

The Acts of St. Luke's

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 13, A.D. 2010

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Annual Congregational Meeting

St. Luke's annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 7th. That Sunday is also our monthly Potluck Sunday. So, after Holy Communion, we will enjoy our usual lunch in the annex and hold our meeting. At the meeting we will elect church officers to new terms and the congregation will be updated concerning the rector search committee's progress, the financial condition of the church, and plans for the coming year.

A study of the word given to the holy prophet, Isaiah

Beginning last Sunday, Russ Smith is leading us in an in-depth study of the Book of Isaiah for the Sunday school hour. Russ is arguably our finest lay-teacher, and his past studies have been superb in every way. Don't miss this important teaching series.

New Women's Study

The ladies of the church have begun a new study for Lent. The study is *Experiencing the Passion of Christ* by John MacArthur. There is room for more women and the workbooks are provided at no charge. Non-church attendees are welcome also. The ladies group will continue to meet at Susan Sammons home every other Monday. Lord willing, the next study will be on March 1st.

New Men's Bible Study

The men of St. Luke's are meeting regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month from 7:30 AM until 9:00 AM. The group is going through a series of audio lectures by Alistair Begg entitled "Why Study the Bible?" Lord willing, the next study will be this Saturday, February 27th. If you have any questions, please call or talk to Ken Sammons – (714) 532-9225.

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TEMPTATIONS OF THE FLESH.

by the Rev. Prebendary Melville Scott, D.D.
from ***The Harmony of the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels.***
*A Devotional Exposition of the Continuous Teaching of the Church
Throughout the Year,
S.P.C.K., London, 1902.*

FROM the temptations of the evil one we pass to a solemn warning against the sins of the flesh. As not infrequently, the keynote of the day is struck most clearly in the Epistle.

THE EPISTLE (I Thess. iv. i.)

This falls naturally into the following divisions:--

A. The Importance of this Subject.

The Apostle's loving earnestness is seen in the opening words--he beseeches, he exhorts as speaking in the Name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus. He reminds his readers how distinct and strong had been his teaching, and that they must never rest in the pursuit of holiness, but "abound more and more." The lesson once taught must never be put aside as completely learned.

Such primary instructions on plain matters of faith and duty was part of the Gospel message. If such definite instruction is not always found in the New Testament, it must never be forgotten that it is always pre-supposed. The high doctrine of the Epistles was for those who had received a solid foundation of elementary truth, given in the form of definite commandments.

B. Sensual Sins are Sins against Ourselves.

The will of God for each of us is that we should attain to holiness: He will, therefore, give us the help we need to carry out His commands. Every individual Christian was entrusted by God with his or her body as a "vessel" or instrument to be used for the Giver, and every individual must, therefore, learn how to "possess" or acquire mastery over that instrument, to keep it clean, to regard it with honour, and not debase it as Gentiles might who had never learned the intention of their Creator. To sin against our bodies is to sin against ourselves.

C. Sensual Sins are Sins against Our Brethren.

We must read "in *the* matter," i.e., of purity, in place of "in any matter." S. Paul is not exhorting against dishonesty, but showing that impurity is dishonesty, as a fraud on family life, a robbery of the peace and life of homes, and especially of Christian homes. Our Lord and Master will avenge such dishonour done to the life of the family and of the Church. Sensual sins--all the sins of the flesh, in thought, word, and deed--are the worst form of selfishness. Hence our Divine Lord takes such earthly sins into His own hands.

To read the rest of the meditation, follow this [link](#).

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(late 19th Century Anglican churchman)

For Your Prayers this Week

National repentance and revival; Those sick with the flu during this flu season; Our Presiding Bishop, Leonard Riches; The newly-constituted Anglican Church in North America;

All Saints Church, Vacaville CA, Fr. Carl Lund, Rector; Saint Andrew's Academy, Lake Almanor, CA; Fr. Brian Foos, Headmaster; Flagstaff Anglican Fellowship, Fr. Earle Fox's apologetics ministry, Road to Emmaus Ministries; the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Placentia; Fr. Neil Edlin, St. Mary Magdalene ACC; Fr. Bill Thompson, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Anglicans, and the other godly clergymen who have ministered Christ's Word and Sacraments to us this past year: Fr. David Alenskis; Fr. Earl Fox; Fr. Charles Myers; Fr. Joe Rees; Fr. Dale Smith; Fr. Robb Trebbe.

In the Diocese of Mid-America

Our diocesan bishop, Royal Grote
Our bishop co-adjutor, Ray Sutton, The Rev. Chris and Bridgitte Parrish

In Saint Luke's parish

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The Bartel Family; The Bast family & Yuri's mother, Grace; Yuri Bast's business; Christopher Bast; Dr. Bowman; Esther Chen & her mother; Robert & Natalie Gutschow - health-related issues; Charles Hewgill; Susan Sammons; Mark Talley;

John Bothwell; Tom Crist; Fr. Michael Eldred, of Church of the Blessed Sacrament - hip surgery and cardiac problems; Charles & Betty Grant; George and Jordan Haber; Norma Hake; Gregory-Theophan Hoffberg - chronic health problems; Les Jordan's mother, who recently dislocated her shoulder; Linda Kolb; Todd Larsen (Jonathan's music teacher) - battling leukemia; Glen Lenardos (Emily Evans' friend) suffering from kidney failure; Cliff Lotzenhiser (long-time friend of the Sammons) - being treated for colon & liver cancer; Emma Lund (daughter of Fr. Carl and Elizabeth Lund)-suffering from an undiagnosed medical condition; Antoinette Matthews; Ante Modrick; Brandon and Jessica Murray; Shawn Phillips; The Scott Plunkett family; Barbara Routh;

Sidney Spencer; Charles Steichen; Leon Streit; the Strom family; Charles and Margaret Templin; Cyndi Vanderpoel; David Zwicker.

***The Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 9:30 am
Holy Eucharist and Sermon***

Scripture Lessons

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 35-32

Psalm 50 (p. 425)

I Thessalonians 4: 1-8

St. Matthew 15: 21-28

Hymns and Service music

Processional Hymn # 56 “Kind maker of the world, O hear”

Kyrie eleison, (Nine-fold) # 710

Sequence Hymn # 60 “With broken heart and contrite mind”

Sermon Hymn # 446 “Commit thou all that grieves thee”

The Doxology #139

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit, # 797

Agnus Dei # 712

Recessional Hymn # 556 (First Tune) “Christian, dost thou see them”

Assisting us in Worship

Celebrant and preacher - The Rev. Fr. Earle Fox

Lay assistant - Mr. Skip Fraser

Crucifer - Mr. Jonathan Williams

Lector - Mr. Mark Talley

Organist - Mrs. Esther Chen

Ushers - Mr. Don Feher, Mr. Les Jordan

Greeters - Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sammons

Please direct all suggestions, prayer requests, special notifications, and new member requests to Andrew Matthews at lonpilgrim71@yahoo.com.