

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON



Ash Wednesday

February 6, 2008

5:30 p.m.

Cover image: *Canita tuba in Sion* ("Sound the trumpet in Zion") by Salvador Dalí.
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Lent

The English word “Lenten” derives from the lengthening of days, and it underscores an understanding of Lent as a time of spiritual growth and renewal. The observance of Lent as an ecclesiastical season has its origins in the preparation of candidates for baptism in the ancient Church when Easter was the only time in the year when baptisms were regularly administered. Not surprisingly, the days running up to Easter held a particular significance for catechumens. It represented the final stage in their long preparation of Christian initiation, with baptism occurring in the context of the Easter liturgy.

Lent was also a time of preparation for those who had been excommunicated for grave and public sin. The lapsed were reconciled and the excommunicate readmitted to the Church’s sacramental life in time for Easter after the completion of a period of penance.

It was not long before the Church came to realize the benefit to all Christian people of such a period of preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ at Easter. Typically, such preparation came to be marked by penitence, fasting, almsgiving and prayer. In antiquity, fasting was not only about negation and denial. Like anointing with oil, it was thought to be a purifying and strengthening practice – a preparation for some challenge yet to come. Significantly, the popular idea of “giving things up for Lent” was always balanced in the ancient Church by the requirement to give to the poor: you cannot claim to love the God whom you have not seen if you do not love the poor at your door whom you do see. The tradition of Lent as a conscious reenactment of our Lord’s time in the wilderness was a later, if distinctive, theological development.

From Celebrating the Seasons

Reflections
on the Season of
Lent



2008

Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina

Lenten Meditations

For the 11th year, Grace Church has produced a booklet of meditations and reflections for Lent and Holy Week. *Reflections on the Season of Lent* is a collection of writings from members of the parish family who were asked to reflect on daily scripture readings for Ash Wednesday through Easter Day. As in years past, we are blessed by the gift of a varied and inspired group of people.

A copy of *Reflections for the Season of Lent* was mailed to each household in the parish last week. If you have not yet received one, or if you would like to share a copy with someone you know who is not on the Grace mailing list, additional copies are in the tract racks and in the Church Office. You will also find the booklet at our website, gracechurchcharleston.org, so you can access it online and share a link with others via email.

We encourage you to make *Reflections* a part of your Lenten journey.

Lent

Sorrow for sin is indeed necessary, but it should not involve endless self-preoccupation. You should dwell also on the glad remembrance of the loving kindness of God.

Bernard of Clairvaux

My turning, my conversion, is to the crucified. His cross is my glory; with it my brow is signed, in it my mind rejoices, by it my life is directed, and my death is made dear.

William of St. Thierry

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Liturgy for Ash Wednesday

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*Welcome to Grace Church, celebrating our 162nd year of service and worship in Charleston.
Page numbers on the right side of this leaflet refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymn numbers are on the left side;
numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of the Hymnal.*

Please turn off all electronic paging devices and cellular telephones before the liturgy begins.

Voluntary

Prélude (Suite, Op. 5)

Maurice Duruflé

Introit

Call to remembrance

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness. (Psalm 25:5-6)

Processional Hymn

In truth, these forty days give voice (A Lenten Hymn)

St. Botolph



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| 1. In truth, these forty days give voice
To love of God and good.
From desert places deep within,
Our diet, heav'nly food. | 5. To idol gods and lifeless ways
Our autumn lives do cling.
Lord, through these present Lenten days
Season within new spring. |
| 2. Temptations rise from barren worlds
Within, without, around.
For selfish gain, whate'er the cost
We love as lost not found. | 6. Christ meets our need as constant friend;
Our deserts he has known.
His promise, hope amid the pain;
His gift, the life we own. |
| 3. Amid the darkened desert plain
The Saviour's constant plight,
The cry of hungry empty days,
The fear of lonely nights. | 7. And soon we walk from these dark days
To places darker yet.
To crosses stark upon a hill
Where all our sins collect. |
| 4. Today, we name our wilderness,
Claim darkness, thirst or grief,
Our blindness to the truth we know,
More doubts than true belief. | 8. So walk these forty days in faith;
Lord of the desert, trust.
His name, the one who conquers death;
His people, Lazarus. |

J.M.A. Wright + 2003

Welcome and Presentation of a Mitre to the Bishop of South Carolina XIV

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2,12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

Psalm 103:8-18

Benedic, anima mea

Herbert Howells

Refrain: *Sung first by Cantor, then by all*



The Lord re - mem - bers that we are but dust.

Cantor: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

All: *Refrain*

Cantor: He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

All: *Refrain*

Cantor: As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

All: *Refrain*

Cantor: For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.

All: *Refrain*

Cantor: But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;
On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments and do them.

All: *Refrain*

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Dulce carmen

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

A period of silent reflection is kept.

THE PENITENTIAL OFFICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please stand.

The Exhortation

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Imposition of Ashes

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Choir:

Miserere mei

William Byrd

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your great loving kindness.
And according to the multitude of your mercies, blot out my iniquity. (Psalm 51:1)

Remember not, Lord, our offences

Henry Purcell

Remember not, Lord, our offences,
nor the offences of our forefathers;
neither take thou vengeance of our sins,
but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord. (From the Litany)

Hide not thou thy face

Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy
servants in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee,
and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake
deliver us from all our sins.

Please kneel.

The Litany of Penitence

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Please be seated.

Admission and Enrollment of Confirmands

The Rector invites those to be admitted to the confirmation class to come forward with their sponsors.

Youth Minister: What do you seek?

Confirmands: Life in Christ.

Rector: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Do you accept these commandments?

Confirmands: I do.

Vicar: Do you promise to be regular in attending the worship of God and in receiving instruction?

Confirmands: I do.

Catechist: Will you open your ears to hear the Word of God and your heart and mind to receive the Lord Jesus?

Confirmands: I will, with God's help.

The Rector then addresses the sponsors.

Rector: Will you who sponsor these persons support them by prayer and example and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God?

Sponsors: I will.

Those to be admitted kneel. The sponsors remain standing and place a hand upon the shoulder of the one they are sponsoring.

Bishop: May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has put the desire into your hearts to seek the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant you the power of the Holy Spirit to persevere in this instruction and to grow in faith and understanding.

People: Amen.

Each confirmand receives the Book of Common Prayer and a journal from their sponsor.

Please stand.

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem	<i>Kyrie (Solemn Mass)</i>	Louis Vierne
	Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.	
Presentation Hymn		Rockingham
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.	
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)		361
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Agnus Dei (choir)	<i>(Communion Service in E: Collegium Regale)</i>	Harold Darke

The Communion of the People

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized Christians of any age to the Lord's Table. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you are not baptized, or if you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing.

Communion Motet	<i>When I survey the wondrous cross</i> (St. Nicholas Choir)	Malcolm Archer
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When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it Lord that I should boast save in the cross of Christ my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingling down: did ere such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

Communion Motet

My song in the night
(St. Gregory Choir)

Southern Folk Hymn (arr. Christiansen)

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my souls' delight. Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night. O why should I wander, an alien from thee, or cry in the desert thy face to see, my comfort and joy, my souls' delight, O Jesus Savior, my song in the night.

Communion Hymns

Lenten Gifts

Cranham

Lent - en gifts in - vite us, Search - ing deep with in. Claim - ing our de -
Prayer, our gos - pel mo - del, Root - ing all of life. God's gift of o -
Giv - ing and sur - ren - der, This last gift He sends; Soul food for the

sires — Nam - ing all our sins. Lent - en gifts are of - ferred En -
a - sis, Mid our de - sert strife. Fast - ing, our next cal - ling —
jour - ney, Sa - cri - fice, our friend. These three gifts now of - ferred —

light-en-ing our way. Pray - ing, fast - ing, giv - ing, Cent - er - ing our day.
On this bar - ren plain. Last - ing food, our wor - ship Empty-ing, our — gain.
Let us now make room. Walk - ing with the Sa - vior To the emp - ty tomb.

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Communion Hymns

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*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel
Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun
My God, accept my heart this day*

St. Petersburg
So giebst du nun
Song 67

The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Pontifical Blessing

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People: From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Processional Hymn 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The Dismissal

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Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Right Reverend Mark Lawrence

Assisting Clergy

The Reverend Canon J. Michael A. Wright

The Reverend Dr. Kirtley Yearwood

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The Reverend Benjamin Smith

The Reverend Paul Gilbert

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The Reverend Todd Oswald

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St. Gregory Choir

St. Nicholas Choir

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Ash Wednesday

On the edge of the woods grows a larkspur. Its glorious blue blossom rising on its bending stalk from among the dark green curiously-shaped leaves fills the air with color. A passerby picks the flower, loses interest in it and throws it into the fire, and in a short moment all that is left of that splendid show is a thin streak of grey ash. What fire does in an instant, time is always doing to everything that lives. The delicate fern, the rooted oak, butterflies, darting swallows, nimble squirrels, heavy oxen, all of them, equally, sooner or later, by accident, disease, hunger, cold – all these clear-cut forms, all this flourishing life, turns to a little ash, a handful of dry dust, which every breeze scatters this way and that. All this brilliant color, all this sensitive, breathing life, falls into pale, feeble, dead earth, and less than earth, into ashes. It is the same with ourselves. We look into an opened grave and shiver: a few bones, a handful of ash-grey dust.

Remember man
That dust thou art
And unto dust shalt thou return.

Ashes signify man's overthrow by time. Our own swift passage, ours and not someone else's, ours, mine. When at the beginning of Lent the priest takes the brunt residue of the green branches of the last Palm Sunday and inscribes with it on my forehead the sign of the cross, it is to remind me of my death.

Memento homo
Quia pulvis est
Et in pulverem reverteris.

Everything turns to ashes, everything whatever. This house I live in, these clothes I am wearing, my household stuff, my money, my fields, meadows, woods, the dog that follows me, the clock in the hall, this hand I am writing with, these eyes that read what I write, all the rest of my body, people I have loved, people I have hated, or been afraid of, whatever was great in my eyes upon earth, whatever small and contemptible, all without exception will fall back into dust.

Romano Guardini

Worship and Learning in Lent

Sundays:

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II. The Children's Focus will draw upon the Stations of the Cross. Each Sunday we will look at two of the stopping places along Good Friday's Way of the Cross.
- 10:10 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
For Adults: "American Idols" series;
plus Bible study, discussion groups and more
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist according to Six Historic Books of Common Prayer
We are a people of the Book of Common Prayer. During Lent we will trace the history of our liturgies as we worship according to six different prayer books, beginning with 1549 and concluding with today's official 1979 Book of Common Prayer on Palm Sunday. Let us learn as we pray.
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| Lent I | February 10 | 1549 | English |
| Lent II | February 17 | 1552 | English |
| Lent III | February 24 | 1662 | English |
| Lent IV | March 2 | 1892 | American |
| Lent V | March 9 | 1928 | American |
| Palm Sunday | March 16 | 1979 | American |
- 9:00 p.m. Evening worship. On February 10, it will be Compline with the Grace Church Compline Choir. This mystical service provides a fitting ending to our liturgical day, with candles, canticles, chant, prayer and silence. Let it all wash over you as we commend all of our lives back to God. On other Sundays, join us for candlelight Holy Eucharist.

Wednesdays:

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Programs:
- "Embracing the Community"**
- February 13: Theatre 99 Company Comedy Improv
- February 20: "Preservation and More" with Kitty Robinson of Historic Charleston Foundation
- February 27: "Gates, Grates and Windows of Charleston" with jewelry designers Scott and Stacy Gould
- March 5: "Critical Issues Facing the Charleston Region and the Prospect for Conservation" with Dana Beach of the Coastal Conservation League
- March 12: "Mediation: An Instrument of Peace" with Ann Stirling, Mark Andrews and Tricia Wilson
- March 19: Wednesday in Holy Week – A Seder Meal
- "Citizens of Two Kingdoms: Life in the Global Village"**
continuing series offered by the Trinity Foundation for Christianity and Culture with Dr. Lester Pittman and the Reverend Donald S. McPhail
- "Planning for the Later Years"** continuing series on planning proactively for retirement with the Reverend Paul Gilbert. Tonight's session will examine financial issues; February 13 will focus on spiritual issues.

Fridays:

- 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, each Friday in Lent.

All Weekdays:

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Chapel

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