

LIVING LENT

Each time we enter a new liturgical season, things are shaken up a bit in our lives. We are challenged to do things differently, to pay closer attention to what we do and to what God has to say to us. Lent is a great time to do things with more intentionality than we usually bring to our daily tasks. The intentionally simple and penitential nature of Lent creates space in our lives to reflect on the life and death of Jesus Christ. It instills in us a longing and readiness for the joys of the Resurrection and Easter living.

Ash Wednesday is February 26

The Eucharist¹ will be celebrated at noon and 7 pm, with the opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Reflections

On a table in the entryway, please find a collection of prayers for you to keep. There will also be a selection of books especially appropriate for Lent. Please sign the form with your name and that of the book you've taken home.

Lenten Worship

Our worship together will differ slightly. There will be no flowers at the altar. The Alleluias in hymns and which mark the Breaking of the Bread will be deferred until Easter. We begin with ashes and will chant the Great Litany on the first Sunday in Lent. The confession and absolution of our sins move to the beginning of our service. Our hymns and anthems will be more solemn. On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we will use Rite 1 which has traditional language and a different theological bent.

Lenten Lessons

On Tuesdays during Lent we will explore the scripture lessons of Lent that we'll hear in church. Please join us in the library at 1 pm for conversation, sharing with each other and prayer over these texts. On Tuesdays at 6 pm, we'll share a simple soup supper as we dive into the scriptures, and end with compline in the chapel. On Tuesday, April 9th we will explore the meanings and rituals of Holy Week.

¹ The Eucharist is the central act of Christian worship and commemoration of the central events of Christian faith – also known as The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, The Great Thanksgiving, and the Mass – in which bread and wine are consecrated by the celebrant and distributed to the people as the body and blood of Christ.