

Community Covenant Church

Lent 2016

Welcome to Lent 2016. As we prepare for our Easter celebration on March 27 we will be doing a number of different things that will enable us to appreciate the full reality of Easter. In addition to our Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services we will also practice the discipline of daily scripture reading. This year our scripture reading will focus on the week leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ as recorded in each of the four gospels. But before we get into the scripture reading schedule take a moment to read the brief explanation of Lent written by Andy Rau, Senior manager of content for Bible Gateway:

“What is Lent? Is it an official Christian holiday? Was it instituted in the Bible? What does it mean to observe Lent, and are Christians “required” to do so? For the interested, we’ll try to answer those questions here.

Lent is the span of time in the church calendar that starts with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday commemorates the beginning of Jesus’ 40-day fasting and temptation in the desert, and Easter Sunday commemorates Jesus’ resurrection from the grave after his crucifixion.

Lent, then, is generally observed as a time for Christians to reflect, repent, and pray as a way of preparing their hearts for Easter. It is commonly observed by many Christian denominations—Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and others—although not every Christian church or denomination does so. Because Lent is not officially instituted in Scripture, observing it isn’t in any way a “requirement” of Christianity. However, Christians from many different theological persuasions choose to observe it as a way of focusing their thoughts on Jesus Christ during the Easter season.

The choice to observe Lent is a personal one—the whole point is to focus your heart and mind on Jesus during the journey to Easter. There’s no requirement to observe it, nor should you feel guilted into participating. However, millions of Christians around the world do observe Lent each year; if you’ve never done so, why not give it a try? Whether you observe Lent in a small or major way, you’ll be amazed at what happens when you devote a part of each day to reflecting on Jesus Christ and God’s Word.”

Lent Reading Schedule

“the Last Week”

Week 1: Wednesday, Feb. 10 – Saturday, Feb 13

One of the ways we will prepare ourselves to experience the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ we will be reading through the “last week”...the week leading to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ as recorded in each gospel.

- As you prepare to read each day take a moment to pray that God’s word would come alive for you
- As you read take notice of the character, heart, and message of Jesus
- Write a sentence or two to describe what you noticed in the reading
- After reading take another moment to pray that God’s word would be lived out in your life this very day

Wednesday, February 10 (*Ash Wednesday*) Matthew 21:1-22

Thursday, February 11 Matthew 21:23-46

Friday, February 12 Matthew 22:1-22

Saturday, February 13 Matthew 22:23-46

Lent Reading Schedule

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Week 2: Sunday, Feb. 14 – Saturday, Feb 20

- As you prepare to read each day take a moment to pray that God’s word would come alive for you
- As you read take notice of the character, heart, and message of Jesus
- Write a sentence or two to describe what you noticed in the reading
- After reading take another moment to pray that God’s word would be lived out in your life this very day

Sunday, February 14 Matthew 23

Monday, February 15 Matthew 24:1-35

Tuesday, February 16 Matthew 24:36-51

Wednesday, February 17 Matthew 25:1-30

Thursday, February 18 Matthew 25:31-46

Friday, February 19 Matthew 26:1-16

Saturday, February 20 Matthew 26:17-46

Lent Reading Schedule

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Week 3: Sunday, Feb. 21 – Saturday, Feb 27

- As you prepare to read each day take a moment to pray that God’s word would come alive for you
- As you read take notice of the character, heart, and message of Jesus
- Write a sentence or two to describe what you noticed in the reading
- After reading take another moment to pray that God’s word would be lived out in your life this very day

Sunday, February 21 Matthew 26:47-75

Monday, February 22 Matthew 27:1-31

Tuesday, February 23 Matthew 27:32-66

Wednesday, February 24 Mark 11:1-19

Thursday, February 25 Mark 11:20-33

Friday, February 26 Mark 12:1-27

Saturday, February 27 Mark 12:28-44

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Week 4: Sunday, Feb. 28 – Saturday, March 5

- As you prepare to read each day take a moment to pray that God’s word would come alive for you
- As you read take notice of the character, heart, and message of Jesus
- Write a sentence or two to describe what you noticed in the reading
- After reading take another moment to pray that God’s word would be lived out in your life this very day

Sunday, February 28 Mark 13

Monday, February 29 Mark 14:1-11

Tuesday, March 1 Mark 14:12-31

Wednesday, March 2 Mark 14:32-52

Thursday, March 3 Mark 14:53-72

Friday, March 4 Mark 15:1-20

Saturday, March 5 Mark 15:21-47

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Week 5: Sunday, March 6 – Saturday, March 12

- As you prepare to read each day take a moment to pray that God’s word would come alive for you
- As you read take notice of the character, heart, and message of Jesus
- Write a sentence or two to describe what you noticed in the reading
- After reading take another moment to pray that God’s word would be lived out in your life this very day

Sunday, March 6 Luke 19:28-44

Monday, March 7 Luke 19:45 – 20:8

Tuesday, March 8 Luke 20:9-19

Wednesday, March 9 Luke 20:20-40

Thursday, March 10 Luke 20:41-21:4

Friday, March 11 Luke 21:5-38

Saturday, March 12 Luke 22:1-46

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Week 6: Sunday, March 13 – Saturday, March 19

- As you prepare to read each day take a moment to pray that God’s word would come alive for you
- As you read take notice of the character, heart, and message of Jesus
- Write a sentence or two to describe what you noticed in the reading
- After reading take another moment to pray that God’s word would be lived out in your life this very day

Sunday, March 13 Luke 22:1-46

Monday, March 14 Luke 22:47-71

Tuesday, March 15 Luke 23:1-25

Wednesday, March 16 Luke 23:26-56

Thursday, March 17 John 12:12-50

Friday, March 18 John 13

Saturday, March 19 John 14

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Week 7: Sunday, March 20 – Saturday, March 26

- As you prepare to read each day take a moment to pray that God’s word would come alive for you
- As you read take notice of the character, heart, and message of Jesus
- Write a sentence or two to describe what you noticed in the reading
- After reading take another moment to pray that God’s word would be lived out in your life this very day

Sunday, March 20 John 15:1-17

Monday, March 21 John 15:18-16:4

Tuesday, March 22 John 16:5-33

Wednesday, March 23 John 17

Thursday, March 24 (*Maundy Thursday*) Mark 14:12-25, John 13:1-17

Friday, March 25 (*Good Friday*) John 18:1-19:37

Saturday, March 26 John 19:38-42