

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4, 2018

*Walk in love as Christ also has loved  
us! O come let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 52 & 54 | Genesis 33:1-17 | Hebrews 12:18-end

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 25:8-15:	page 358
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 145
The Old Testament Reading:	Numbers 22:21-31
Salvator Mundi:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 145
Gradual Psalm 25:16-22:	page 359
The Holy Gospel:	page 146
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: <b>Hear our prayer</b>
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:	545 (Horsley)
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 145
The Old Testament Reading:	Numbers 22:21-31
♪ SALVATOR MUNDI:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 145
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	582 (Martyrdom)
The Holy Gospel:	page 146
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	490 (St. Peter)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: <b>Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	231 (Adoro Te)
Collect for Lent:	page 138
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	406 (Cwm Rhonda)

*Everyone is invited to join us in the Parish  
Hall following the 10:30 Celebration for  
our monthly Shared Meal!*

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

Irving Stone, in his biographical novel entitled *The Agony and the Ecstasy* published in 1961, told the story of the life of Michelangelo. One incident illustrates something of the powerful imagination of the sculptor.

In 1501 Michelangelo received a commission from the Wool Merchants' Guild in Florence, the wealthy corporation responsible for the maintenance and ornamentation of the Cathedral, to work on a huge block of marble, a "flawed" mis-cut mass of stone that had previously been worked on by another artist. Yet in his mind's eye he was able to see in the stone a larger-than-life-size image of David, the shepherd boy who had killed lions and bears with his bare hands. After three years of painstaking carving, chipping

away piece after piece, he was finally able to release the beautiful image of “David” from that enormous mass of flawed marble, turning the block rejected by others into the most striking sculpture in Florence.

That, in a sense, is what we are about in this season of Lent. At its most fundamental level, Lent is a time to cut away all that has cluttered up our lives and our relationships; a time to cut away and cut back, a time to chip away piece after piece, so that we can re-discover what’s always been there.

Lent is a time to take the time necessary to discover the God who has always been there for us, even when we’ve been so busy looking at other things that we’ve missed the signs of His presence; to discover the God who all the time has been speaking to us, even when we’ve allowed all the others sounds in our lives to drown out His voice. Lent is a time of intentional simplification, intentionally simplifying our lives so that we can listen to God; and hopefully, by the time that Easter arrives, making the discovery that real happiness lies in what we’ve always had but couldn’t see.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### **MARCH 7: PERPETUA AND HER COMPANIONS, Martyrs**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **MARCH 8: THOMAS AQUINAS, Doctor and Poet**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

### **MARCH 9: LENTEN FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – The Stations of the Cross

### **MARCH 10: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **MARCH 11: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

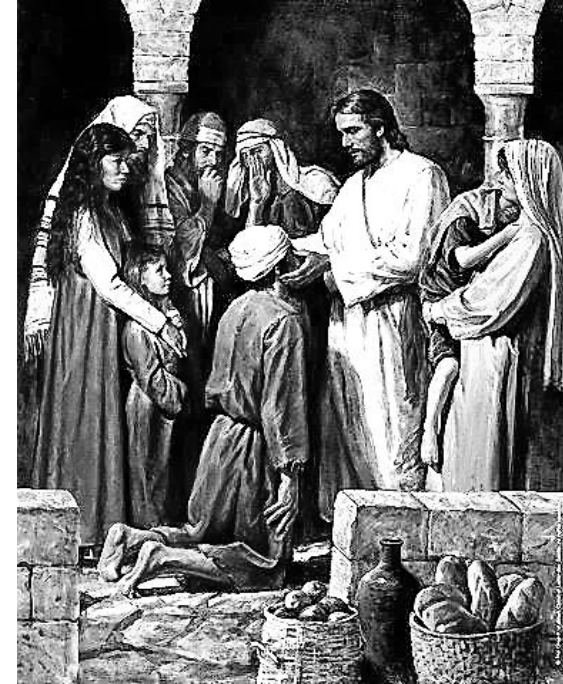
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10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall*

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What else is the meaning of our present chaos, of humanity in sorrow, but this: that contemporary man is tried before the bar of the Eternal, and found wanting? Nor can any nation survive, or re-establish lasting peace, if it rests on those foundations on which contemporary nations have been built, our own included. What are those crumbling foundations? Conceit, self-will, denial of discipline, self-expressionism, secularism, this worldliness, greed, entrenched privilege, defiance of God's desire. Have we now moral courage to face our common sin, or are we content to trust in one form of armed wickedness to overcome the evils of another form of the same mad folly? Merely by smashing our enemies we shall not remake the world. By Beelzebub no devils are cast out.

Bernard Iddings Bell (1886-1958), *Still Shine the Stars* [1941]

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