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PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**We are Baptized to Witness and Minister
In the Name of Jesus Christ**

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Lent which commenced on Ash Wednesday is the most solemn and penitential period in the Church's Year. For Christians of the Western Tradition, Ash Wednesday is a day on which many feel obligated to fast and to attend Church. The name derives from the custom of persons who deeply regretted their actions, putting ashes on their foreheads to signify their penitence. It goes back to the Old and the New Testament custom (See Job 42:6, Matthew 11:21), when ashes were used to signify sorrow and mourning. Our Church, the Anglican Communion, as well as the Roman Catholic Church and many Lutheran Churches practice the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" meaning "the time of lengthening days" or in other words "Spring". Lent as we know it now, extends for forty days, excluding the Sundays in between; beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday, the Saturday before Easter. The last week before Easter is called Holy Week and is set apart for special emphasis. The Season was actually created by counting those forty days backwards from Easter, in commemoration of Jesus' forty days of fasting in the wilderness before entering Jerusalem on the day now known as Palm Sunday.

The following invitation from an Ash Wednesday service, best expresses the purpose and significance of Lent.

Dear People of God: The Christians observed with great devotion, the days of our Lord's' Passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent also provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sin, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby the whole congregation was put in mind of the pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Saviour, and of the need which all Christians continually have, to renew their repentance and faith.

Let us all during this season of Lent, seize the opportunity to **review** our past actions, **reflect** on our shortcomings, do penance for those things, done and not done, which we **regret**, and then **renew** our commitment to Christ to *be more* and to *do more* for the building up of His Kingdom on earth.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and friends. We pray that you receive God's blessing today and always. May God continue to bless you all.

Celebrant: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: Thanks be to God

All: O thou to whom all hearts are open, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts. O thou to whom all desires are known, purify our desires. O thou to whom no secrets are hid, make known to us our inner life. Strengthen us to grow into that divine likeness which thou didst plant in us at our creation, that our feelings may rise from love and holiness, and our thoughts be governed by truth, O creator God, redeeming Lord and sanctifying Spirit. Amen.

The Confession

Celebrant: Seek the Lord while He will to be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Celebrant: Let us ask God for pardon and peace.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, We have sinned against you and against our brothers and sisters, in thought, word and deed, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, Forgive us all our sins. And grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Celebrant: The Absolution

THE TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

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Have mercy upon us.

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Have mercy upon us.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
The First Sunday In Lent

Leader: Lord, we remember in your presence the sins of your church, we fail to live up to our ideals, we compromise for comfort, we are often too concerned about material things, we seek our own glory. We do not put our trust in you, but trust in our own schemes and plans, in our own strength. Lord, help us to see our priorities, and not to be led astray. We pray for the clergy for John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, Serrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers.

Lord, lead us from temptation

ALL: and deliver us from evil.

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and, for those who make decisions on our behalf; For Patrick, Governor General, Andrew, Prime Minister, Portia, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, members of the House of Representatives and for all members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice, safeguard human rights and promote the well-being of our people.

Lord, lead us from temptation

ALL: and deliver us from evil.

Leader: Lord we belong to a world where your image is marred and your creation despoiled. Where we seek quick and cheap results and disregard the consequences. The air is polluted and our rivers foul, our land is ravaged through greed. Help all who seek to redeem this world and to save it from destruction. Give vision to all who are in control of our industries, commerce, agriculture and technology.

Lord, lead us from temptation

ALL: and deliver us from evil.

Leader: Lord, make us aware of the wonder and the beauty that is about us. Help us to move towards a better environment. We pray for our homes and all that goes on in them. We

pray for our relationships with each other. We pray especially for all who have found a loved one unfaithful. May they experience your healing presence. For our youth and young people, we pray that they will seek your wisdom and will and there-in find true joy and fulfillment.

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ALL: and deliver us from evil.

Leader: We remember all who have suffered through poor decisions their own sinfulness, all who are caught up in vice or crime, all who are drug addicts, all who have been misused or abused by others, all who live below their abilities and ideals, all who are tempted to despair, all who are suicidal. We pray for the sick and shut-in.....

Lord, lead us from temptation

ALL: and deliver us from evil.

Leader: We rejoice with all who have triumphed over sin and death. We give thanks for all who have given us a good example to follow, for all who know the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life. We remember..... May we share with them in your kingdom

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ALL: and deliver us from evil.

Silence may be kept

ALL: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, cleanse and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness. And bring us into the way that leads to life; through him who is the Way the Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright

Ena Dallen

Roy Knight

Hugh Williams

Bernice Hall

Edward Zacca Sr.

Ethel Thomas

Charles Henry

Eulah Stephenson

Michael McCarty

Fredrick Green

Pearl Patterson

Millicent Williams

Hilary McIntosh

Muriel Smith

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know ?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent - a period/time which the Christian Church uses for prayer, fasting, and spiritual preparation for Easter, in which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus (Michael Keene, *Introduction to Christianity*, 1998). The season of Lent lasts for 40 days through to Holy Saturday, and does not include Sundays, since the Church sees each Sunday as *The Lord's Day* - The day of resurrection.

Quote for reflection

“If you will tell me when God permits a Christian to lay aside his armour, I will tell you when Satan has left off temptation. Like the old knights in war time, we must sleep with helmet and breastplate buckled on, for the arch-deceiver will seize our first unguarded hour to make us his prey. The Lord keep us watchful in all seasons, and give us a final escape from the jaw of the lion and the paw of the bear.” (Charles Haddon Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening*, 2003).

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (Mar. 5 - March 11)

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Moreton Park
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Ember Day
	5:00 p.m.	St. Andrew Care Center
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Devotion
	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Ember Day
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	AYF

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Kurt Jackson and Lenworth Sutherland 05/03, Rachel Kitson 06/03, Janet Shaw 08/03, Patrick Gayle 10/03, Ruby Myrie and Dania Thompson 11/03.

The Funeral Service for Arthur Dennis will be on Friday 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Lenten Devotions begin on Thursday March 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend. Devotional books are available, cost \$300.

S.A.S - March is their focus month. Take-away breakfast March 19 in the Fellowship Court, after each service. Cost \$1,000.

Legal Advisory Service will meet next Saturday March 11th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Old Courthouse.

There will be a **Pew Ministry** meeting after the 8:00 service.

St. Andrew Parish Foundation presents the “University of Arkansas Inspirational Chorale and K.C Chapel Choir” in Concert March 21, 2017, at St. Andrew Parish Church. Cost \$1,500.

UTCWI will be having their annual Founder’s Day Celebration from March 6-7, 2017. The Schedule of activities can be seen on the Notice Board at the back of the church.

Theme for Lenten Devotion: We are baptised to Witness and Minister in the name of Jesus Christ

March 9 **An understanding of our Baptism and Ministry in the Name of Jesus**
Rev. Fr. Robert McLean

March 16 **The witness and work of the Early church** (early Christian community)

March 23 **Witness of the Martyrs and Reformers of the church**

March 30 **Effective witnessing in this age**

April 6 **Continuing our witness...**

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2017 - Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Genesis 2:15 - 17; 3:1 - 7	Trevor Blake
Psalm 32	Refrain: (All sit) “ <i>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is put away.</i> ”	
(BCP page 505)		
Epistle	Romans 5: 12 - 19	Betty-Ann Jones
Gospel	Matthew 4: 1 - 11	
Prayer of Intercession	Page 4	

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Fellowship Groups)

Processional	361	
Old Testament	Genesis 2:15 - 17; 3:1 - 7	Fay Duncan
Psalm 32	Refrain: (All sit) “ <i>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is put away.</i> ”	
(BCP page 505)		
Epistle	Romans 5: 12 - 19	Joyce James
Gradual	678	- Children leave for Sunday School
Gospel	Matthew 4: 1 - 11	
Sermon	Claude Campbell	
Prayer of Intercession	Page 4	Kirby Clarke
Offertory Hymn	413	
During Communion	593, 519, 597, 598	
2nd Collection	562	
Recessional	114	

10:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional	361	
Venite	BCP page 36	
Psalm 32	BCP page 505	
First Reading	Genesis 2:15 - 17; 3:1 - 7	
Benedictus	BCP page 40	
Second Reading	Matthew 4: 1 - 11	
Hymn	124	
Sermon		
Offertory Hymn	398	
Recessional	114	

6:00 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST