

2 ways to observe a holy Lent in 2012

In a matter of days Lent will begin (Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22, 2012). We'll once again hear these words: "I invite you ... in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (p. 265, BCP)

One Way to observe a holy Lent

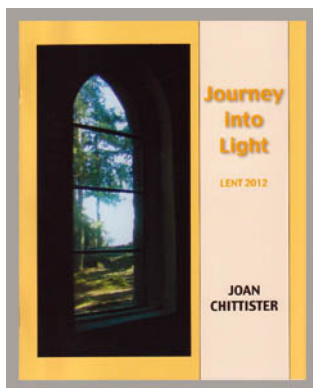
Beginning with Ash Wednesday come to the 10am Service of Holy Communion. The Ash Wednesday Service will be in the sanctuary and include the imposition of ashes. On the remaining Wednesdays of Lent the Service of Holy Communion will be in the St. Margaret's Chapel and will include prayers and anointing for healing for those who come forward.

A Second Way to observe a holy Lent

Come; join me in a Lenten Study entitled **Journey into Light** prepared by Joan Chittister, a Benedictine nun (a prolific writer, considered by many to be a "Living Spiritual Teacher"). This will be an opportunity for you (and me) to "read and meditate on God's holy Word." Our group will meet in the Meyers' Classroom (across from the Chapel) at 11am every Wednesday of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday.

My hope, of course, is that you can join in both the Service of Holy Communion and in the study. Recognizing the tight schedules many of us keep, I urge you, at minimum, to engage in at least one of these during Lent: come to the Service as part of a Lenten discipline or come to the study as part of a Lenten discipline. Come join me in the pews and/or in the study. ~*dan rondeau*

Our Lenten Meditation:



*Christians are not people of the cross.
Christians are people of the empty tomb
who know that every step
on the way to light
is Light.
—Joan Chittister*

REFLECTIONS BY JOAN CHITTISTER

- on the Sunday gospels of Lent and Easter
- on the daily scriptures of the 40 days of Lent
- Discussion questions for each week
- Photo meditation for each week

A bonus this year: We'll supplement Joan's meditations with the meditations shared by our St. Margaret's parishioners this Lent.