



## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

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#### Second Sunday in Lent

Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3.20)

We identify ourselves by the groups in which we have membership: family, church, sporting teams, clubs. Over time, these groups form us and we conform to the values they promote. As disciples, our first membership is with the company in heaven where Christ transforms the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory.

#### Third Sunday in Lent

The bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. (Exodus 3. 2)

The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, named himself "I AM". God is being. When we are blazing with God in the life of discipleship God's being is in us and we are not consumed.

#### Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

"You are always with me, and all that is mine is yours." (Luke 15. 31)

The parable of the Prodigal Son identifies the compassion of God towards the repentant sinner. But where is the celebration for those who have been faithful all along? Jesus explains that God's abundance is always at hand for those who believe. The celebration over the one who was lost and has been found is as much for the penitent as for the righteous. Rejoice, O Jerusalem!

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent

I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. (Philippians 3.8).

Affluence, achievement, possessions, prestige, it is all rubbish compared to the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. The goal is knowledge of Christ and through a sharing in his sufferings and death, participation in the power of his resurrection. Christ Jesus has made us his own. Everything else is loss.