

“Born on St. Patrick’s Day”

March 2017

Hymn: VU 595 We are Pilgrims on a Journey

Scripture: Psalm 100 and Romans 1 16:25

Reflection:

I am told there was quite a discussion in my family about what name I should be blessed with when I was born on St. Patrick’s Day. Also a significant day as my ancestors arrived from Ireland some hundred years earlier. I have since found out that St. Patrick was not exactly who we are lead to believe. He was actually born in England of Egyptian parents, if one can accept the historian’s story. Kidnaped at 12 or 14 he spent ten years or so in Ireland. He escaped but returned to convert all of those heathens. Apparently he had a bit of trouble convincing the north and south to get along and since Ireland had no snakes one wonders how that story started. So today the north and south sort of have a truce but Islam and the rest of the world have taken up that void to still give us a ring side seat in a religious war. All this during Lent!

Discussion:

Does Lent mean anything to you? What do you give up, or sacrifice for 40 days?

Hymn: VU 530 All beautiful the march of days

Prayer: Lord, Lent has sort of taken a back seat in our lives and worship. I often think that to most of the world being Irish on March 17 is more important than observing or even thinking about Lent. Forgive our being human Lord, and may we have the courage in our hearts to spend the forty days in the desert with you. Amen.