



LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

"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.

EVENTS

WORSHIP

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. For those who are unable to be at church on Sunday (or would like to add extra worship time) consider attending one of the weekday services:

Every Wednesday at 9:30 AM

Every Thursday at 7:15 PM

(beginning March 5th).

ASH WEDNESDAY — The 1st Day of Lent

25 February 2009

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 Sunday in Lent—1 March 2009

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'. This was the traditional opening to the Communion service prior to the 1979 prayer book revision. For the rest of Lent, the 8 AM service will be Penitential Order and Eucharist without the 10 Commandments.

The First Sunday in Lent *(cont.)*

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 & 5th Sundays in Lent, March 8th & 29th

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.

Third Sunday in Lent, March 15th, 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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22nd, 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. Following 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. *Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.* (James 5:14)

Thursday, April 2nd, 7:30 PM — Tenebrae.

A poignantly beautiful liturgy based on the daily prayer services used prior to the solemnities of Holy Week since the 1200s. Tenebrae (from the Latin word for darkness or shadows) foreshadows the impending darkness of our Lord's Passion as candles are extinguished one by one during the course of readings, responses and music.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

RIVERBANK EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM & SUPPER

**PRACTICING OUR PRAYER
A LOOK AT VARIOUS SPIRITUAL
PRACTICES THAT SEEK TO ENHANCE
THE DEPTH OF OUR FAITH.**

**March 4th – St. Stephen's Beverly
Fr. Legnani**

Introduction to Religious practice

**March 11th – St. Stephen's, Riverside
Fr. Hulet**

Lectio divina (Holy Reading)

Lectio divina is a practice of listening to short selections of Holy Scripture in a small group, and then reflecting on it in times of silence and sharing.

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**March 18th – Christ Church, Riverton
Fr. Wrede**

Images and Reflections

Beyond pretty windows: Stories in Stained Glass. St. Paul said that Jesus is the image of the invisible God. We will see how we can use the images and the artwork in our churches to make our God visible in our

hearts and lives.

**March 25th – Christ Church Palmyra
Fr. Wrede**

The Daily Office for everyone

The earliest Christians prayed night and day in the temple in Jerusalem and the Daily Offices in the Prayer Book seek to maintain that tradition. So we will investigate how we can use them to deepen our own practice of prayer.

**April 1st – St. Steven's, Beverly
Fr. And Mrs. Legnani**

The Anglican Rosary

Making and praying this most popular of devotions

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer

7 - 8 p.m. Presentation

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

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 10:15-11:15 am

*Follow each week's Sunday lessons with us — no special knowledge
needed!*

PARLOR PEREGRINATIONS

SUNDAYS MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29

9:10-9:45 AM

In the east parlor of the Rectory

Revelation Revealed: The Revelation to St. John the Divine may be the last book of the bible, but throughout the centuries it was treated as if it were written for that current place and time. The present era is no exception, as preachers throughout the world use its texts to argue that we are in the last days of the world. Is it? Should it be? Do we care? How do you respond to those who do? Let's reason it together.



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*



H O L Y · W E E K

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY — 5 April 2009

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

6 & 7 April 2009

7:15 P.M. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

8 April 2009

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist (*Bible Study, 10:15*)
7:15 Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9 April 2009

7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Holy
Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY

10 April 2009

2 PM — The Good Friday Liturgy
7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

(Nancy Gorman, Alto)

HOLY SATURDAY

11 April 2009

4 PM Lighting of the Paschal Candle and
Holy Baptism

The Feast of the Resurrection



EASTER DAY

12 APRIL 2009

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