

# the Crucifer

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## From the Rector:

In the Scripture, a 40-day-period has particular significance.

- Genesis 7 records that the rain fell upon the earth for 40 days and nights.
- Twice, Moses spent 40 days with God on Mt. Sinai before receiving the Ten Commandments.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

There is a reason Lent lasts for forty days. It is a useful season in our formation as women and men of God. How is it useful?

Medieval theologian Thomas a Kempis wrote, “There will always be many who love Christ’s heavenly kingdom, but few who will bear his cross. Many are eager to be happy with him; few wish to suffer anything for him. Many love Christ as long as they encounter no hardship; many praise and bless him as long as they receive some comfort from him.”

Lent is a season which directs us to the Cross of Christ. It is especially suitable for fasting and abstinence, for giving alms to the poor and repenting of sin.

I invite you to embrace the season as an opportunity to draw nearer to Christ. On Tuesdays throughout Lent, we will host Lenten luncheons in the nave and parish hall at noon, reflecting on developing a personal ‘Rule of Life’. On Sunday March 5, Christ Church will gather for Evensong in the nave, filling that holy space with magnificent music fitting for the season.

Throughout these forty days, I bid you to faithfully observe a Holy Lent.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin,  
Associate Rector

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.  
He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. (Matt. 4:1-2)*

Today marks the first day the season of Lent, the forty days (excluding Sundays) where we travel with Jesus into the wilderness. This season in the Church year is a public call to fasting and penitence, as we—the Body of Christ—seek to be with him where he was, alone in the wilderness. We observe the long days of Lent each year as we anticipate going down to the darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Finally, we look to the light at the end of the tunnel as we remember Christ’s glorious resurrection.

But not quite yet.

I’ve been rereading some of George Herbert’s poems. If you don’t know Herbert, he was a seventeenth-century parish priest and poet. His poems are so striking, including “*Lent*”.

He writes,

*Welcome dear feast of Lent: who loves not thee,  
He loves not Temperance, or Authority,  
But is composed of passion.  
The Scriptures bid us fast; the Church says, now:  
Give to thy Mother, what thou wouldst allow  
To ev’ry Corporation.<sup>1</sup>*

What Herbert is getting at here is this: We know our Lord calls us to fast (Matthew 6:16), and we see examples of fasts throughout Scripture, even as they are modelled in Jesus’s life. We might be disciplined and fast occasionally as individuals. But Lent makes it simple. The season is a gift, and the Church kind of prods us, “**now is a good time.**” And we enter into this season together in a kind of corporate bootcamp, where we discipline ourselves, following the leading of the Holy Spirit.

It’s easy to get Lent wrong. We can brag about fasting. We can treat it as a way to arm wrestle God in attempts to get him to do what we want. We can use it as an excuse for being grumpy. Herbert hits it on the head here too,

*Neither ought other men’s abuse of Lent  
Spoil the good use; lest by that argument  
We forfeit all our Creed.<sup>2</sup>*

In other words, we can’t let the abuse of Lent spoil it for us, or we’d lose our whole faith. Christians make a mess of it every time. Instead, we can keep the quiet discipline as individuals as a body. We can allow the Holy Spirit to form Christ in us, all the while remembering Easter is just on the horizon.

<sup>1</sup>George Herbert, *The Complete English Poems* (New York: Penguin Books, 2004), p. 79.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., 80.

Jeffrey Ford,  
Choirmaster & Organist

**LENTEN**  
*Choral Evensong*

March 5, 2023 6:00 p.m.  
Christ Church (Downtown) In the Nave

featuring  
the Chancel Choir of Christ Church  
and the UT Tyler Concert Chorale.  
Guest conductor Dr. Cameron Rose  
and Jeffrey Ford at the organ.

*Preces and Responses, Richard Ayleward*  
*Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Healey Willan*  
*Anthem: Behold The Wounds in Jesus' Hands, David Naylor*  
*Retiring Hymn: No. 24 The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended*

**Cultivating**  
**a RULE of life**

**Lenten Luncheon Series**

Noon  
Tuesdays in Lent  
Feb 28 to  
March 28

**Christ Church Downtown**  
*in the Nave*  
Followed by a light lunch.

**WHAT IS A RULE OF LIFE?**

A rule of life is a bit like a healthy living plan for the spiritual life. Just like we make plans for wellness by thinking about how we will eat, exercise, and practice mindfulness, so we can craft a tailored rule of life for our spiritual fitness.

For a Christian, a rule of life should develop and grow out of the Gospel and the faith and order of Christ's Holy Catholic Church. It will include practices that we share in common as Christians, but it can also include practices that nourish us individually. The neat thing about a rule of life is that we can shape it to fit with our current life stage and situation. A rule of life for parents with young children will look different from one for single students, or a retired couple.

A rule of life is never an end in itself, but a means of ordering one's life toward Christ. If kept for it's own sake, the a rule of life is just another installation of the Law, rather than solid but flexible scaffolding for a journey toward Jesus and his call for us.

Each week we'll look at a different aspect of rule of life, with the intent that folks would craft their own personal rule of life over the course of the Lenten series. These will include reflections from the clergy of Christ Church on:

- public worship . private devotions
- public witness . social action
- stewardship



*Praying the Rosary*

Praying the rosary will be available in the chapel at 11:30am, before each Tuesday Lenten speaking series. Using the rosary (Anglican prayer beads) encourages contemplative prayer. Touching each bead in order helps maintain focus as much as the repetition of the prayers themselves. Prayer beads are available for use. Please come 10 minutes early if you would like instruction.

**Kimber Short,**  
Director of Children's Ministry

He wore a toupee. And as I recall, it wasn't a good one. To my adolescent eye it looked like he had sprayed a dark colored powder on top to hide any spots that might've still shown through. There were some Sunday mornings when I should've been paying more attention to the sermon but instead I found myself studying his hairline wondering what would happen should he encounter a stiff wind.

The Rev. Charles F. Hood was rector of the church where I grew up. He was all business. We had EYC but there were no crawfish boils, no Mardi Gras parties, and definitely no cannons on the 4th of July! I'm not sure I can remember a time when he just let loose and had fun. But that was also a time when Episcopalians didn't "have fun" at church. Or wear open-toed shoes. Or sleeveless dresses for that matter.

But that was a different time. Today we do have fun, in church and in church-wide celebrations. People not only wear open-toed shoes, some people even wear no shoes! And while passing the peace and clapping during a service took a little while for me to become accustomed to, I wouldn't have it any other way. I love that worshiping together can be experiential! I love that in Children's Chapel when I ask kids to hold the cross for the reading of the Gospel, everyone wants a piece of it! It brings me such joy to help the kids make something together that they get to share with the whole congregation!



I developed a deep love for the traditional music and liturgy in the little church where I grew up but I wouldn't trade how Episcopalians "do church" today for anything! See you Sunday.

Kimber ♥

### CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

2/24 Vivian Mellon, 2/24 Bennett Richards, 2/27 Matthew Ward,  
2/28 Michael Peveto, 2/28 Evie Noteware, 3/1 Walt Eagleton, 3/2 Coralie Bailey,  
3/2 Henry Bailey



### GRADUATING SENIORS & PARENTS

Annually our local ECW awards a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior for higher education tuition.

Packets will be mailed to the address we have on file for each of our seniors.\* They are also available to pick up from the parish secretary.

*The deadline for applications is April 28th.*

If you have any questions please contact  
Cindy Westbrook, ECW President,  
at 903.521.5509.

Additional scholarships are awarded through  
the Diocese for female graduates. For more information go to  
[epicenter.org/ecw-vera-gang-scott-scholarship](http://epicenter.org/ecw-vera-gang-scott-scholarship)



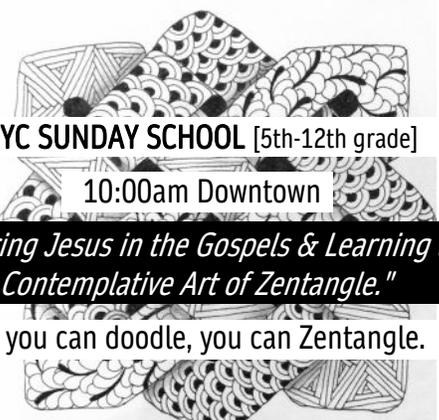
\*Parents of school age children contact the Parish Secretary to make sure we have your child's grade & address in our database: [office@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:office@christchurchtyler.org).

**EYC SUNDAY SCHOOL [5th-12th grade]**

10:00am Downtown

*"Hearing Jesus in the Gospels & Learning the Contemplative Art of Zentangle."*

If you can doodle, you can Zentangle.



# HALLELUJAH

The 19th was the last Sunday before lent. The last Sunday we say Alleluia/Hallelujah until we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

The children made an Hallelujah banner and processed with it out of the services. It will now be "buried" until Easter Sunday April 9.



**The Heart of the Faith:**  
*Essentials of Anglican Christianity*

Join Fr. David & Fr. Cole  
Sunday Morning Christian Formation

10:00am at both campuses

**Genesis**  
Bible Study with the Rector  
in beginning

Men Tuesdays  
8:00 a.m.

Women Thursdays  
10:30 a.m.

Christ Church Downtown

*Women's  
Depth Group*

1ST & 3RD WED | 6PM- 8  
CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH

**The Bob Rowlett Memorial  
Open Golf Tournament**

[www.christchurchtyler.org/golf-tournament](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/golf-tournament)

Friday, May 5, 2023  
Pine Springs Golf Club  
5630 CR 334 | Tyler, TX 75708

thanksgivings , supplications  
& fellowship

*Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:*

Lisa, Cynthia, Paul & Lucy, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Rob, Victoria, Lynda, Chaley, Stacy, Sophie, Chesley, Link, Tom, John, Mike, Mark, Linda, Dalton, Chris, Marian, Ann, Carl, Mimi, Phil, Jennifer, MB, Raymond, Arnold, Tommy, George, Pam, Julie, John, Ahmet, Randy

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Pretoria (South Africa)* | **The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Upper South Carolina & Utah Diocese of Texas: Christ Church—San Augustine & St. John's—Sealy*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list changes or additions 903.530.8168.

upcoming

Tuesdays, February 28-March 28  
11:30am **Praying the Rosary** —CCD Chapel  
Noon **Lenten Teaching Series** —CCD  
*followed by a light lunch*

Sunday, March 5 6:00pm **Lenten Choral Evensong** (see graphic)

Friday, March 10 6:00pm **Supper Club** (see graphic)

Sunday, April 2 **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 9 **Easter**



**GREEN THUMB**  
help wanted!

*garden guild*

The Downtown Campus Garden Guild is "shaking the bushes" looking for people who enjoy planting and have new ideas for the gardens. Someone with a truck for seasonal hauling, would be fantastic.

Contact Lynne Bordeaux if you are interested at 512-608-2171 or lynne0429@aol.com.

# Supper Club

Join us!



6:00pm Friday,  
Mar 10, April 14,  
May 19

contact Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186 or Stacey McKinley (903) 939-0125

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## Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,  
you may reach

The Rev. David Luckenbach, *Rector*, at 903-279-8777, or

The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168.

*You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,  
during normal business hours.*

### Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year A BCP 1979 Lectionary

**Sunday, February 26**

**Lent 1**

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17, 25—3:7

Psalm 51

Romans 5:12-19 [20-21]

Matthew 4:1-11

**Sunday, March 5**

**Lent 2**

Genesis 12:1-8

Psalm 33:12-22

Romans 4:1-5 [6-12] 13-17

John 3:1-17



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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

9:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

11:00 am ~ CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

11:05 am ~ CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

*~live-streamed [christchurchtyler.org](http://christchurchtyler.org)*

### **CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES**

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to be recognized as a joyful,  
spirit-filled community of  
apostles reaching out and  
transforming lives for Christ.*