

DAILY — Scripture Readings

Perhaps you haven't yet embarked on our *community scripture way*, or maybe you started, but have fallen off in the readings. There's no better time than right now to begin (again). The readings during Lent are in the purple boxes in the *csw*. If you need a copy, there are some on the welcome pulpit in the lobby of the church building, or visit www.northst.org and click on "csw". Take just a few moments at some point each day to read these scripture passages and reflect, journal, or do whatever else it may be that helps you be formed by and retain scripture.

MONDAY — Individual Prayer (Quincy)

On Mondays, there is an opportunity for anyone to pray in Quincy early in the morning between 7:45-8:30 AM. Drop in and pray silently as you can in the Angell Chapel on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170.

TUESDAY — Fasting

On Tuesdays, choose something in your life that you rely on, and give it up to God, replacing it with a spiritually formational practice (prayer, contemplation, scripture reading, meditation, etc.)

WEDNESDAY — Corporate Prayer (Hingham)

On Wednesday afternoons at 2:00, join us for corporate prayer in the Newell Gathering Room.

THURSDAY — Bible Study in Ezekiel

On Thursday evenings, Pastor Jeremy invites you to come and study the book of Ezekiel more in depth. Many of our daily readings from the *csw* are from Ezekiel during Lent. The study begins at 7:00.

FRIDAY — Acknowledgement

Another practice of the Lenten Season is to remember our humanness. As Christ taught us to pray, we should pray daily that our sins and trespasses be forgiven. Take time on Fridays to consider where you have been or may be off-course from living like Christ. Acknowledgement and even confession to God and others prepare us to better worship & serve Him.

SATURDAY — Preparing to Worship

Pastor Jeremy will be sending out by e-mail some readings so you can read it on Saturday in preparation for worship on Sunday.

Lent - A Brief Explanation

Originating in the fourth century of the church, the season of Lent spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and concluding Saturday before Easter. Originally, Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of concentrated study and prayer before their baptism at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of Faith, the entire community was called to preparation. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church would prepare to rejoin the community.

Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays *in* Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self examination, and repentance. This season of the year is equal only to the Season of Advent in importance in the Christian year, and is part of the second major grouping of Christian festivals and sacred time that includes Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost.

Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets, and other types of food. Other traditions do not place as great an emphasis on fasting, but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giving of money to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God's grace. It is really a preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

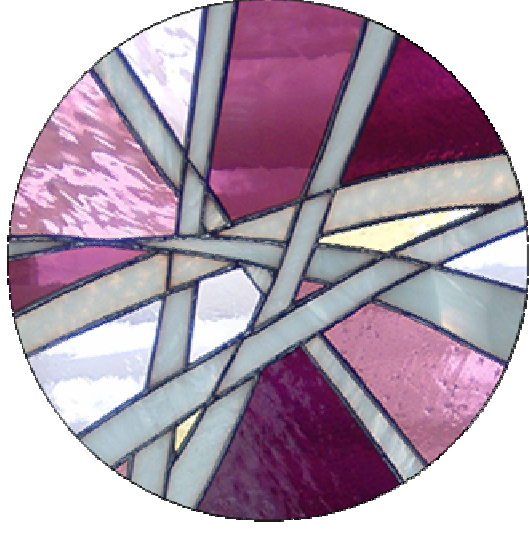
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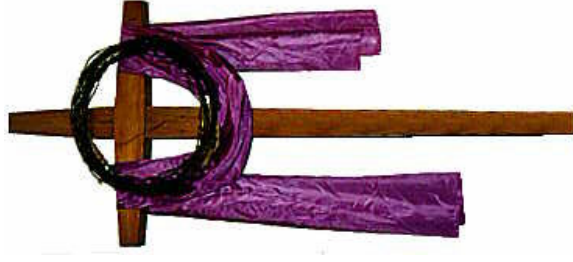
What you are holding is an organized and concentrated effort for our church community during the Lenten Season of 2008. You'll find daily scripture readings and daily activities meant to focus us as individuals and as a community on the person and passion of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Lent	Day	Date	Activity
1	Wednesday	6-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday Gathering (7:00 PM)
2	Thursday	7-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel Bible Study (7:00 PM)
3	Friday	8-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement
4	Saturday	9-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Jeremy's "Preparing to Worship"
	Sunday	10-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Gather together to Worship (11:00 AM)
5	Monday	11-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Prayer (Quincy, 7:45-8:30 AM)
6	Tuesday	12-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Fasting
7	Wednesday	13-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Prayer (Hingham, 2:00 PM)
8	Thursday	14-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel Bible Study (7:00 PM)
9	Friday	15-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement
10	Saturday	16-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Jeremy's "Preparing to Worship"
	Sunday	17-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Gathering to Worship (11:00 AM)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Gathering to Fellowship (12:15 PM)
			<input type="checkbox"/> The Remembrance (6:00 PM)
11	Monday	18-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Prayer (Quincy, 7:45-8:30 AM)
12	Tuesday	19-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Fasting
13	Wednesday	20-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Prayer (Hingham, 2:00 PM)
14	Thursday	21-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel Bible Study (7:00 PM)
15	Friday	22-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement
16	Saturday	23-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Jeremy's "Preparing to Worship"
	Sunday	24-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Gathering to Worship (11:00 AM)
17	Monday	25-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Prayer (Quincy, 7:45-8:30 AM)
18	Tuesday	26-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Fasting
19	Wednesday	27-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Prayer (Hingham, 2:00 PM)
20	Thursday	28-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel Bible Study (7:00 PM)
21	Friday	29-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement
22	Saturday	1-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Jeremy's "Preparing to Worship"
	Sunday	2-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Gathering to Worship (11:00 AM)
23	Monday	3-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Prayer (Quincy, 7:45-8:30 AM)
24	Tuesday	4-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Fasting
25	Wednesday	5-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Prayer (Hingham, 2:00 PM)
26	Thursday	6-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel Bible Study (7:00 PM)
27	Friday	7-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement
28	Saturday	8-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Jeremy's "Preparing to Worship"
	Sunday	9-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Gathering to Worship (11:00 AM)

* Please note that the "preparing to worship" readings will go out by e-mail to the North St. News list. If you are not receiving the North St. News, please send an e-mail to Pastor@northst.org letting Pastor Jeremy know.

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29	Monday	10-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Prayer (Quincy, 7:45-8:30 AM)
30	Tuesday	11-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Fasting
31	Wednesday	12-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Prayer (Hingham, 2:00 PM)
32	Thursday	13-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel Bible Study (7:00 PM)
33	Friday	14-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement
34	Saturday	15-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Jeremy's "Preparing to Worship"
	Palm	16-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Gathering to Worship (11:00 AM)
	Sunday		<input type="checkbox"/> Gathering to Fellowship (12:15 PM)
			<input type="checkbox"/> The Remembrance (6:00 PM)
35	Monday	17-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Prayer (Quincy, 7:45-8:30 AM)
36	Tuesday	18-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Fasting
37	Wednesday	19-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Prayer (Hingham, 2:00 PM)
38	Maunder	20-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study (7:00 PM)
	Thursday		<input type="checkbox"/> The Passion of the Christ (RSVP)
39	Good	21-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenebrae Gathering (7:00 PM)
	Friday		<input type="checkbox"/> The Passion of the Christ (RSVP)
40	Holy	22-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Jeremy's "Preparing to Worship"
	Saturday		<input type="checkbox"/> The Passion of the Christ (RSVP)
	Easter	23-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise Gathering (6:30 AM)
	Sunday		<input type="checkbox"/> Gathering to Worship (11:00 AM)

The Lenten Schedule

Above is the schedule for daily activities in Lent. Note that scripture readings are for every day in addition to the activities listed here (for more detailed explanations, see the other side of this paper). Note some special gatherings and activities:

- The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, February 6th, on which we will have an Ash Wednesday Gathering at 7:00 PM.
- *The Remembrance* is a worship gathering that North Street is commencing. The mood will be reflective, largely music-based, and the gathering will be focused around communion rather than the preached word (a sermon). Stay tuned for more information.
- On Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, Pastor Jeremy invites those who would like to join him in his Lenten tradition of watching the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. Due to copy-right laws and space, viewings will take place in his home, and limited to 8 people per viewing. RSVP to him by e-mail (Pastor@northst.org) or phone (781-875-1538). Please note that this movie is Rated R and graphically depicts the suffering of Christ.
- On Good Friday, March 21, we will gather for our annual Tenebrae service at 7:00 PM
- On Easter Sunday, March 23, we will gather for our annual Sunrise Service & breakfast at 6:30 AM.

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