't do that for all the money in the world!" To which the nurse quietly replied, "Neither would I."

James and John come to Jesus seeing glory on the horizon. They see beyond their present reality, beyond a meager reality filled walking dusty roads on the edges of Jewish society. They see beyond their past and their present to a new and glorious day; a day when Jesus will be the long-desired, long-anticipated, much prayed-for king of Israel.

In their hearts, they are quite sure that Jesus is on His way to glory; and, if they play their cards right, with just a little help from Mom, that glory just might be coming for them as well. The only problem is that James and John don't understand that Jesus all along has been speaking of a world turned upside down. James and John are trying to be the very first in line, while Jesus all the while has been trying to get it through to the former fishermen that it would be the first who would be last and the last that would be first. James and John can't even begin to understand that, in seeking their own glory, they are actually asking to be humbled.

The gospels present a very strange kind of glory that Jesus was coming into. We know only a little about those who were on His right and left when that time came; when Jesus came into his glory on the Cross on a hill that we know as Calvary. But this is not the scene that James and John have in mind. In fact, it seems that what ended up happening on that particular Friday when Jesus came into his glory was not what anyone else on earth had in mind.

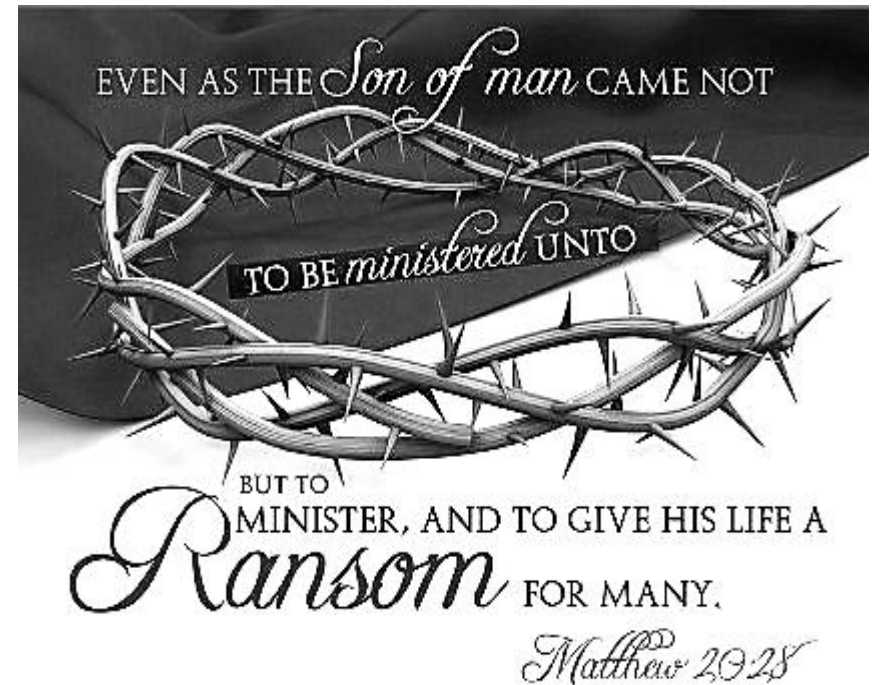
This is the cup that Jesus speaks of when James and John approach Him about their places of honour in His kingdom. Jesus knew that He would be crushed for our sins. He knew that it would be only through His bruises and His wounds that we could be healed. If being God in first century Israel meant that Rome would unjustly put Him to death on a cross, then Jesus was prepared to pay that price; to drink that cup; to offer His perfect life for our imperfect lives; to bear in His own Body the weight of our brokenness. And in spite of the fact that He prayed in the garden before his arrest that this cup might pass from Him, in the end He submitted Himself to the Father's Will.

And whenever we share in His cup; in the cup of His Body and Blood, we too share in his life. We drink of this cup so that the life of Jesus might fill our lives. But we take up this the cup not just for ourselves but so that we can and serve others in Jesus' name. James and John saw their connection to Jesus as a path to glory: Jesus assured them it meant a path to service.

The challenge for us is to walk with Christ in a life directed not toward ourselves but toward others; a life not worried so much with what we want or wish but with what God calls us to do and be. Others may choose to turn from such a life, but following the path of service to others that God has set out for you is the most rewarding thing you'll ever do.

How is Christ calling you this day to be servants and even slaves to one another; and to the world? What cup of love, poured out to the salvation of others, is Christ calling us to share today?

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The Servant Messiah carries out his ministry in the lives of his ministers. His life is reproduced in their lives, so they also are servants. But this ministry is exercised in and towards the Church, so as to enable the Church itself to carry out the ministry of the Servant. The Messiah came as a Servant; his ministers are servants; and the Church he created is a Servant-Church.

Anthony T. Hanson, *The Church of the Servant.*

*Priest and Rector*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**OUR LENTEN FAITH AND FILM** series concludes tomorrow, *Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>*, with a showing of *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, a 2010 film based on the volume in C. S. Lewis' Narnia series by the same title. We plan to start at 7:00 p.m. at the Rectory; and for those who can join us, we warmly invite everyone to come along for a light supper of soup and rolls starting at 6:00 p.m. Our film series has been exploring the intersection of faith and life, providing a place where we can discover how God's Grace is shaping our own lives. **So, feel free to come along for supper and a movie; or, if it's better for you, just supper or just the movie!**

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We've started a new study of the Gospel According to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

**EACH FRIDAY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON OF LENT**, at 7:00 p.m., we pray the *Stations of the Cross*, a quiet reflective service in which we journey through Christ's steps on the road to the Cross. This brief service is an excellent and hopeful mediation on what Christ was accomplishing on our behalf by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection;

**FLOWERS AT EASTER:** Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure that your donation includes the names in whose memory the flowers are being placed. We'll need to know the names by *next Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>*.

**AS WE DO EACH YEAR, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL** on *Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*, starting at 5:30 p.m. for a bowl of soup in advance of our evening Celebration. Our meal will focus on foods of the Middle East. Volunteers will be preparing a simple meal that we can share in commemoration of the meal that Jesus shared with His disciples on the evening before His arrest. **A SIGNUP SHEET HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE EASEL** in the narthex for those who would like to take a shift during our Watch between the end of our Maundy Thursday service and the beginning of the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday. The Watch will be kept in the Chapel from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and again from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday. In addition to that, members of the Parish are invited to keep the Watch prayerfully at home anytime from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Feel free to sign up if you wish to share in this quiet prayerful ministry. If you have any questions please speak to the Rector.

**NEWS! NEWS!** Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Congregational Roast Pork Dinner** on **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Beverages will be available at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner will be served at 6:00. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to share in this opportunity to

gather as the Family of God around the table for fellowship and mutual support; and we very warmly encourage you to invite your family and friends. A basket will be available to those who would like to make a very small freewill offering to help cover the costs, but this is **NOT** a fundraising project, so there is no cost to attend! But, to help organisers to prepare for the meal, a signup sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex. Please let us know either there or by email to the Rector by Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, if you plan to attend. **We hope to see everyone there!**



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**MARCH 21: ST. BENEDICT**, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 22: LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**MARCH 23: LENT FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – The Stations of the Cross

**MARCH 24: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT:**

**PALM SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms

**MARCH 25: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT:**

**PALM SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms  
& Procession

*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

8:30 p.m. – Compline (in the Chapel)