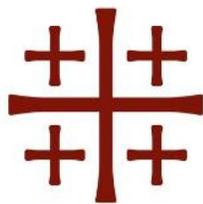


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# Lent 2022

The first 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. (BCP, 264)



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# Worship Opportunities



## Ash Wednesday

MARCH 2 (*Sanctuary and Livestreamed*)

Join us for one of two services and make a holy start to the season of Lent:

- **12:00 Noon:** a quiet, contemplative service with Ashes and Holy Communion
- **7:00pm:** Administration of Ashes and Holy Communion with Choir and Organ (*Childcare provided*)

## Holy Eucharist with Choir and Organ

SUNDAYS AT 10:00AM (*Sanctuary & Livestreamed*)

Lenten worship reflects both a turn toward simplicity and a tone of repentance and humility. Our altar is not graced with flowers and the color of vestments turn to purple. Purple is typically associated with Lent, suggesting repentance and solemnity. Its deep dark richness invites us to slow down and consider the sacrifices Jesus did for us. The Bible tells us that the garment the guard put on Jesus during his trial and beatings was purple. Thus, purple symbolizes pain and suffering, mourning and penitence. The word "Alleluia" is not used during the season in response, prayer, or hymns. The tone of the music also changes slightly; the *Gloria* becomes the *Kyrie*, the *Doxology* is not sung. All this simplicity helps us focus on God and God's call on us to live more fully as God's people.

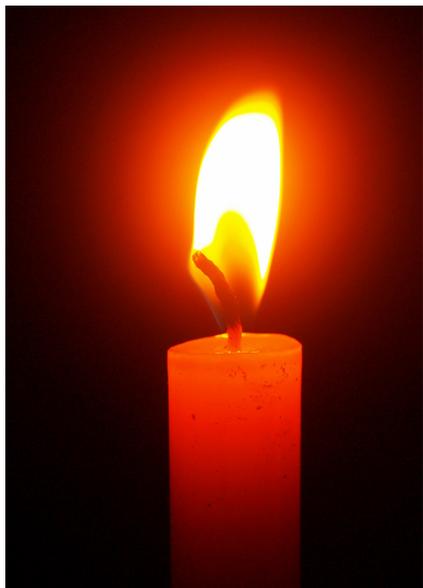
Lent is a season of reorientation, return, and renewal, a time to recommit to striving to be the people we want to be in response to God's self-giving love in Jesus Christ. Join us in observing a Holy Lent through self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and study of scripture that is grounded in our Sunday worship.

*Childcare is available for Sunday services.*



## *Compline*

TUESDAYS, MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 & APRIL 5, 12  
9:00PM (*Zoom*)



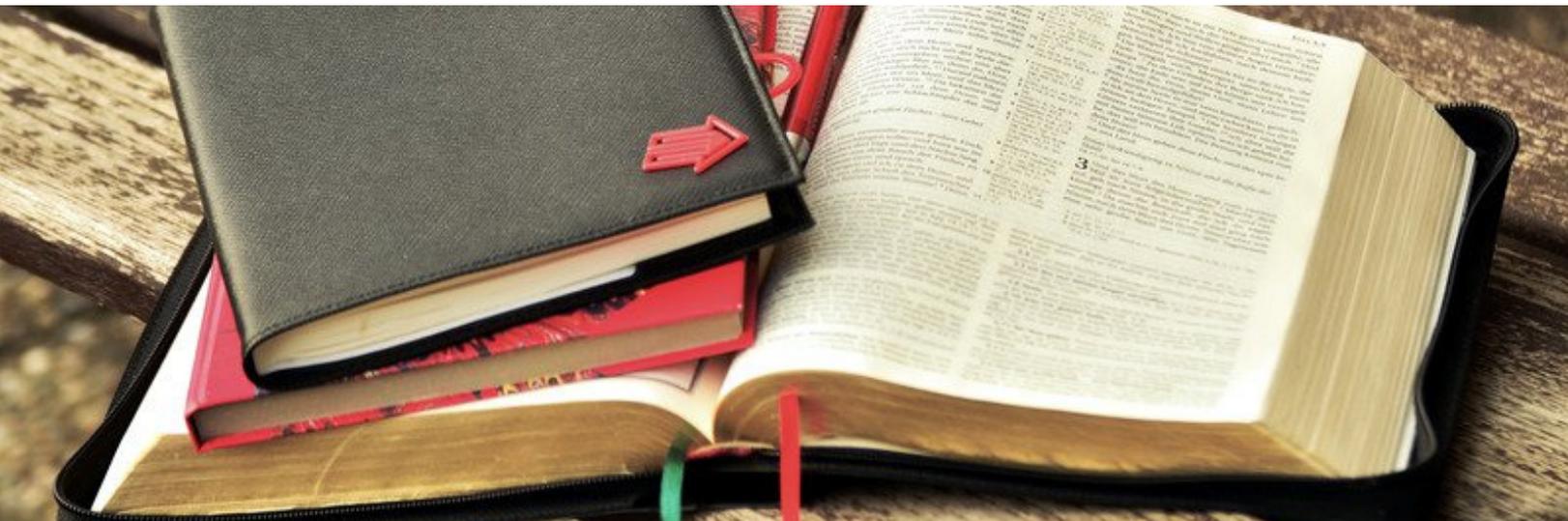
This ancient liturgy is the last of the divine offices, at the close of day. These offerings will be entirely sung and will feature plainsong, psalms, and hymns. Led by Janet Nobles and Andrew Leslie Cooper, join us virtually for Compline, **every Tuesday in Lent at 9:00pm on Zoom**. The Zoom link will be shared via the weekly eNews.

*Where true charity and love dwell,  
God is indeed there.*

## *For Adults*

### *Journey through the Gospels*

SUNDAYS: MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27 & APRIL 3  
11:30AM–12:30PM (*Alcove & Zoom*)



All are invited and welcome to join two members of the *RenewalWorks* team each Sunday during Lent to take a deeper dive into what we heard in the Gospel and the sermon that day. What jumped out at you? What confused you? How might it touch your day-to-day life? What did other others hear?

This 5-week “drop-in” series (i.e., no homework!) will provide us with a wonderful opportunity during Lent to explore the Gospel passages and travel the road to the cross with Jesus. Find companions on the way as we discuss what the Gospel saying to each of us and how the sermon adds to our understanding. Just bring your questions, wonderings, doubt, and faith to the discussion after church on Sundays in the Alcove or join online beginning at 11:30AM (link will be in the e-news on Thursdays) for an hour of fellowship and exploration.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome. *Childcare available upon request.*

- **Sunday, March 6** – Jesus’ Temptation in *Luke 4:1-13*
- **Sunday, March 13** – Jesus’ Lament over Jerusalem in *Luke 13:31-35*
- **Sunday, March 20** – On Repentance in *Luke 13:1-9*
- **Sunday, March 27** – Parable of the Lost Sons in *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*
- **Sunday, April 3** – Mary Anoints Jesus in *John 12:1-8*



## *Lenten Mini Quiet Day*

Saturday April 2nd  
9am-Noon  
In the Sanctuary



## *Mini Quiet Day*

A quiet day is intended to be like a retreat. In this case, it's a mini retreat. Often, in Lent we think about being in the desert with Jesus. And while this can be overwhelming sometimes, the stillness and the emptiness calls to us. When we're prayerful and faithful in the desert places, God provides for us what we need to continue on the road. This year, set aside some time to join in the practice of this Quiet Day. Most of the three hours will be shared in the silence of our sanctuary. There will be some prayers to punctuate the time, some snacks to fill you up, and a few other activities to help focus you if you need them. All are welcome!

# Good Friday Devotional Concert

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 at 7:00 - 8:30PM

*(Sanctuary and livestreamed)*

**The Arts at St. Matthew's presents Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*.** This stunning work is perhaps the most famous setting of this 13th-century hymn depicting Mary at the scene of Jesus's crucifixion. The text is acutely emotional, and it intimately conveys the profound sorrow of the Virgin Mother witnessing the death of her son. It asks us "What person would not weep if they saw the Mother of Christ in such torment? Who could not be sorrowful to behold the pious mother grieving with her Son?" Pergolesi composed this setting in the last year of his life, only a short time before his untimely death from tuberculosis at the age of 26. This event will feature professional musicians from the area, including Emma Daniels, soprano, and Andrew Leslie Cooper, countertenor. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this special offering.

## *Program order:*

- Elisabeth Jacquet de La Guerre: *Harpichord Suite in G Minor*
- Gabriel Fauré: *Three sacred songs*
- Giovanni Battista Pergolesi: *Stabat Mater*
- Psalm 22 (plainsong)
- Johann Pachelbel: *Ciacona in F Minor*

## *Admission*

Free-will offering with a suggested donation of \$25 per person



*The Arts at St. Matthew's, a non-profit organization, provides artistic enrichment to the local community, both those who regularly worship at St. Matthew's and those who don't. It offers entertaining, educational, and inspiring events by diverse artists a handful of times throughout the year.*

*<https://www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm/>*

# For Children & Youth

## Lenten Family Kits

AVAILABLE BEGINNING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 (*Narthex*)

Lent is a time for reflection, deepening our relationship with God, and creating inner space. It's hard to know where and how to begin in our households with children or youth. To help, we have created Family Lent Kits have been created for families to pick up in the Narthex.



### *The kits include:*

- A **Family Devotional Packet** from Illustrated Ministries to guide you through the weeks of Lent, centered around the theme "God Is Still With Us" for families of all ages.
- "Bless This Mess" **DIY Lenten Calendar** geared toward Middle School and High School
- **Scratch Off Lenten Calendar** geared towards Pre-K-5th Grade
- **Invitation** to "Taste and See," a new worship offering for all ages on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 27 at 4:30pm. Come engage with story, songs, and supper in a relaxed environment.



## *Small Groups for Middle & High School Youth*

**MIDDLE SCHOOL on MONDAYS:**

MARCH 14, 21, 28 & APRIL 4 AT 4:30PM

**HIGH SCHOOL on THURSDAYS:**

MARCH 17, 24, 31 & APRIL 7 AT 5:30PM

*(UpperCore)*

Youth are invited to gather with Samantha Trolice on Monday and Thursday afternoons during Lent to explore how the life of Jesus demonstrates that God knows what it is to be human and is with us in all our experiences, especially in our suffering. Being known in this way by God invites us to be rooted in faith and community in the hope that we branch out and change the world.

The **“God Is Still With Us”** devotional (which connects to the material in the Lenten Family Kits) will be paired with current events from around the world, discussing how the stories we read in the Gospels communicate our need to inwardly reflect, change course, and outwardly act to bring about change. Each session will include short lesson time followed by a variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities.



# For All Ages

## *The Labyrinth: A Prayerful Journey*

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 4:00PM through  
SATURDAY, APRIL 12 4:00PM (*Lounge*)

Labyrinths are ancient human symbols known to go back at least 3,500 years. They appeared on most inhabited continents in prehistory, with examples known from Africa, Asia, the Americas and across Europe from the Mediterranean to Scandinavia. A labyrinth is not a maze, but a walking meditation device with a single winding path from edge to the center. The labyrinth symbols were incorporated into the floors of the great gothic pilgrimage cathedrals in France during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.



A 22' canvas eleven-circuit labyrinth, modeled after the one located at Chartres Cathedral in France, will be laid out in the Lounge for a week (from Friday night April 1 through Saturday April 12) for anyone who chooses to walk this holy path; all ages are welcome – children included. Directions for walking the labyrinth as well as other experiential prayer stations for all ages will be available in this space during office hours or whenever WEPCO doors are open. Come in during business hours or arrange another time by being in touch with Marissa. Come when you can, share the space with others if they're here, leave when you're ready.

Many of us cannot make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or other sacred sites around the world. But we can make a pilgrimage (an outward journey reflecting an inward journey – a spiritual exercise that helps us reach out toward God and deepen our relationship with God) by walking a labyrinth. If you have 30 minutes or more, come walk the labyrinth; begin your Lenten journey in prayer and contemplation. All ages are welcome!

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5*

# *Taste & See: Song, Story, Supper*

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 4:30PM (*Sanctuary*)

We are excited to offer **a new, brief, relaxed worship experience** with song, story, and supper to our community. Focused on simple songs, an experiential story, prayer, and Eucharist, a light community meal will also be provided as we share fellowship. Conclude your weekend grounded in God before going home to last-minute homework, chores, or bedtime for the little ones. All ages are welcome. Come as you are.

*March 27 | 4:30pm | St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*



*Song*



*Story*



*Supper*



### *Palm & Passion Sunday*

HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00AM

### *Holy Monday*

HOLY EUCHARIST 7:00PM

### *Holy Tuesday*

COMPLINE ONLINE 9:00PM\*

### *Spy Wednesday*

HOLY EUCHARIST 7:00PM

### *Maundy Thursday*

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE OF TAIZE 7:00PM

### *Good Friday*

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 12:00PM

DEVOTIONAL CONCERT 7:00M

### *Holy Saturday*

PREPARATION LITURGY 9:00AM

*All services will be held in the Sanctuary.*

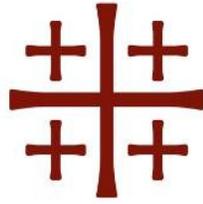
*Childcare will be provided on Sundays, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday at 12:00PM.*

*All services will be livestreamed except on Holy Saturday.*

## *Easter Sunday*

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 10:00AM

**Festival Holy Eucharist with Choir and Music**



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