

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One of the primary reasons for obtaining wealth
is to be able to give it to God.

*“ . . . remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said
‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’ ” (Acts 20:35).*

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

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

PSALM 50:1-6

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even 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.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

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.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

- ✱ As we pray, let us remember Kim & Dan; Sean; Emily; the Tomlinson family; Sue; Brian & his family; Timothy; Michael; Dave & Kristie, their unborn baby & their families; Ramona; Sherry; Steve; Paula & her family; Steve & Cheryl; Diana & Jeff; Haley & Andrew; Alexander, Antonia, Radu, Claudia & Livia; Kim & Dan; Sue; Wade; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randal; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.
- ✱ We remember those who have died, especially Fran Tomlinson.

Our altar flowers are given by
Marc Delhotal & Sarah Corueil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER TUESDAY 5:30—7:30 PM

OUR LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING SERIES BEGINS THIS FRIDAY. Stations of the Cross begin at 6 PM, followed by a pot luck soup supper and a Lenten discussion. This season's topic is *Meeting Jesus for the First Time*. Please join us each Friday during Lent.

WOMEN UNLIMITED This Saturday, 9 AM in Chilton Hall, we host speaker Carroll Wheat. The topic is "A Christian in Burma". All women are invited to a potluck breakfast as well. Signup at the Vestry Table. Contact Pattie Prosrory for further details.

PLEASE JOIN US BETWEEN SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY TO SIGN BIRTHDAY CARDS AND SEND WELL-WISHES TO OUR LADIES OF PERRYVILLE. The ladies are part of the Sunshine Club of the Episcopal Church at Perryville Woman's Prison. With your help for January we signed and sent 42 birthday cards. Birthday cards and stamps are always welcome. Many thanks for your continued donations. — Jessica & Krista Rickerson and Pattie Prosrory

LENT MADNESS - FEB. 15TH THROUGH MARCH 28TH!

Offered in conjunction with Forward Day by Day, Lent Madness is the wild scheme of two priests to use the Lenten season as a means to inform us about the lives of the Saints. Sometimes saintly, sometimes snarky...the blogs about each Saint are always informative and entertaining. Each weekday during Lent, two Saints will face off against each other. Using the information provided in the blog (from Celebrity Bloggers, no less!) and any other research we might want to dig up; we, the people, select the Saint that we believe is most deserving to advance to the next round. The tournament starts with 32 Golden Halo aspirants, which is then narrowed down to the Saintly Sixteen, the Elate Eight, and the Faithful Four. The two winners from the Faithful Four round move on to compete for the Golden Halo. Past winners include Francis of Assisi, Charles Wesley, Luke the Evangelist (yes, THAT Luke), and Mary Magdalene. This is a fun way to engage your whole family and even friends in a season of discovery and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. You can sign up to receive the daily voting emails at <http://www.lentmadness.org/about/>. I'm looking forward to some great discussions during coffee hour!! — Deacon Kim.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	FTTA meeting (L)	4:30 PM
	Shrove Tuesday Supper	5:30 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist Rite II	
	10 AM, 12 Noon, and 6:30 PM	
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	FTTA Retreat	12 Noon
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Birthday cards signing between services	
	DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

10 AM, 12 Noon, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES BEGINS THIS FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 6 PM

Soup Supper 6:30 PM

Lenten Study 7 PM

FOOD PANTRY

hamburger helper, Spam;
pancake mix, syrup

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Tooth brushes & toothpaste,
Cheez-its