

# Ash Wednesday

— Lent Begins



# Lent

This is the time of fulfillment.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

MARK 1:15

# The Lenten Season

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- The season of Lent, which begins **Wed, Feb 22, 2023 - Thu, Apr 6**, is a period of forty days extending from Ash Wednesday through the Saturday before Easter.
- Sundays are not considered part of Lent as such, although the Lenten themes often do carry over into Sunday worship.

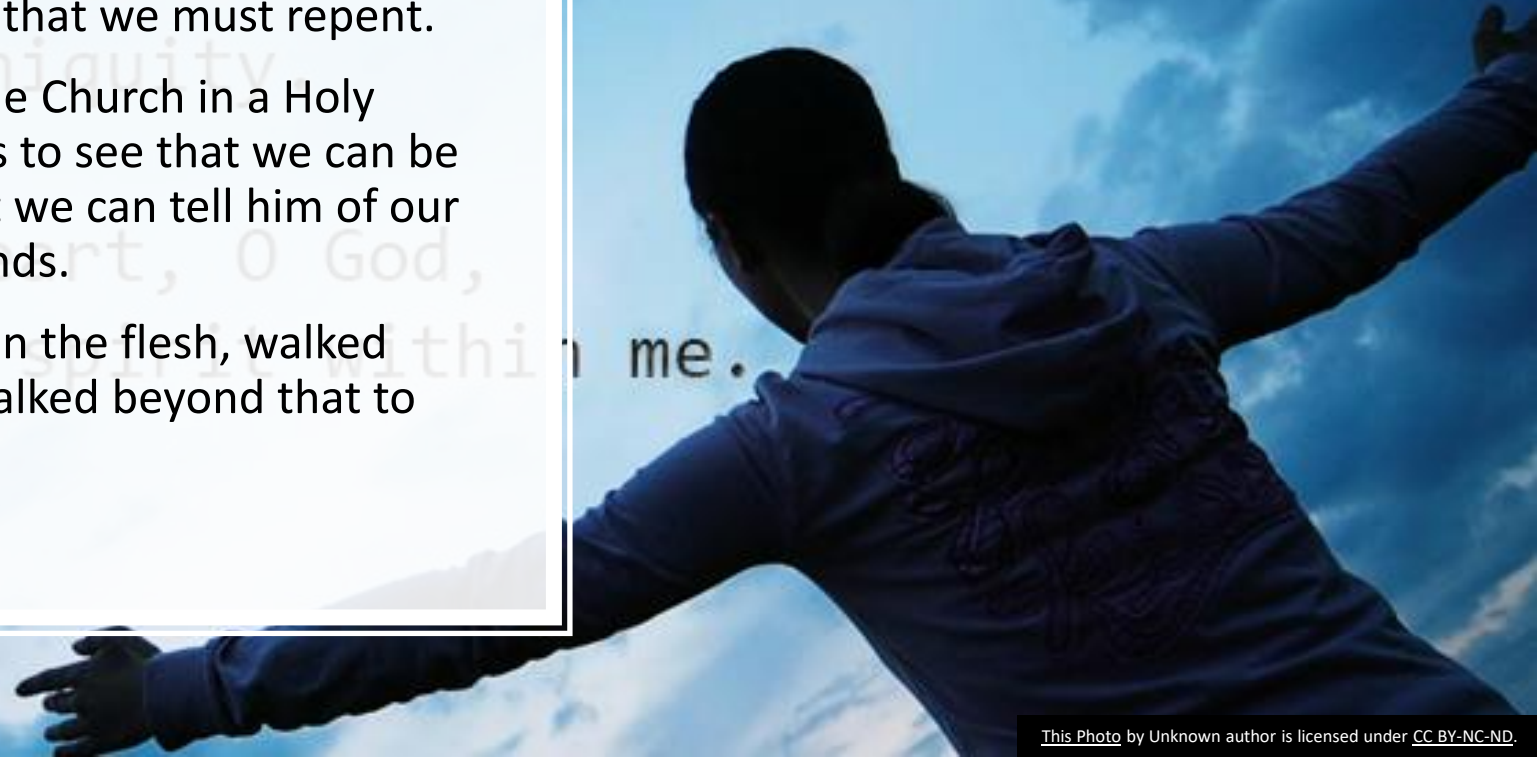


Lent

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## A time for Penitence and Spiritual Renewal.

- Lent is a time for penitence and spiritual renewal.
- We focus on repentance, grace, and forgiveness. God wants us to free the oppressed and to walk in justice.
- Lent reminds us that we are mortal, and that we must repent.
- We are called upon to join with the whole Church in a Holy Lent. To pray that God will open our eyes to see that we can be honest with him, and repent. To see that we can tell him of our pain and sorrow, and that God understands.
- God knows because Christ, God himself in the flesh, walked through his own wilderness, and then walked beyond that to the cross.



# The Example of Jesus

## Hebrews 12:1-3

- **12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.



# Rend Your Heart



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## Joel 2:13

- <sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.



# Be Reconciled to God

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2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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- <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Know Christ and the Power of His Resurrection

- **Philippians 3:8-11**

- <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.



# Season of Lent

Lenten Services

Wednesday Evenings

7:30 PM Service on ZOOM!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83681272213?pwd=SjBac1BUUHFnUIA0S2k0ckd0WW53Zz09>

GUEST PRESENTERS

Pastor Archie F. Manning

Rev. William Mizell, Rev. Dr. Kimmie Boyd, Rev. Gregory  
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# Holy Week

## **Maudy Thursday**

- 7:30 PM - Silent Communion

## **Good Friday**

12 Noon - 7 Last Sayings of Christ

## **Easter Sunday**

6AM Sunrise Service – 11AM Easter Service