

The Lenten Cross

Made from the trunk of a Christmas tree, the Lenten Cross reminds u of God’s love given to us through the birth of Christ. Throughout Lent we add symbols to the cross. On Easter Sunday we decorate the cross with flowers representing those we would like to remember at this time. The cross will be transformed from a symbol of death into a symbol of new life.

As we are not able to join in worship during Lent and partake in this liturgy together the cross has been erected in the window of All Saints as a witness to those who pass by. The symbols will be added week by week along with a poster displaying the words of the liturgy. This will also be shared in our notices each week along with a photograph of the cross so that we can make this journey through Lent together.

Last week was the **First Sunday in Lent** and as we thought about Jesus enduring the temptations in the wilderness and his decision to put his trust in God of the covenant rather than take the easy or even sensible way, we placed stones at the foot of our Lenten Cross.

Mark 1:11-12

And a voice came from heaven. “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beast; and the angels waited on him.

Prayer

Father God, help us not so much to focus on what we ‘give up’ this Lent as on how much we ‘give in’ to your ways. Amen.



This week is the **Second Sunday in Lent** and we place a red ribbon round the Lenten Cross as we remember that the call upon Jesus and upon us is not an easy one – it is costly and often counter cultural.

Mark 8:34-35

If anyone want to follow me he must first forget about himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it but whoever is willing to lose his life for my sake and the Gospel will be saved.

Prayer

Most holy God, give us the desire to reject evil no matter how profitable or popular it appears, to seek to do the right thing even though it costs us dearly. Amen

