

Palisades Presbyterian Church
Sunday Readings

March 11, 2007

Third Sunday in Lent

Lay Reader: Bill McGivney

Leads Call to Worship

Offers the following prayers

(Feel free to write your own. If you have an extended reading for the "Prayer for Illumination" please speak with Ray beforehand.)

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in you are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonder in these words and message they carry for our lives. **Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Creator God, we know that you have made everything in this world. You have been generous to us and we invite all gathered here to be generous in return. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate this offering, Lord, for the work of the church, and we ask you to use all that we have and all that we are in your service. Amen.

If you have any questions or need any help, please call Ray at 914 682 3659 or email: ppc10964@verizon.net

Third Sunday in Lent Lectionary:

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Listen, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while the LORD may be found, call upon the LORD while the LORD is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that the LORD may have mercy on them, and to our God, for God will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Luke 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"