



LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

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"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 265).

These words, taken from the exhortation given during the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, call the faithful to prepare their hearts, minds, spirits, and souls for the time of the commemoration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Lent provides the opportunity to 'shape up' our spiritually flabby selves as winter turns to the new life of spring. In obedience to this call and need, Christ Church will offer a number of different programs listed here that seek to reach as many as are able and desire to strengthen themselves in Christ. Take a moment, and plan your Lent around a devotional life at church. The rewards are not just eternal! For further information, call the church office at 856-829-1634 or check our website: www.christriverton.org.

W O R S H I P

*Worship is an extremely important part of a holy Lent. So during this season, we will offer a variety of worship experiences which will seek to enable forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, learning and increased devotion. This year we are adding a **Saturday Evening Service** for those who are unable to be at church on Sunday morning. If you can't attend on a weekend (or would like to add extra worship time), consider attending one of the weekday services:*

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Thursdays at 7:00 PM (*beginning February 25th*).

E V E N T S

ASH WEDNESDAY — The 1st Day of Lent — 17 February 2010

We will celebrate the Ash Wednesday Liturgy with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist at all four services.

7 AM (*no music*) **9:30 AM** (*two hymns*)

4 PM: A service for children (*but not for children only*)

7:30 PM (*choral Eucharist*)



The First Sat/Sun in Lent—20-21 Feb. 2010

5:30 PM Penitential Order & Eucharist, Rite II

8 AM Penitential Order and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

The Penitential Order places the Confession at the beginning of the service and uses the recitation of the 10 Commandments to call to mind our 'sins and offences'.

10 AM The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist, Rite I.

The Litany, chanted in procession, is traditionally used on this Sunday. It is the oldest continuously used liturgy in the English language, having been assembled in 1544 and is perhaps the most moving and powerful set of intercessions in our Prayer Book.

2nd Saturday / Sunday in Lent, February 27-28th

5:30 PM Penitential Order & Eucharist, Rite II

8 AM Penitential Order and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10 AM Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite I.

Our traditional language Communion Service, using the familiar and much beloved Healy Willan setting for the service music.

3rd Saturday / Sunday in Lent, March 7th

5:30 PM Penitential Order & Eucharist, Rite II

8 AM Penitential Order and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10AM A Public service of healing

On this day, we will celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for Healing according to the Church's Book of Occasional Services. After the final hymn, all those who wish to receive prayers and anointing with oil for healing will be invited to the altar rail and receive this sacramental rite.



4th Saturday / Sunday in Lent, March 14th

5:30 PM Penitential Order & Eucharist, Rite II

8 AM Penitential Order and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10AM An Instructed Holy Eucharist

Members of the Confirmation class will narrate the various sections of the Communion Service in place of the sermon. If you have ever wondered about why we do what we do in the Liturgy, this is an excellent introduction.

5th Saturday / Sunday in Lent, March 21st

5:30 PM Penitential Order & Eucharist, Rite II

8 AM Penitential Order and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10AM Choral Morning Prayer, Rite I.

We return to our tradition of Morning Prayer on Third Sundays of the month and using familiar canticles. Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament will be offered in the chapel following the organ postlude.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

WEDNESDAYS, 10:15-11:15 am

Who wrote the Bible?

On February 24th and March 1st we will view the History Channel video 'Who wrote the Bible' and discuss the presentation afterwards.

*On Wednesday March 8th we will return to our **Lectionary Bible study**. So come and follow each week's Sunday lessons with us — no special knowledge needed!*

RIVERBANK EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM & SUPPER

HALLELUIA!

THE BIBLE AND HANDEL'S MESSIAH

In this series, we will use one of most beloved musical compositions, Handel's Messiah, as a way into the Biblical texts upon which Messiah is based. We will study Parts II and III of the oratorio with music and text. They reflect upon the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, and anticipate the redemption of the world through faith.

February 24 – St. Stephen's Beverly

Behold the Lamb of God

We first explore the ways in which Handel & his lyricist Jennens use "Behold the Lamb of God" (Jn 1:29) to prepare the way for the servant song in Isaiah 53. This passage introduces the idea that suffering can offer redemption.

March 3 – St. Stephen's Riverside

He Trusted in God

This section seeks to enrich our appreciation of the familiar text of Psalm 22 by studying it as a whole. Most importantly, it affirms that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

March 10 – Christ Church Riverton

I know that my redeemer liveth

The focus of this section is the issue of the resurrection of the body, and draws heavily from First Corinthians 15, where Paul argues forcefully and personally for both Jesus' resurrection — and our own.

March 17 – Christ Church Palmyra

Why do the nations rage?

The focus is on Psalm 2, which introduces the 'Halleluiah' chorus. While the psalm may at first seem strange or violent, it is one of the most comforting of scripture passages. For while the nations may rage, we can find our security within God's mighty fortress.

March 24 – St. Stephen's Beverly

Worthy is the Lamb.

The texts come from the Book of Revelation, a part of the Bible that has been used and abused for centuries. As with Psalm 2, part of its purpose is to clarify who is in charge. When the answer is revealed, there is little else to say but 'Halleluiah' and 'Amen'.


PROGRAM SCHEDULE

6 - 6:45 p.m. Light supper of soup and bread

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer

7 - 8 p.m. Program

Car Pool to the other churches leaves the Parish House parking lot at 5:40 pm.



Keeping
a Holy Lent



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY — 27-28 March 2010

Sat 5:30PM—Liturgy of the Palms & Euch, Rite II

8 A.M. Liturgy of the Palms & Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM Liturgy of the Palms, Solemn Procession & Holy Eucharist

MON. & TUES. OF HOLY WEEK

29-30 March 2010

7:15 P.M. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

31 March 2010

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist (*Bible Study, 10:15*)

7:15 Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1 April 2010

7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY

2 April 2010

2 PM — The Good Friday Liturgy

7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

3 April 2010

5:30 PM Lighting of the Paschal Candle & Holy Baptism

The Feast of the Resurrection



EASTER DAY

4 April 2010

8 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II