

# Thoughts from the Vicar...

Greetings All,

It is hard to believe that the beginning of March marks the beginning of my second six months here in Jackson. I guess our reaction to that depends on how we view things. Is the glass half empty or half full? I tend to be the eternal optimist and I still see the remaining six months as a chance to be a part of everyone's life. There are still folks that I do not know very well and I hope we can rectify this in my remaining time here.

March is also the month that ushers in the Green. We will experience the celebration of another St. Patrick's Day and the wearing of the Green (if you are Finnish St. Urho's Day is an adequate substitution, still Green). We will hopefully see the budding marks of spring with the trees and the lawn awakening from their winter slumber and displaying the Green. However, March is also a month where the Green is missing.

Green is usually associated with the ordinary time of the church. March is a time that marks the beginning of a special time within the church. We begin with the sobering realities of Lent and progress into the jubilation of living in the light of the Easter promise. It is a time when the Green of the ordinary is replaced with the reverence and awe of Purple, Red, White and Gold. You probably wondering why such an obsession with color?

It is my hope that when we enter the church and see the different colors we will begin to internalize the meaning that each color represents. The paradoxical

Purple that represents our need for penance and at the same time the royalty of Christ. The passion of Red during Holy Week that reminds us of the blood Christ shed for us. The purity and splendor of the White and Gold that reminds us that we are children of the promise. Let us allow the colors and the extraordinary time of this season inform our journey and deepen our faith as children of the promise of eternal life.

My schedule for February worship is:

Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>----St. James/Liturgist and Preach

Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>----Vacation in Iowa

Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>---Immanuel/Assist and Preach

Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>---St. James/Assist and Preach

Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>---Immanuel/Liturgist

Answer to last months trivia question:

**What was the name of the Pharisee at whose house Jesus dined?** Simon (Luke 7:43)

Bible trivia question for this month:

**What tribe of warriors was so extravagant that even their camels wore necklaces?**

Til next time,  
Peace,

Vicar Scott