

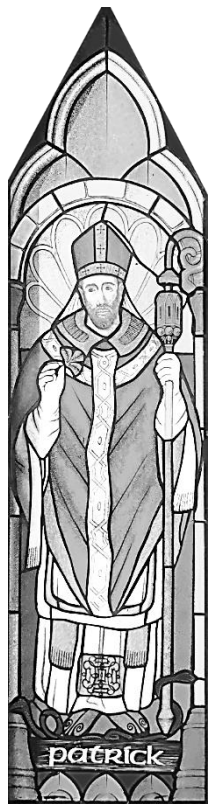
## From the Curate

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Did you make sure to wear green on Friday? If you did, I know it was because you were marking St. Patrick's Day!

Thanks to the arrival of large numbers of Irish immigrants in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, St. Patrick's Day in North America is a ubiquitous cultural holiday. It is a day of revelry and feasting, wearing green, parades, green beer, and shamrocks. It is a day where anybody with the slightest amount of Irish ancestry tries on their best (or worst) Irish accent. It is also a day where criticisms of cultural appropriation, disorderly conduct, and harmful stereotypes proliferate. So, just who is this day *really* commemorating, anyway?

St. Patrick lived sometime in the fourth or fifth centuries. His most complete biography that exists is from a book (*The Confession of St. Patrick*) which may have been written by Patrick himself. He was born somewhere in Roman Britain. Among other employment, his father was



a deacon and his grandfather was a priest, though Patrick himself was "not an active believer". When he was sixteen, Patrick was abducted by a band of Irish pirates and taken back to Ireland as a slave for six years. During this time, he was a shepherd, and alone in the fields he found himself in prayer, yearning for God. He learned about the love of God and realized that "he watched over me before I knew him, and before I learned sense or even distinguished between good and evil, and he protected me, and consoled me as a father would his son."

After he was returned to Britain, his newfound faith led him to the Church to be a priest. He saw a vision that God was calling him to return to Ireland and share the Good News that he himself had received during his captivity. He was a popular preacher upon his return, and gathered many followers. One of the many legends associated to him says that he taught the Irish people about the Holy Trinity using three-leafed shamrocks – three parts together making one. Another legend claims that St. Patrick banished snakes from Ireland, which some scholars describe as a metaphor for chasing out the works of the darkness in the land.

St. Patrick is revered as a saint for evangelising the Irish and establishing Christianity in the land. According to his *Confession*, this was a great joy for him: "I am greatly God's debtor, because he granted me so much grace, that through me many people would be reborn in God..." Reading Patrick's *Confession*, it's clear to see that he believed his was a divinely-aided mission – that all the good that happened to him was a gift of God. It is truly a powerful story of Christian witness and devotion. Patrick's mark left on Ireland was clear: the Christian faith was thriving, and generation upon generation learned the Gospel thanks to his work. It is clear why the Irish find in him a noble patron to celebrate.

In the steeple of All Saints, Marysville, St. Patrick of Ireland is depicted in a window facing the daycare next door. In this depiction, St. Patrick is wearing the vestments of a bishop: chasuble with episcopal dalmatic underneath, and liturgical slippers. He is holding the staff of a bishop (a crozier) in his left hand, and a shamrock sprig in his right. He is seen trampling two red snakes.

*Almighty God, who in thy providence didst choose thy servant Patrick to be an apostle of the Irish people, that the light of the gospel might shine in their midst: Grant that they and we may so walk in that light that we may come at last to the glory of thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Parish Notices and Updates

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**UPDATE!!!** Starting on the first Sunday in April (Palm Sunday) the new schedule of Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist each weekend will be as follows:

**Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's**

**Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. @ All Saints'**

**Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. @ St. Mary's**

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** We are very happy to announce that Coffee & Conversation is returning this Sunday. Those who wish to are warmly invited to join us in the Parish Hall following the service. Many thanks to our volunteers to helping get this started; please speak to the Rector of the Curate if you'd like to help.

**NEW!!! FLOWERS AT EASTER:** Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate or by arranging to have a donation dropped off at the Rectory. Please

ensure that your donation includes the names of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed; and to help us to include that information in the Easter bulletin, we'll need to know by Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, please speak to the Rector.

**FAITH IN ACTION: Building hope for tomorrow in the face of climate change.** Have you considered switching to an electric vehicle? Electric vehicles can save you money, pollute less, and help us care for creation, but there are several things you should know before you buy your first electric vehicle. Join Andrew Mathis to discuss the different types of electric vehicles, the options for charging electric vehicles, and what to consider when choosing an electric vehicle. This event is taking place here at St. Mary's from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.**



*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:00 a.m. Celebration  
for Coffee and Conversation.*



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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All this day, O Lord,  
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;  
and every life I touch,  
do thou by thy spirit quicken,  
whether through the word I speak,  
the prayer I breathe,  
or the life I live.

Mary Sumner, Founder of Mothers' Union

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

# MOTHERING

# SUNDAY

*March 18, 2023*

*I was glad when they said unto me, 'We  
will go unto the house of the Lord.'*

## **4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 91 | Exodus 23:18-end | Ephesians 6:10-end

## **5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit Psalm 87: *page 441*

*The Gloria is omitted during Lent*

The Collect: *page 147*

The Collect for Ash Wednesday: *page 138*

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-7a

Psalm 122: *page 498*

The Epistle: *page 147*

Gradual Psalm 125: *page 499*

The Holy Gospel: *page 147*

The Nicene Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer**

The Consecration: *page 82*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**MARCH 20: CUTHBERT**, Missionary, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

**MARCH 21: THOMAS CRANMER**, Translator & Revisor of the  
Liturgy, Archbishop of Canterbury, & Martyr, 1556

**BENEDICT**, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

**MARCH 22: LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

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7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

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**MARCH 24: LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, *St. Mary's*

**MARCH 25: THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 26: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT:**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the  
Parish Hall*

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**9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 86 & 87 | Exodus 1:8-14, 22-2:10 | Luke 18:35-19:10

**10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** **627** (EWING)

*The Gloria is omitted during Lent*

The Collect: *page 147*

The Collect for Ash Wednesday: *page 138*

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-7a

Psalms 125: *page 499*

The Epistle: *page 147*

♪ **GRADUAL HYMN:** **219** (BREAD OF HEAVEN)

The Holy Gospel: *page 147*

The Nicene Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

♪ **HYMN:** **807** (HERMON)

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy

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Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*

♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** **503** (KINGSFOLD)

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