

United Lenten Devotions 2020

The Way of Love

The United Lenten Devotions Wednesday night series begins March 4th. This year, we will once again center our reflections on five of the elements of “The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life.” (<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/document/life-transformed-way-love-lent-adult-forum-curriculum>). This framework combines elements of the Way of Love with readings and prayers from the Easter Vigil as a frame for preparation for living as Christian Disciples. We will be using fellowship, Scripture, and community reflection to explore how these elements of the Way of Love can deepen our relationships with each other and the communities around us. This year we are excited to have lay people lead the time of reflection! We hope that having lay-led reflections inspires us all to be bolder about sharing our faith in our day to day lives. Please join us! Dinner is at 6:00 pm, with the liturgy beginning at 7:00 pm.

Please note the following dates and locations:

Date & Way of Love Theme	Location	Scriptures/ Easter Vigil Theme
March 4 th Turn	St. Augustine St. Martin 31 Lenox St, Roxbury	Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 36:5-10
March 11 th Pray	St. Mark’s 73 Columbia Rd, Dorchester	Israel’s Deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-15:1 Psalm 105:23-43
March 18 th Learn	St. Cyprian’s 1073 Tremont St, Roxbury	Learn Wisdom and Live Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-31; 9:4b-6 Psalm 1
March 25 th Bless	Roxbury-Presbyterian 328 Warren St, Roxbury	A New Heart and a New Spirit Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42:1-7
April 1 st Rest	St. Mary’s 14 Cushing Ave, Dorchester	The Valley of Dry Bones Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 30
April 8 th Holy Week	St. John St. James 31 Lenox St, Roxbury	Holy Week Tenebrae

Prayers For United Lenten Devotions 2020

Turn

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, p. 254)

Pray

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, p. 289)

Learn

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, p. 236)

Bless

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, pp. 290-291)

Rest

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, p. 291)