

IMAGES OF LENT

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What is Lent?

Lent is the 40 day period (not including Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter Sunday. The earliest practices of Lent started following the Council of Nicea, around 325 AD as a time of fasting in remembrance of Jesus' death. Lent is often thought of as a time to "give up" something, for example chocolate or alcohol, but in the midst of the giving up we sometimes forget that the intention of the fast is for repentance, remembrance, and a time to reflect on salvation through Jesus Christ. Lent is a gift, forty days to reflect, repent, and remember as we approach Easter.

Lent 2022

March 2 - April 16

Easter Sunday

April 17

What is the word of the day project?

This year, as a tool for reflection, repentance, and remembrance we are using the scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary to provide you with five scripture readings and one prayer for each week of Lent. The challenge is to read the scripture, reflect on the word, and create an image that represents the word and the scripture.

One scripture

One word

One image

You can respond creatively in a way that you choose: art journaling, poetry, photography, calligraphy, collage, etc. You choose! The word prompts are designed to get you into the Bible each day with words that are significant to this season of repentance, remembrance, and reflection, and to help promote creativity as a spiritual discipline to draw close to God and participate in the season.

If you choose, you can share your images on Instagram with the hashtag:

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Follow the hashtag on Instagram (as you would follow a person or group) and the images that others create should pop up on your social media feed.

Feel free to invite your friends and family to join us on this journey.

And remember, just because you can't do everyday doesn't mean you can't do some of the days; and just because you don't start at the beginning doesn't mean you have to wait until next year, start any time!



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ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2-5, 2022

Day 1

Return

Joel 2:12-17

Day 2

Fast

Isaiah 58

Day 3

Cleanse

Psalm 51

Prayer

O God, you delight not in pomp and show,
but in a humble and contrite heart.

Overturn our love of worldly possessions
and fix our hearts more firmly on you,
that, having nothing,
we may yet possess everything,
a treasure stored up for us in heaven.
Amen.



FIRST WEEK OF LENT

March 6-12, 2022

Day 1

First Fruit

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Day 2

Refuge

Psalm 91:1-2

Day 3

Deliver

Psalm 91:9-16

Day 4

Faith

Romans 10:8b-13

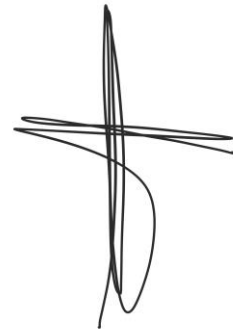
Day 5

Test

Luke 4:1-13

Prayer

God of deliverance and freedom,
you taught the people of Israel
to acknowledge that all things
come from your bountiful hand.
Deepen our faith so that we may resist temptation
and, in the midst of trial,
proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
now and for ever.
Amen.



SECOND WEEK OF LENT

March 13-19, 2022

Day 1

Promise

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Day 2

Safe

Psalms 27:1-6

Day 3

Wait

Psalms 27:7-14

Day 4

Transform

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Day 5

Listen

Luke 9:28-36

Prayer

Hope beyond all human hope,
you promised descendants as numerous as the stars
to old Abraham and barren Sarah.
You promise light and salvation
in the midst of darkness and despair,
and promise redemption to a world that will not listen.
Gather us to yourself in tenderness,
open our ears to listen to your word,
and teach us to live faithfully
as people confident of the fulfillment of your promises.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.



THIRD WEEK OF LENT

March 20-26, 2022

Day 1

Seek

Isaiah 55:1-9

Day 2

Thirst

Psalms 63:1-8

Day 3

Stand Firm

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Day 4

Tell

Psalms 40:4-10

Day 5

Repent

Luke 13:1-9

Prayer

God of infinite goodness,
throughout the ages you have persevered
in claiming and reclaiming your people.
Renew for us your call to repentance,
surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey,
and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

March 27-April 2, 2022

Day 1

Provision

Joshua 5:9-12

Day 2

Forgiven

Psalm 32

Day 3

Reconciled

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Day 4

Lost/Found

Luke 15:1-10

Day 5

Worthy

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Prayer

God of patient love,
you await the return of the wayward and
wandering
and eagerly embrace them in pardon.
Through baptism you have clothed us
with the glory of Christ
and restored our inheritance:
give us generous hearts
to welcome all who seek a place
at the table of your unconditional love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

April 3-9, 2022

Day 1

New

Isaiah 43:16-21

Day 2

Joy

Psalm 126

Day 3

Righteous

Philippians 3:4b-14

Day 4

Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:4-10

Day 5

Anoint

John 12:1-8

Prayer

Creator God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness
and your grace waters the desert.
Help us to recognize your hand
working miracles beyond our imagining.
Open our hearts to be transformed
by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim
the extravagance of your love for all,
and its presence in Jesus Christ.
Amen.



HOLY WEEK

April 10-16
Palm Sunday

Blessed
Luke 19:28-40

Monday of Holy Week
Servant
Isaiah 42:1-9

Tuesday of Holy Week
Glorified
John 12:20-36

Wednesday of Holy Week
Vindicated
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Maundy Thursday
Loved
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

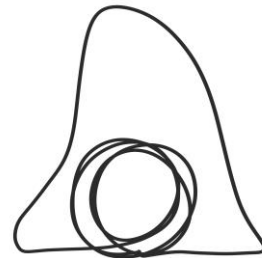
Good Friday
Finished
John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday
Buried
John 19:38-42

Easter Sunday
Risen
John 20:1-18

Prayer

Compassionate God,
your love finds full expression
in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,
who willingly met betrayal and death
to set us free from sin.
Give us courage to live obediently in these days
until we greet the glory of our risen Savior.
Amen.



Scripture readings and prayers taken from the Revised Common Lectionary Year C
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