

LENT

The origin of the season of Lent lies not in any conscious re-enactment of our Lord's time in the wilderness, which remains only a secondary theme of the season, but in the rigorous preparation of Christians for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ in Holy Week and at Easter. The observance of Lent was at first undertaken by the baptismal candidates, for whom it was the final part of their preparation before initiation into the Church in the Easter liturgy, and by those who had been excommunicated for grave and public sin and would be readmitted to the Church's sacramental life in time for Easter after a period of penance. It was not long before the Church realized the benefit to all Christians of joining these particular categories of people in a season of preparation marked by penitence expressed in prayer and fasting. It is this sense of preparation, and so of eager expectation with Good Friday and Easter Day always in view, that should characterize the season of Lent.

The popular idea of "giving things up" in Lent, however inadequately it is often understood, has its liturgical expression in the stark simplicity of Lenten worship. In part this is to express a spirit of penitence. But it is also in order to provide striking contrast with the joyful celebration of Easter. This "giving up" traditionally includes the omission of the Gloria in Excelsis at the Eucharist, the absence of flowers from the church, the restrained use of the organ to accompany worship, and the careful selection of texts to avoid the use of the word "Alleluia" and similar expressions of joy which will greet the resurrection of Easter Day. These are only examples of how a distinctive atmosphere can be introduced into the worship of the season. Priest and people must aim at an austerity that is quite different from dreariness.

The spirit of the season is also expressed by a restraint in the observance of Holy Days that interrupt the Lent ethos. There has also grown up a custom of "veiling" crosses (and, in some churches, statues also) either for the whole of Lent or from Palm Sunday. In part this development has been a misunderstanding of an early custom. What was being veiled was not the cross but the splendour of rich and jeweled metalwork.

The order given for Ash Wednesday seeks to provide a service characterized by silence, reflection, and penitence. The service is set out in a form which combines it with the Eucharist, although it may be used independently. The traditional practice of imposition of ashes is included, but the rite may profitably be used even when this custom is not followed. The service is de-

Signed not only to mark a special day but to start the local Christian congregation off on a path that can be seen, even at this early stage, to be leading to the Good Friday and Easter celebrations. Its emphasis is therefore as much on the season it inaugurates as on the day it marks. **By**

THANKSGIVING FOR LIFE: We the members of the Vestry and the newly formed Pastoral Committee would like to express our heart felt thanks and appreciation to Rev. Canon Dr. Alson Percival for taking time out of his busy schedule to come among us to make our service what it was on last Sunday. Many were moved and have allowed the Holy Spirit to not only touch their lives but their giving which was reflected in the amount we received from the Thanksgiving for life and our Tithe and Offering **\$17, 642.01 and \$5,354.81** respectively.

Canon Percival was forthright in the message he delivered and did not compromise the gospel he was called to proclaimed by Almighty God. I pray that the conviction we had last Sunday will last for the rest of our lives. It will last if we try our best to develop a spiritual life and a spiritual relationship with God.

Now that we have been moved to give, let us not forget the entire message especially where we are told to get involve in the different ministries in the church. We were told that it is only when we leave the Anglican Church we can work for God. Let us ask God today to continue to convict us so that there will be a continual surrender of our lives.

Let us pray for Canon Percival and his wife Margaret as they continue to labour in God's vineyard. Let us pray for the members of his flock as they too pray that God will use them to assist in the building up of his Kingdom here on earth.

Sick & Shut-ins: Henrietta Batte, Viola Browne, Barbara Burke, Mary Carter, Dorsette Colbourne, **Ernie Horsford**, Dorothy Isaac, Alfred James, Hezekiah Joseph, Yvonne Joseph, **Alicia Michael-Kern**, Aldine Lewis, Margaret Lewis, Thomas Lord, Iola Martin, Mary Martin, Mary Meade, Michael Smithen, Larama Spencer, **Oxcel Thomas**, Marie Thomlinson, Nellie Whyte-Joseph, Ethel Weatherill, Edna Williams, James Williams. **SPECIAL PRAYERS:** **William Muzzatti**, Janel Joseph, Christobel George, Austin Burnette, Chrystal White-Smith, James Carlisle, Maudlyn White, Fitzroy Ramsay

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Year C **LENT I** **25th February 2007**

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ORDER OF SERVICE

	6:00 AM	8:00 AM
The Introit	AM 92	
Opening Sentences (Lent)	BCP p. 98	
Collect of Purity	BCP p. 101	
Kyrie	BCP p. 102	
Collect for Epiphany V	BCP p. 161	
Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26: 1—11	
Psalm	91 BCP p. 588	
Epistle	Romans 10: 5—13	
Hymn for the Gradual	MP 608	
Gospel	Luke 4:1—13	
The Sermon	MP 48	
The Apostles' Creed	BCP p. 104	
Intercessions		
The Peace		
Notices		
TITHE & OFFERING	AM 86	
Presentation of the offerings	BCP p. 126	
Sursum Corda	BCP p. 126	
Eucharistic Prayer Form B	BCP p. 137	
The Lord's Prayer	Traditional	
Angus Dei	BCP p. 147	
Hymns for Com.	AM 322	
Blessing of Children		
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 148	
Recessional Hymn	MP 757	

NOTICES OF SERVICES & MEETINGS

Today we welcome all of our visitors especially those who might be worshipping with us for the first time. A special welcome to the Fr. Spencer Skerritt and Rev. Judith Archibald our celebrants and preachers Curates of the St. John Cathedral. We thank you once again for taking time out to worship with us as we give God thanks for His Son Jesus Christ who came and lived among us to experience human nature and frailty.

Sunday 25th Feb.	6:00 am	Mass with Hymns
	8:00 am	Solemn Mass
	8:00 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Mass with Hymns at St. Anne'

Mon. 26th Feb.	9:00 am	J.T. Ambrose Morning Devotion
Tue. 27th Feb.	7:15	Communion to the Sick –Top Village
Thurs. 1st Mar.	5:00 pm	Jr. Choir Practice
Friday 2nd Mar.	6:00 am	Mass with Hymns
	7:15 am	Communion to the Sick—Homes
	4:00 pm	Liturgical Dance Practice
	5:00 pm	Uniform Bodies
	5:30 pm	A.Y.P.A
Saturday 3rd	9:30 am	Confirmation Class I & 11
Sunday 4th Mar.	6:00 am	Mass with Hymns
	8:00 am	Solemn Mass
	8:00 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Mass with Hymns at St. Anne's –

TODAY'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: Althea Brown and Family in Thanksgiving to Almighty God for their loving Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Niece and Cousin: **Patricia Joan McKenzie** who will celebrate her birthday on 26th February and **Rosemary Ralph** on 23rd February. "O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known His doings among the peoples". Let us continue to give Almighty God Thanks and Glory for the lives of our loved ones.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: There will be a very important meeting for all members of the Building Committee on Thursday 1st March at 5:00 pm in the church.

LENTEN MISSION SERVICES:

Last year during the Wednesday Night Mission Services we were blessed with the fellowship and the messages from the different guest preachers. Services during the Lenten Season will begin at 7:00 pm.

	Organization
Wednesday 28th February	Men's Fellowship
Wednesday 7th March	Mothers' Union
Wednesday 14th March	A. Y. P. A.
Wednesday 21st March	All Saints Dot Com
Wednesday 28th March	A. C. W. A.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The highest kind of giving comes from deep down in the heart.

COLLECTION FOR 11th FEBRUARY 2007

	7:00 AM
Stewardship	\$ 3,956.88
First Collection	\$ 876.93
Stewardship Cost Env.	\$
Church Yard	\$ 346.00
Church Debt Rep.	\$ 140.00
Insurance	\$
Poor Relief	\$ 5.00
Provincial Sunday	\$ 30.00
Thanksgiving For Life	\$17, 642.01
Donation	\$ 405.00
Baptism	\$ 200.00
Funeral	\$ 1,779.22
Attendance 18th February	435
Attendance 11th February	115 225

Lessons for Second Sunday in Lent

1st Lesson	Genesis 15: 1—12 , 17—18
Psalm	27 PURPLE
2nd Lesson	Philippians 3: 17—end 4:1
Gospel	Luke 13: (22—30) 31—35

6:00 AM	8:00 AM
Kerley Whyte	Mothers' Union
Javiere Francis	Pauline Cranstan
Goldine Henry	Mothers' Union

DAILY READINGS 25th February—4th March 2007

Sun. Ps. 63 , 98 ; Deuteronomy 8:1—10 ; 1 Corinthians 1:17—31
Mon. Ps. 41 , 52 ; Deuteronomy 8: 11—20 ; Hebrews 2: 11—18
Tues. Ps. 45 ; Deuteronomy 9: 4—12 ; Hebrews 3: 1—11
Wed. Ps. 119:49—72 ; Deut. 9:13—21 ; Hebrews 3:12—19
Thurs. Ps. 50 ; Deuteronomy 9: 23—10:5 ; Hebrews 4:1—10
Fri. Ps. 40 , 54 ; Deuteronomy 10: 12—22 ; Hebrews 4: 11—16
Sat. Ps. 55 ; Deuteronomy 11: 18—28 ; Hebrews 5: 1—10
Sun. Ps. 24 , 29 ; Jeremiah 1: 1—10 ; 1 Corinthians 3: 11—23