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Lent 2026

Filled to the brim with intensity of experience.

Life is full on. 2026 has swept us into a world of upset. Crisis abounds.

Headlines preaching despair. Neighbours treated like enemies. Strength confused with domination. Authority mistaken for violence. Power that has forgotten its purpose.

The ashes of our lives.

Lent draws us into this undeniable reality. Prompts us to notice it. To feel it. To ponder our part in it. To find God, even in the darkness.

Lent calls us into the chaos of the other. Out of our numbness into solidarity with the suffering of the world.*

And there, amid conflict, division and struggle, we are called to do, and to be, the living mercy of God. To make good as Jesus made good.

Lent calls us to arise from the ashes. To love the world into a new way of being. To forge hope from our despair. To become instruments of mercy. To be people of the resurrection.

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Weeks of Lent 2026 Year A

Consider the themes and readings for each week of Lent. What do they teach us about ashes and chaos?

What do they teach us about mercy and resurrection?

Temptations of Christ

Creation and Fall
Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Sin and Grace
Romans 5:12-19

Temptations
Matthew 4:1-11

Transfigurations of Christ

Call of Abraham
Genesis 12:1-4

Our Call to Holiness
2 Timothy 1:8-10

Transfiguration
Matthew 17:1-9

Living Water

Waters of Despair
Exodus 17:3-7

God's Love for Us
Romans 5:1-2, 2:5-8

Samaritan Woman
John 4:5-42

Darkness to Light

Anointing of David
Samuel 16:1:6-7, 10-13

Children of the Lights
Ephesians 5:8-14

Man Born blind
John 9:1-41

Death to Life

My Spirit in You
Ezekiel 37:12-14

Spirit Dwells in You
Romans 8:8-11

Raising of Lazarus
John 11:1-45

Passion Sunday

I Did Not Cover My Face Against Insult
Isaiah 50:4-7

He Humbled Himself to Become Like Us
Philippians 2:6-11

The Passion Account
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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