

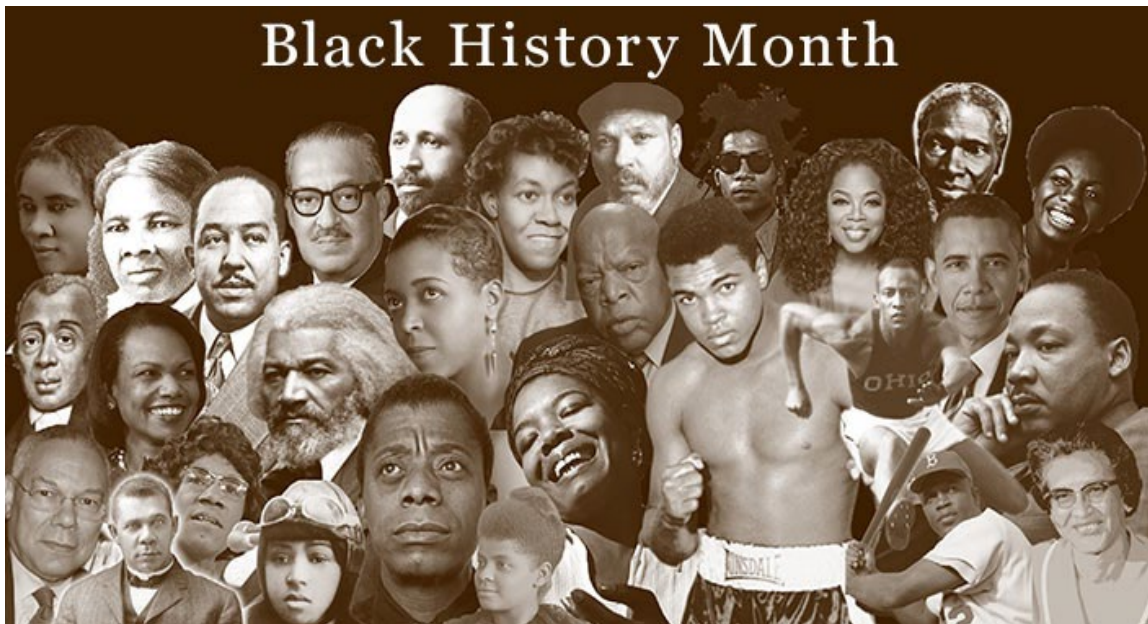
SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Celebrating 154 Years of ministry in Columbia, South Carolina

*The Mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to spread the Word
and share the love of God with all people.*

Black History Month



The First Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 22, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector

Mr. Leonard Gordon, Supply Organist

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

NATIONAL THEME:

A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS

Vestry Theme for 2026

Reset to the New Normal: The Work Continues

Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

{To become} a vibrant self-sustaining institution that serves and respects the spiritual, social, and physical needs of our community and congregation, while preserving the history of the church.

Quiet Please: Please be mindful of others as you enter the church before the service. Upon entering the nave, there should be a period of quiet and reverence as many parishioners are in prayer and or meditation.

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**PARISH LENTEN THEME:
“GIVE ME A CLEAN HEART”**

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church



It is the parish custom to observe silence prior to the start of the Eucharist. Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord, during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

We invite you to join us as an active participant in our worship of God. This bulletin is your guide to our worship. You will find three books in front of you that contain most of the material needed for this service; *The Book of Common Prayer* [BCP], *The Hymnal 1982* [H], and *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II* [L]. [S] denotes service music which is found in the front of the hymnal.

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

**At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

Prelude “Nobody Knows De Trouble I’ve Seen” Spiritual
arr. Chester Nordman

Introit “Oh! Freedom” Negro Spiritual

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H • 688 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Ein feste Burg*

The Opening Acclamation✠



Bless the Lord who for-gives all our sins.



His mer-cy en-dures for ev-er.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie

from The Cochran Mass

Priest *Andante* *Choir* *cresc.* *f*

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

dim.

mer - cy, O Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy... Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

The Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The people sit.*

The Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

**The antiphon is sung first by the Cantor and then by all; thereafter where indicated.*



Hap - py are they whose trans -
gress - sions are for - giv - en;
and whose sin is put a - way.



A B

B2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there is no guile! [Antiphon]

A3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,*
because of my groaning all day long.

B4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. [Antiphon]

A5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,*
and did not conceal my guilt.

B6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."*
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. [Antiphon]

A7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

B8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. [Antiphon]



A9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

B10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you." [Antiphon]

A11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

B12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. [Antiphon]

The Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 446 “Praise to the Holiest in the Height” *Newman*

The Lenten Gospel Acclamation Prendergast; Sullivan

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Praise to you Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!
Alt. Ref.: Praise and glo - ry to you O Christ, to - day and for - ev - er!

“One does not live on bread alone;
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” (*Mt. 4:4*)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Priest ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Introduction of the Guest Speaker

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford

Black History Address

The Rev. Marie Carmel Chery
Dean of St. Philip's Chapel & Spiritual Engagement
Voorhees University

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

✠ "Give to the departed eternal rest."

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP 360

✠ "pardon and deliver you from all your sins ..."

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Fr. Raphiell+

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Fr. Raphiell+



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“I Am Bound for the Kingdom”

arr. Lloyd Larson

At the Presentation of Alms

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorrex

**All standing*

(Gloria Patri)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

8

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." The score ends with a double bar line and the number 8.

Sanctus et Benedictus

Setting: from *Deutsche Messe*

Franz Schubert



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ “Blessed is he ...”

**After the Sanctus, the people kneel or stand.*

The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) L. 264

Alfred Hay Malotte

**The priest intones the Pater Noster (Our Father).*

The Breaking of the Bread (The Fraction)

**A period of brief silence is kept.*

The Fraction Anthem

Marilyn Haskel

You shall eat and drink at my ta - ble says the Lord. You shall

The first system of musical notation for 'The Fraction Anthem'. It consists of a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'You shall eat and drink at my ta - ble says the Lord. You shall'.

eat and drink at my ta - ble in my king-dom. You shall eat and drink at my

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'eat and drink at my ta - ble in my king-dom. You shall eat and drink at my'.

ta - ble says the Lord. We are blessed to be called to the sup-per of the Lamb.

The third system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The melody ends with a double bar line in the treble clef, and the bass line also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'ta - ble says the Lord. We are blessed to be called to the sup-per of the Lamb.'

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

1.
world: have mer- cy, have mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sins of the world: have mer- cy on us, have

2.
mer - cy on us. world: grant us peace.

Priest ✠ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

- *All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and those who do not desire to receive Communion may come to the Altar rail to receive God's blessing.*
- *An usher will direct you to approach the Altar for Communion or a blessing. Please kneel, if you are able, at the Altar Rail.*
- *To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed and facing up.*
- *To receive the consecrated wine, please guide the chalice to your lips as it is offered. However, if you prefer, you may leave the consecrated bread in your palm and the Chalice bearer will intinct the host into the wine and place it on your tongue. **Please do not personally intinct the host into the chalice.***
- *If you desire to receive the Sacrament but are not able to come to the Altar rail, please notify an usher and the Priest and Chalice bearer will bring the Sacrament to you.*

The Music at Communion

H • 574

“Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel”

St. Petersburg

L • 147

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

Sammuel Webbe

L • 170

“Yield not to Temptation”

Horatio R. Palmer

The Post Communion Hymn H599/L•01

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

J. Rosamond Johnson

A Solemn Prayer Over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel or sit.

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

**All kneel as able or sit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no-one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn in Procession H•448 “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Deus tuorum militum

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Orgelstück in F Major”

J.C.H. Rinck

*It is the custom of this parish to kneel or remain seated in prayer and reflection during the Organ Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

Parish Fellowship is sponsored by the Special Events Committee.
Please join us in Grffin Hall for the Black History Food Fest.

INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion Cokley, Jackson Cokley, Patricia Cokley, Byron Eaddy, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Tia Hicks, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Mary McLemore, Marie Martin, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Jay’ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker
- **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...** High School Winter Retreat
- **Birthdays...** Peyton Parker-Smith
- **Anniversaries...**
- **Births...**
- **Deaths...**
- **Traveling Mercies...** Steven & Deadra Bowden
- **Confirmands...** Kennedy Johnson, Nadia Muhammad

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

The Old Testament Lector

Cynthia Parker Reed

The Gospel Book Bearer

Paulette Parker-Smith

Intercessor

Rachel Hall

Crucifers

Jaylen Caldwell
Herman Hickman

Thurifer & Boat Bearer

Levi Johnson, Jr.

Torch Bearers

DeNell Hickman
Kennedy Johnson

Videographer

Joni James

Cantors

Samuel Oronce
Angela Blalock
Madeline Macry

The Epistoler

Patwin Lawrence

Server

DeNell Hickman

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Paulette Parker-Smith

Oblation Bearers

Jean Indriago
Chris Evans

Ushers

Beverly Ray
Joseph Ray
Ronald Turner

Security

Terrell McCombs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECHEDULED...The visit from Dr. Todd Walker, Superintendent of Richland School District One is in the process of being rescheduled. It was canceled due to the inclement weather.

ST. LUKE'S ENDOWMENT FUND...Please consider giving a donation on your birthday and/or anniversary of \$1 per year. Donations to the Endowment Fund will help to secure the future of St. Luke's. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

EASTER LILIES...Help us to decorate the church for the Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day by purchasing a lily or lilies to adorn the Nave and Narthex. **The price per plant is \$15. Please see Corliss Wise or DeNell Hickman to place your order. Orders will be accepted between 2/15-3/15.** If there is a dedication to go with your purchase please contact the parish office by phone, email, or in person.

155th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST LUKE'S DAY...Our beloved parish will be 155 years old on May 21st. We will observe this anniversary on the Feast of Saint Luke Sunday, October 18th. Each parishioner is asked to give \$155 in celebration for the anniversary. If you think of it monthly, between now and October, it breaks down to roughly \$17.22 per month.

MORNING PRAYER/ANTE COMMUNION SERVICE... If you would like to learn how to lead these services or any of the other Daily Offices, please contact the Rector. The bishop has mandated that persons leading these services must be trained by their priest and licensed by the bishop. I would like to hold the training in Lent.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD...If you have a desire to serve in the Church in a certain capacity, please contact the Rector. If you are not sure what you calling is, contact the Rector for a one on one so that the two of you might discover your gifts and talents.

PASTORAL CARE...The Rector is always available for pastoral care, but you must inform him of your need. This also includes needs for home blessings, anointing and confession.

CONFIRMATION/REAFFIRMATION/RECEPTION... Anyone desiring the Rite of Confirmation, Reaffirmation, or Reception into the Episcopal Church is asked to contact the Rector. Confirmation classes will be held during the Lenten season. Classes will be held on Saturdays @ 11:00am . This Saturday, March 7th is the last day to join the class.

SECURITY.... Parishioners, in light of recent events in our nation and city, the importance of security cannot be taken lightly. Please consider giving a donation for Security so that we may be proactive ant not reactive.

ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND...Your contributions are always appreciated and needed more than ever. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers & instrumentalists for our Sunday services as well as special services: funerals, weddings, etc. It is because of your continued generous contributions that we are able present glorious choral & instrumental music to the glory of God. Please consider contributing towards this fund.

FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR OF SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

FEBRUARY	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
22 nd (Sunday)	The First Sunday in Lent The Holy Eucharist: Rite II Guest Speaker: The Reverend Marie Carmel Chery Dean of Chapel and Spiritual Engagement & Vicar of St. Philip's Episcopal Church at Voorhees University	10:00am-11:30am Nave Black History Food Fest Griffin Hall 12:00pm
	Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Nave
23 rd (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	Lenten Tea Sponsored by the ECW (Episcopal Church Women)	5:30pm-7:00pm Griffin Hall
24 th (Tuesday)		
	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm-7:30pm Griffin Hall
25 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Chancel
26 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
27 th (Friday)	Rector's Spiritual Day: Sermon Prep, Pastoral Care, Self-Care, etc.	
28 th (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	12:00noon-1:00pm Griffin Hall, distributed at the door

SERMON/MESSAGE NOTES/REFLECTIONS/QUESTIONS

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Gospel Acclamation

from *Oregon Catholic Press*

Service music

Opening Acclamation, *Sursum corda, Sanctus, &*

The Lord's Prayer; Permission by RiteSong online music library for one-time use of this material for congregational use.

Memorial Acclamation

Words from the liturgy for Holy Communion Music *We Shall Overcome* Spiritual, setting by Dean B McIntyre

Kyrie, The Great Amen, & Agnus Dei

from The Cochran Mass, courtesy of the Rev. Jemonde Taylor Rector, St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

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LITURGY NOTES

LENT

Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited “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” (BCP, p. 265).

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“The Episcopal Church is a secret too well kept. Many are starved for what we experience daily and too easily take for granted. Invite others to come to your parish to experience this joy.”

Louie Crew, author of *101 Reasons to be Episcopalian*