

Commentary by Matthew Henry

Our Lord addressed Peter by his original name, as if he had forfeited that of Peter through his denying him. He now answered, Thou knowest that I love thee; but without professing to love Jesus more than others. We must not be surprised to have our sincerity called into question, when we ourselves have done that which makes it doubtful. Every remembrance of past sins, even pardoned sins, renews the sorrow of a true penitent. Conscious of integrity, Peter solemnly appealed to Christ, as knowing all things, even the secrets of his heart. It is well when our falls and mistakes make us more humble and watchful. The sincerity of our love to God must be brought to the test; and it behoves us to inquire with earnest, preserving prayer to the heart-searching God, to examine and prove us, whether we are able to stand this test. No one can be qualified to feed the sheep and lambs of Christ, who does not love the good Shepherd more than any earthly advantage or object. It is the great concern of every good man, whatever death he dies, to glorify God in it; for what is our chief end but this, to die to the Lord, at the word of the Lord?

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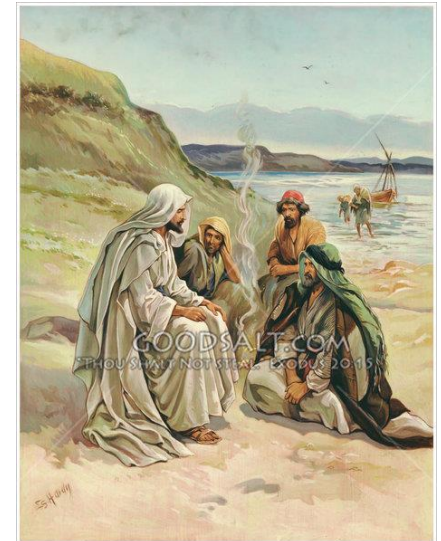
Bethel Series Instructor

The Rev'd Marilyn Flower

ANiC Parish of St. Stephen The Martyr

Third Sunday of Easter

April 10th, 2016



THE MARTYR'S CROWN

Peoples' worship is disrupted when cell phones ring. As a gift to each other, we turn *off our* cell phone ringers during worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Services

Today
Kenyan Rite

Next Week (April 17th)
Holy Eucharist BAS

Musicians

Today
Joyful Noise

Next Sunday
Trudy Harvey

Greeters /Gift Bearers

Today
Hayward & Phyllis Keats

Next Sunday
Harvey & Loretta Goodyear

Altar Care / Eucharistic Assistants

Today
Tolson & Ruby Chapman

Next Sunday
Gil & Daphne Pritchett

Prayer Room

Today

Hall Monitor

Today
Hayward Keats

Next Sunday
Tolson Chapman

Thank You: We offer a debt of gratitude to Ruby Chapman. Over the last three years Ruby has coordinated the prayer room before worship, offered intercessions for those names entered in ‘the book of the sick’, and emailed the sick list to all parishioners each week. Ruby has now retired from this ministry which she exercised with great care and dedication. Thank you, Ruby!!

Parish Office Fund: It is wonderful that many of you are contributing regularly to the Parish Office Fund. Your faithfulness in this regard is cause for thanksgiving. Please continue as you are able. Envelopes are available upon request. Please speak to Lois.

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, April 14th at 2 pm at church office

Healing- Art & Jessie, Owen, Bruce, Ruth, Mark, Robin and family, Selby

Bereaved- The Humber Family

Church: Diocese (ANiC), Ecclesiastical Province (ACNA), Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Charlie Masters, Archbishop, The Most Reverend Foley Beach..

Canada: for Prime Minister Trudeau and our Canadian Government, that they may be diligent in their duties to the people of Canada.

Our Province: Premier Ball and the Gov’t of NL, the Mayors and councilors of our cities and towns.

The World: Syrian Refugees, persecuted Christians, the unrest in Israel, Iraq and Afghanistan and all victims of Isis worldwide. The people of Burundi, Africa and the efforts by ARDFC to help them.



Our hope is that you will be encouraged by today’s worship. If you have a pastoral concern, please make your request known. If you require a pastoral visit or know someone who does, please inform the clergy.