

21 March	Luke 10:1-20	
22 March	Luke 10:21-42	
23 March	Luke 11:1-13	
24 March	Luke 11:14-54	Third Sunday in Lent
25 March	Luke 12:1-21.	
26 March	Luke 12:22-59	
27 March	Luke 13:1-21	
28 March	Luke 13:22-35	
28 March	Luke 14:1-24	
30 March	Luke 14:25-35	
31 March	Luke 15:1-10	Fourth Sunday Lent
1 April	Luke 15:11-32	
2 April	Luke 16:1-18	
3 April	Luke 16:19-31	
4 April	Luke 17:1-10	
5 April	Luke 17:11-37	
6 April	Luke 18:1-17	
7 April	Luke 18:18-43	Fifth Sunday in Lent
8 April	Luke 19:1-27	
9 April	Luke 19:28-48	
10 April	Luke 20:1-47	
11 April	Luke 21:1-38	
12 April	Luke 22:1-23	
13 April	Luke 22:24-46	
14 April	Luke 22:47-71	Palm/Passion Sunday

15 April	Luke 23:1-25 Monday in Holy Week
16 April	Luke 23:26-43 Tuesday in Holy Week
17 April	Luke 23:44-56 Wednesday in Holy Week
18 April	Luke 24:1-12 Maundy Thursday
19 April	Luke 24:13-35 Good Friday
20 April	Luke 24:36-53 Holy Saturday
21 April	Easter Sunday Celebration

A LENTEN PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you fasted and prayed for forty days. Help me to fast and pray during this time of Lent. Free my mind from distraction and worry, that I may be more aware of your love, and more sensitive to others. Give me a spirit of generosity, so that I might share my gifts more freely with those who have less. Teach me to pray, that I might offer you praise and be more thankful. Help me make time to reflect on your Word; may it challenge, console, and purify me. Be with me in times of hurt, doubt, and confusion; unite my sufferings to yours and let them be redemptive. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, free me from sin, let me rise with you this Easter. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who died that I might have life to the full. Amen.

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Lent Reflection and Reading Guide

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There is no triumphalism here and no complacency; only a desire to journey with Christ into the desert, to be simple and honest in the presence of God and to look to the promise of Easter and new beginnings.

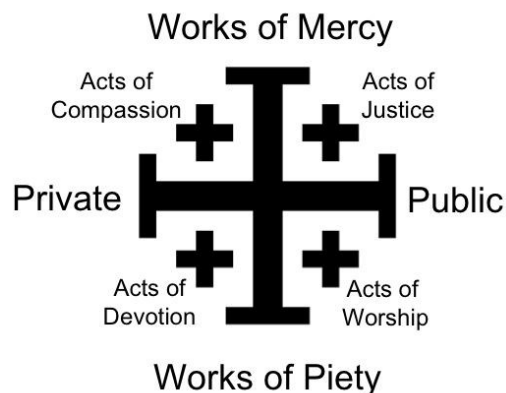
INTRODUCTION

Lent, the period before Easter, commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness before his ministry began, invites us to contemplate our own Christian journey and consider the disciplines we need to become whole. At the heart of Lent is the desire to growing closer to God.

This is a time for:

- **facing reality** and **looking deep into our lives** (introspection)
- taking up a particular form of **prayer and meditation**
- **fasting** certain aspects of our diet, behavior or daily routines
- **being in solidarity** with others
- **giving time and talents** to worthy causes
- **reading the Bible devotionally**
- and giving oneself time to **repair broken relationships**.

I am inviting you to a journey with Jesus as we walk toward the Cross. Together we will **discern, reflect** and **participate** in what God is doing in the world. At best the Lenten journey is an invitation to a holistic spirituality. We will take seriously the Wesleyan works of Piety and Works of Mercy.



It is a call to each of us to take on Lenten practices that will refresh our devotion and worship. it is a time for seeking justice for the oppressed and discriminated, to do good works, visit the sick, feed the hungry, and give generously to the needs of others.

Along with the Lenten practices we will also focus on weekly themes. We have drawn largely from James Harnish's Lent book, *Radical Renovation: Living the Cross-Shaped Life*. Each week, the Sunday service and the Wednesday reflection will focus on the themes outlined in the **Lenten Programme**.

Taken seriously, Lent promises to radically renovate our walk with Jesus. Lets us together take the challenge and walk alongside Jesus. We wish you a fulfilling and meaningful Lenten journey.

LENTEN PROGRAM

- Week 1 **Ash Wednesday Service:**
Radical renovation: Living a cross shaped life
- Week 2 **Discipleship:** The Design of the Cross-Shaped Life
- Week 3 **Servanthood:** A Peculiar Way to Greatness
- Week 4 **Surrender:** Nothing Short of Everything
- Week 5 **Love:** The Radical Center
- Week 6 **Reconciliation:** Something That Doesn't Love a Wall

Sun 14 Apr **Sacrifice:** It's Nothing if It Costs Nothing

Sun 21 Apr **Hope:** He Goes Before You!

READING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE FOR LENT

(46 days Plan)

The following is a reading plan based on the Gospel of Luke. We invite you to rediscover the joy of being in the presence of God through a daily devotional reading of the Bible. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection?

6 March	Luke 1:1-80	
7 March	Luke 2:1-52	
8 March	Luke 3:1-38	
9 March	Luke 4:1-13	
10 March	Luke 4:14-44	First Sunday in Lent
11 March	Luke 5:1-16	
12 March	Luke 5:17-39	
13 March	Luke 6:1-26	
14 March	Luke 6:27-49	
15 March	Luke 7:1-35	
16 March	Luke 7:36-50	
17 March	Luke 8:1-25	Second Sunday in Lent
18	Luke 8:26-56	
19	Luke 9:1-27	
20	Luke 9:28-62	