



THE SEASON OF
LENT
AND
HOLY WEEK
AT
**GRACE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

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Ash Wednesday, March 6

6:00 a.m. Imposition of Ashes in a shortened service.

12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday
(Rite I, Full Service)

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday
(Rite II, Full Service with Choir)

About Lent

In the church year we are in the season of Lent, during which we focus on reviewing our lives and reaffirming our beliefs in light of the love of Jesus and in preparation for the great feast of Easter. Except in unusual circumstances, baptisms do not occur during Lent, so we have filled our font with sand in remembrance of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert before he began his ministry. As we ponder our lives, we are sometimes reminded that there will be occasions when we too will be in difficult, desert times. Feel free to run your fingers through the sand, remembering that God is with us in the dry times as well as the refreshing times. The priests wear purple vestments during Lent for two reasons: first, because it is associated with mourning and anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion; second, because purple is the color associated with royalty and anticipates the glory of Christ's resurrection.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. Palm Procession and
Passion Story

Maundy Thursday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Eucharist, foot washing, the stripping of the altar.

The Watch, April 18-19

Sign up to take a turn watching for an hour in the sanctuary from Thursday night until the concluding prayers at 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 19

12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (with choir)
Service: The Passion according to John, the Solemn Collects, the Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Gathering and Blessing of the New Fire and Paschal Candle followed by the Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 21

Flowering of the Cross

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

11:15 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Friday Morning Prayer

A quiet lay-led reflective service using the form in our Prayer Book and the proper lessons of the day. 9:00 a.m., lasts about ½ hour.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Lenten practice has changed over the years, but its purpose has always been the same. Lent is a time of self-examination and penitence as we prepare for our Savior's Passion, death, and resurrection. On the first Sunday in Lent will start our self-examination as we learn about the Psalms and compose one of our own. Following Sundays we will look at the Suffering Servants of God. How does Jesus the Suffering Servant call us as we follow him? *Sundays, 9:15*

Wednesday Soup & Spirituality

Come for a soup supper starting at 6:00, followed by a traditional Episcopal service of prayer and meditation from 7:00 to 7:30. Sign up to bring soup/bread through SignUp Genius. *Bonus giving opportunity:* Volunteer to bring someone who can't provide their own vehicle.

Spirited Women's Lenten Series

Our Spirited Women are reading *Holy Solitude* by Heidi Haverkamp this year. This year's dates are scattered to try to accommodate more schedules. Please join us for as many as you are able!
March 9, 2:00 (Grace), March 16, 9:30 (Grace), March 19, 7:00 (private home), April 2, 7:00 (private home), April 6, 2:00 (Grace), April 13, 2:00 (private home).

Festival Choir for Holy Week

Would you like to sing with the choir, but are worried about commitment? Consider joining the Grace Festival Choir, which will next focus on singing for Holy Week/Easter. The Festival Choir sings for the following services:

- Palm/Passion Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (April 14)
- Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (April 18)
- Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. (April 19)
- Easter Vigil, 7:00 p.m. (April 20)
- Easter Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (April 21)

Your commitment of time and learning is best realized by participating in at least three or more services. You are welcome to attend rehearsals beginning Wednesday, March 27, or April 3, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., in the basement choir room. Please contact our Minister of Music, Andrew Fredel (630-413-4833 or andrew@gracehinsdale.org) for more information. Come join us to make a glorious noise!

The Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)

To schedule a private time with Fr. Chris or Rev. Donna for this ritual of love and repentance, contact the church office (630.323.4900). Additionally this year, our **Service of Healing and Forgiveness** returns on Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Our **Lenten Evensong** will start our season on March 10 at 4:00. This contemplative, musical service is a wonderful way to start your journey.

CHILDREN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Grace Children's Academy

Our Academy students will be learning that Jesus wants us to "Be Our Best Selves" during Lent. They have lessons every Wednesday about loving everyone, regardless of differences, and how we can be more like Jesus in our everyday lives.

Children's Chapel (Ages 3 – 11)

Our Children's Chapel program meets every Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. service. The children will be following the same Gospel lessons as the adults in the larger service. We will also explore Easter through drama, crafts, and other lessons.

Sunday School (1st – 5th Grade)

Our older students have an additional class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. upstairs with our Children's Spiritual Formation Director, Megan Mannor. These students use LEGOs to build the Bible, which creates a concrete understanding of the stories.

Spiritual Leadership for Youth

Two groups meet on Sunday nights for dinner and spiritual leadership formation from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Youth Missions Organization (YMO) is for students who are freshmen in high school and older (led by Fr. Chris at the Residence). Team-Building and Christian Kid Organization (TACKO) is for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade led by Christine and Sam Hostettler in the Parish Hall. Both groups focus on building a community of love and respect.