

Lent and Easter Resources at the Resource Center

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Studies

A Clearing Season Reflections for Lent by Sarah Parsons An invitation for readers to look within and develop an approach to the Lenten journey that is authentic, fresh, and relevant. Includes reflection questions, group exercises and list of Lenten practices.

A Journey to Understanding by Alternatives Packet includes Lenten calendar for children, calendar for adults, reflection on Gospel texts for Year C, and an alternative Easter celebration.

Alive to God in Jesus Christ by Joseph Small 40 Daily Readings for the Purposeful Presbyterian with a small group study guide.

Behold His Cross Lent 2002 by Paul E. Stoble 7 sessions on the lectionary text that leads the participant from immature to mature faith as they examine the power of Christ crucified. Includes leader' guide.

Behold the Lamb of God by Simon Peter Iredale A 7 session lectionary Bible study that will lead participants through 3 gardens. Includes leader's guide and student book.

Called to Life, Called to Love by Henri Nouwen Composed of reflections from the book, Bread for the Journey.

Calmly Plotting the Resurrection by Donna Schaper A daily guide for a journey through Lent with weekly themes of Where are We Going?, Are We There Yet?, Are We Lost?, Parabolic Thinking, What is Enough Resurrection?, Rising, Risen.

Celebrating Lent/ Easter 1994 - 97 by Janet and Michael Brewer This 7 session course will provide a deeper understanding of the seasons of Lent and Easter. It is suitable for youth, broadly graded or intergenerational use.

Chocolat DVD Chocolat is a film about a woman who has a chocolate shop in an old-fashioned French town. The confections inspire the villagers to abandon themselves to temptation and happiness. Another stranger arrives in town and finally the shopkeeper finalizes her own desires. Accompanies book Chocolate for Lent. Also a Lenten study based on the movie Chocolat.

Come to the Cross by John Indermark A 7 session Bible study based on the lectionary for Year B. Leader's guide and student booklet.

Dateline Jerusalem by Martyn Lewis 8 15 minute segments cover the "Awkward Squad", rebel Rabbi accused, Disident Rabbi Challenged, Exclusive Evidence of Blasphemy, Governor Pilate Arrives, Dissident Rabbi Executed, Uneasy Calm in Jerusalem, Jesus Movement Reports Sightings VIDEO

Destination Easter! by Kathy Hershman Lenten programs and practices for youth. Handouts included on a disk.

Did Christians Invent Judas? by John Shelby Spong Spong wonders if Christians invented Judas to transfer blame for Jesus' death from the Romans to the Jews some time in the last half of the first century. VIDEO

Discovering the Empty Tomb The story follows Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his resurrection on Easter morning. Host David Mead explains the action and poses questions in a fresh way. VIDEO

Dying to Live by James Harnish Seven session study on atonement with questions for individual or group reflection.

Easter from the Back Side by J. Ellsworth Kalas The author looks beyond the traditional Gospel stories to connect the story of Christ's resurrection with other stories and scriptures throughout the Bible. Includes discussion guide.

Final Gift by B. Arbor Scripture, art, photos and contemporary discussion of the meaning of the stations of the cross to help us discern God's call for us.

From Calvary to Victory by Susan K Williams Smith A focus on the personal journey we take during Lent. Through reflections, scripture readings, and study questions, Smith addresses such issues as your personal cross, suffering for a new self, crucifixion to a risen self.

From Sacrifice to Celebration: A Lenten Journey by Evan Drake Howard In a high tech society people are haunted by a wilderness within. It is a place of loneliness, self-doubt and temptation. People must rely on faith and grace to see them through. Each chapter is based on a Gospel text about a person's journey.

Gospelled Lives by John Indermark Meet New Testament individual who heard Jesus speak a word about their life. This 6 week study is for small group or individuals.

Jesus' Resurrection: Then and Now by Tom Wright 6 sessions - The Historical Jesus, The Resurrected Messiah, Jewish Understanding of Resurrection, Paul's Understanding of Resurrection, Gospel Writer's Understanding of Resurrection, and Jesus' Resurrection Today.

Jesus, the Final Days by Craig Evans Evans and NT. Wright discern historically what really did happen in Jesus' final days.

Lent 2004 The Way of the Cross by John Hargis A 7 week study from Luke on the way of the cross.

Lent 2005 Savior on a Cross by David Kalas 7 sessions look at the image of the cross, why the symbol is appropriate for God's good news, God's sacrifice, God's love. Leader's Guide and Student Book.

Lent by Megan McKenna Reflections and stories on daily readings which show us how to imitate Jesus today.

Lenten Lunches: Reflections on Weekday Readings... by Daniel Pilarczyk Short reflections offered over the lunch hour for busy people.

Let This Cup pass From Me by Charles T. Rush, Jr. Lenten reflections based on Matthew with a theme of the humanity of Jesus. Contains questions for reflection.

Life in His Name by Elaine Ward This pamphlet contains a Scripture and meditation suggestion from the Gospel of John for the days of Lent.

Living with the Mind of Christ by James Harnish Each of 7 lessons includes Scripture, reflection questions and prayer.

Miriam's Sisters Rejoice by Diane Neu A telling of the Passover story from the feminist perspective of Christian and Jewish women. It tells the story of women's journey from oppression to liberation.

Mission: Easter by Todd Outcalt 10 sessions for youth on Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

On a Friday Noon by Hans-Ruedi Weber An illustrated devotional book, artists depict what happened the day Jesus was crucified. The text is from Scripture, liturgies, hymns, poems. The art is from Byzantine to 20th century times.

On the Road Again by James Moore Some of Jesus' most powerful experiences happened on the road. This 7 session study on faith journey includes Scripture, reading, questions, and prayer.

One Who Was There by Suzy Loftis In 64 AD, a weary woman, waiting for Jesus return, sets out from Jerusalem to Galilee and is transformed along the way by 2nd generation Christians. As

- she looks back on her life, she realizes the possibility of new beginnings. VIDEO
- Out of Easter, The Gospels by Jean Hall Teaches methods and skills for reading the Gospels. An introduction to forms: parable narrative, sayings, images. Leader's guide and student book.
- Passage Through Sacred History by Don Skinner Lenten reflections for individuals and groups based on Scripture from Abram and Sarai to the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Radical Renovation: Living the Cross-shaped Life by James Harnish A seven session study which may allow God to reshape people's lives in order to live into the likeness of Jesus. Each session includes Scripture reference, reflection, questions for discussion, prayer.
- Reading the Gospel with Jewish Eyes by John Shelby Spong The events of Jesus' life seem to closely follow an orderly cycle of Jewish feasts and rites of passage not so much memory, biography or history.
- Resurrection by Rowan Williams Shows how the experience of Jesus' resurrection was from the first an experience of forgiveness and of the healing of memories of injury, guilt or failure. It allows a new understanding of God.
- Synago Hope at the Cross by Anne Broyles 16 sessions for students or adults to lead for youth to strengthen their faith and build community. 1.5 hour sessions include socializing, opening, warm-up, topic talk, word search, reflect and respond, wrap-up, celebrations and concerns and closing.
- The Common People :Heard Him Gladly by James Moore A 7 session study about why did Jesus resonate with the common folks and how did he communicate so deeply.
- The Death and Resurrection of Jesus by Marcus Borg Borg directs the viewer away from doctrine to a relationship through Jesus with God. 6 - 20 min. sessions include What happened good Friday? What happened at Easter, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is the way, Jesus as sacrifice, Jesus, God's Love revealed. VIDEO
- The Golgotha Earthquake by Paul Servier An examination of 3 texts on the crucifixion and the continuing relevance of the event at Golgotha.
- The Last Days of Jesus by Francois Bovon Looking at the passion narratives of the four Gospels and Peter, Bovon shows that the stories are reflections of the perspectives of those who wrote them.
- The Passion and Death of Jesus by John P. Gilbert A 7 session study of the most difficult period of Jesus' life: what we know as Holy Week. Includes study helps and reflection questions.
- The Pre-Easter Jesus by Marcus Borg A sketch of Jesus is drawn with five broad strokes, each of which identifies a central characteristic of Jesus : the ecstatic, healer, wisdom teacher, prophet and movement initiator. VIDEO
- The Passover Seder by Emily Sper A touch, turn, open and learn story of the Jewish Seder.
- The Resurrected Life 4 part VIDEO offers practical insight into the transformational aspects of the Resurrection on a personal, intimate level that can affect profound changes in individual lives.
- The Resurrection of Jesus: Hoax or History? by Gerd Ludemann Ludemann offers his honest answer to the questions about the resurrection. VIDEO
- The Risen Savior by Philip Bence 7 session study on gospels of Mark and John about faith.
- The Servant King by Paula Clifford Reflections for Lent using images from artists around the world, reflections and prayers.
- The Seven Next Words of Christ by Shane Stanford The author breathes life into the Easter faith with his exploration of the Seven Next Words of Christ full of resurrection surprise and vitality. Includes study guide.
- and Pray Lent 2006 by Lee Franklin A Lenten study based on the revised common lectionary.
- Watching the Disciples by Mary Jane Gorman Learn from the mistakes of the disciples and assess one's own discipleship. Join the 12 in on-the-job training. 7 sessions with study guide.
- What Color is Your Lent? by Theresa Cotter The author suggest innovative ways to bring about transformation during Lent focusing on colors and their symbolic meanings. A practical list of doable Lenten projects are included for each color.
- Why Jesus Gave His Life for Us A simple retelling of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, plus the meaning for our lives today.
- Wilderness Wanderings by Marilyn Oden A spiritual pilgrimage through Lent discovering the inward spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, silence, scripture reading, solitude and outward disciplines of simplicity, study and service.
- Windows Into Light by Michael Sullivan A Lenten journey of 10 windows with stories and art, exercises and soul questions.
- To Walk With Jesus by Roberta Parker Martin A guide through Lent for personal reflection, renewal, and healing.
- Worship**
- A Seder of the Sisters of Sarah by Ronnie Levin This includes a script of a Passover meal from a feminist perspective.
- Abingdon Worship Photos Vol 3 Lent and Easter by Jim & Mary Whitmer Images of God's redemptive grace through the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ.
- Bread and Wine Readings for Lent and Easter by C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, Philip Yancey, Fred Buechner, Madeleine L'Engle, Henri Nowen and others.
- Bread of Life by Barbara Essex Lenten reflections for individuals or groups based on the "I Am" statements of Jesus.
- Breathing New Life into Lent by Robert Stowe A collection of worship resources: prayers, litanies, sermon ideas.
- Breathing New Life into Lent Vol.3 by John Pritchard, Jr. A collection of worship prayers, litanies, sermon resources.
- Celebrating Holy Week in a Post Holocaust World by Henry Knight Practical prayers, liturgies, and resource material to help pastors prepare for and lead worship and teach during Lent.
- Christ's Journey and Yours by Martin Marty Lenten devotions based on Mark plus one other reading for each day.
- Easter Services Sermons and Prayers by Kenneth Carter Jr. Creative liturgies, sermon helps, and prayers for Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and the 40 days of Easter.
- Holy Week Book by Eileen Elizabeth Freeman Historical background, liturgical theology, creative ideas, example services, original poetry, music, mime and dance, children's celebrations.
- Holy Week by Ken Taylor This kit contains a planning guide, activity leaflets, a resource book, and sound sheets. Holy Week in reenacted through a 6 session event. Intergenerational plans included.
- Hosanna A Spiritual Journey through Holy Week by Carol J. Miller A 5 session spiritual journey through Holy Week. Teacher's guide on CD along with background information from the author.
- Hurray For God by John Buttrey Easter reading and worship service.
- Igniting Worship 40 Days with Jesus by Leith Anderson 10 unique and complete acts of worship for the Lenten and Easter. Includes DVD video clips plus calls to worship, prayers, benedictions, drama around a Scripture and theme..
- Journey to the Cross by Myra Nagel Lenten reflections for individuals or groups based on the Gospel of Mark.
- Let Justice Roll Down by Geoffrey Duncan Worship resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
- Let Us Break Bread Together by Michael Smith A Passover haggadah for Christians.

Listening at Golgotha by Peter Storey Meditation on the seven last words of Christ with a reflective questions and prayer.

Living the Beatitudes: Daily Reflections for Lent by L Arche
Community Reflections on how people live the Beatitudes in their daily life.

Love Unknown by John Barton Twelve meditations of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Meditation on the Cross by Edgar Cook A dance drama of the crucifixion, a sermon in symbolic movement for seven men and three women for Good Friday.

Meditations on the Way of the Cross by Mother Teresa Reflections on each of the 14 stations of the cross.

Order for Footwashing

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services by Robin Wallace Provides 3 options for Palm Sunday, 6 services for Holy Thursday, 3 for Good Friday.

Paschal Season by Paul Bosch Worship resources for 3 years.

Passover Celebration by Rabbi Leon Klenicki Celebration to allow congregations to make story of Passover their own. Includes liturgy, music, explanations.

Passover Haggadah A Seder service in English and Hebrew.

Prayer Trail by Charles Olsen Stations of the Cross based on the symbols of the Presbyterian Symbol.

Prayers for Lent, Easter and Pentecost by Donna Schaper 110 poems, prayers and meditations with fresh images for the seasons of Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

Praying With The Word by David Haas A book of daily prayers based on Scripture.

Resurrection Rain by Arthur Fogartie A collection of meditations for the Easter Season presented in story sermon format.

Resurrection: Keeping Jesus in Sight by Daryl Schmidt Schmidt makes sense of the various versions of the Resurrection by examining relevant texts for historical traces and exposing the often striking differences among the various reports of the Resurrection.

Seven Words to the Cross by Ellsworth Kalas Each study offers a Scripture, a personal reading, and questions for reflection for each Sunday in Lent.

Stages on the Way by Graham Maule Litanies, meditations, monologues, poems, prayers, readings, scripts and symbolic actions from the Iona Community.

Symbols of Sacrifice, Year 3 by Richard J. Hull For each week of Lent a symbol, Bible verse, explanation, and prayer is given for worship.

The Scriptures, the Cross and the Power of God by Tom Wright Reflections of Scriptures for Holy Week.

Woman Church Celebrations by Diann Neu Feminist liturgies for the Lenten Season which include Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, The Easter Vigil, including feminist music, poetry, readings, and bibliography.

Worship Blueprints by Karen Walhof A guide to planning midweek Lenten worship. Resources for symbols, music, the themes, reclaiming baptism to allow a planning committee to plan a special emphasis.

Worship Services for Lent Calls to worship, prayers, litanies, benedictions for the 3 year liturgical cycle.

The Supper of the Lord by Deborah Baker A Maunday Thursday/Good Friday re-enactment for 14 speaking and several non-speaking roles that give insight into the lives of those who sat at the table.

Stories for Children - Adults

Barrington Bunny A lonely rabbit meets a mysterious silver wolf who teaches him about his uniqueness and self-worth.

Barrington saves the life a tiny field mouse frozen in a winter storm. VIDEO

Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco A story of acceptance, trust, love, and children preparing a surprise for an older woman.

Easter Promise The Easter Promise weaves together the story of Jerem's search for truth and the magnificent Easter story.

Jesus is Risen by Rolf Krenzer A story of Jesus' death, resurrection and appearances for children.

Kingdom Under the Sea Splash and Coral wait for the return of the whale King. The great whale sacrifices himself to save his school of fish, but later returns when the breath of life is given to him.

Kiri and the First Easter by Carol Greene Story for children based on Luke 23:18-24:11; Kiri was present and greatly saddened by Jesus' death. He learned Jesus changed death when he rose and now lives on.

Mr. Pascal by Alison De Vere A cobbler pines for happier years past. He takes Jesus from the cross and the revived Christ welcomes the street people. Mr. Pascal dreams that the tree of life sprouts from the ashes of his church yard fire. The messages of hope are timeless. VIDEO

My Favorite Family Haggadah by Shari Donahue A fun, interactive Passover service for children and their families.

Nanny and Isaiah: Easter Today, Easter Forever by Carol Greene Nanny and Isaiah have the best Easter ever! VIDEO

One Morning in Joseph's Garden by Barbara Younger A retelling of the resurrection story.

Phos: The Light A classic story about the life-style of a Greek village preparing for the Easter celebration and the anxieties of a fatherless boy VIDEO

The Last Leaf by O'Henry This parable tells a hopeful story of renewed faith. A young girl dying of pneumonia watches a leaf from her bed. An old French painter dreams of painting a masterpiece and finally paints one. VIDEO

The Legend of the Donkey's Cross by Judy Buck-Glenn The legend says that before Jesus died, donkeys were just plain gray. Ever since, some donkeys have had a cross on their backs.

The Proud Tree by Luane Roche The Story of the crucifixion through the eyes of a wise-cracking tree, Rex. When the proud Rex becomes the cross of Christ, he learns a valuable lesson in humility from the gentle Jesus. VIDEO

The Story of Benjamin Burro This donkey carried Jesus in the procession on Palm Sunday. Through the puppet's eyes, we follow Jesus through His last days. VIDEO

The Story of Easter Return to Jerusalem to witness Jesus' triumphal entrance and conclude with Jesus' ascension in the miracle of resurrection.

The Wall What may have happened in time leading up to crucifixion, to the thieves VIDEO

They Were There by Roy Barlag Twelve Biblical people tell their story in first person. VIDEO

Activities

Advent & Lent Activities for Children by Sheila Kielly An explanation of the symbols, traditions, and customs around Advent and Lent.

Before and After Easter by Debbie Trafton O'Neal Activities, crafts, service projects, reflection ideas and suggestions for family worship.

Celebrate Easter by Kelly Riley Collection of stories, projects, activities, songs, bulletin boards, Easter musical.

Celebrate Easter by Susan Jordan Songs, games, simple crafts, dot-to-dots for young children.

Creative Ideas for Lent by Robert Davidson Programs, stories, worship, drama.

Easter A-Z: Bible Crafts, Games and Puzzles by Dee Leone For ages 7-11, this reproducible resource contains ideas for bulletin boards, booklets, activity sheets, puzzles, games.

Easter Bulletin Boards by Judy Hartwig Simple, reproducible ideas for bulletin boards, card, mobiles, murals, foods, gifts, banners, window decorations, and more.

Easter for 50 Days by Bernard Maxwell Ideas for celebrations that will renew, inspire, and revitalize the congregation's awareness of the unique promise held by the 50 days of Easter.

Family Celebrations at Easter by Ann Hibbard A book of devotions and activities for families through Lent and Easter. It includes a Passover Seder and a Christian Seder.

Family Countdown to Easter by Debbie Tafton O'Neal A day by day celebration beginning with Mardi Gras and ending on Easter Sunday. Crafts, recipes, activities and information for families.

Family Nights for Lent/Easter by T. & M Reilly Eight sessions to enable families to learn about Lent/Easter.

Fifty Ways for Fifty Days by Phyllis Wezeman Activities based on the themes of Jesus' resurrection, Jesus' appearances, the great commission, Jesus' ascension, and Pentecost.

Holy Week: Experiencing The Events Through Art by Phyllis Vos Wezeman Thirteen events of Holy Week are described and art activities offered for each.

Hosanna! by Sharon Lee Calendars, crafts and creative projects for Lent and Easter.

Journey to Jerusalem by Boyd Lien Resources for intergenerational Christian Education Scripture, theme, activities to visit 15 places on journey to Jerusalem.

Journey with Jesus Through Holy Week by Judy Gattis Smith For 6 Sundays, participation dramas involving all the children.

Lent Begins at Home by Pat & Rosemary Ryan Family prayers and activities.

Lenten Activities for the Family by Gail and Michael Urbanski Activities of prayer, discussion, writing, and art will help a family through 40 days to experience the true, positive meaning of Lent.

Lenten Alphabet by Phyllis Vos Wezeman Twenty six activities and experiences based on the significant stories and themes of Lent. Activities help learners experience, understand and appreciate the events in creative, concrete and challenging ways.

Lenten Banner by Gary Shiplett Visual portrayal of last days of Jesus' life.

Lent: The Season of Sacred Stories by Elaine Ward These stories to enjoy and ponder cover the themes of confession, That you may believe, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, Life in his name, and Holy Week.

Lessons For Lent by Anna Liechty A six-session study for children or intergenerational use to help students come to a deeper understanding of who Jesus is as: the Only Door, True Vine, Great Physician, Good Teacher, and Messiah. Includes scripture, music, activities, crafts & drama.

Lilies, Rabbits, and Painted Eggs by Edna Barth Descriptions of how Easter symbols originated and how they reflect the feelings of people around the world. Told in anecdotes, sayings, and verse.

Nothing But Ideas, Vol. 2 by Anne Simpson Lots of short, simple ideas for the seasons of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost for a congregation or a classroom.

Prayer & Doing the Stations of the Cross with Children by Diane Abajian Story of the suffering, death, and the resurrection of Jesus.

Programs for Lent and Easter vol 1, 2, 3 i Programs for all people of congregations for many settings.

Risen With Christ by Gretchen Wolff Pritchard Celebrating the Paschal Mystery with the parish family.

Sad News, Glad News by Lois Rock A book to help grown-ups and children celebrate Easter.

Sharing the Easter Faith with Children by Carolyn C. Brown Materials for children birth to age 12 for congregations and families to help children observe Lent and celebrate Easter

Shout Hosanna! by Kathy Gibb Plays for Easter for children include He 's Not Here, The Miracle, and What's Going On Up There.

Teaching and Celebrating Lent - Easter by Patricia & Donald Griggs Activities for teaching writing, families, background answers to questions frequently asked, plus sessions for after Easter.

The Lent Easter-Book by Joan Marie Arbogast Stories, crafts, activities, discussion starters based on the major themes of Lent, community building ideas, suggestions for beginning Lentan and Easter customs and traditions.

The Lent-Easter Book by Joan Marie Arbogast Stories, crafts, activities, discussion starters and 50 pages of reproducible activities.

The Lenten Tree by Dean M. Smith Devotions for children and adults to prepare for Christ's death and resurrection. Includes symbols, questions and prayers.

The Story Behind the Cross A compulsory community service project brings a group of at-risk teens face to face with the meaning of the cross that they take for granted.

Things to Make and Do for Lent and Easter by Martha Bettis Gee Creative activities for children which emphasize Easter, renewal and celebration.

Drama

At Table With the Lord by Bill VanHorn A 1 hour drama for 9 or more participants with hymn suggestions and Communion ideas.

A Parade is Always Fun, Isn't It? by Linda Watson-Burgess A participation play of 5 scenes best done in the round for 29-10 players based on the Passion of Jesus as it is recorded particularly in the Gospel of Mark.

Behold I Make All Things New by George Crumley Jr. A drama meditation including crucifixion, burial, resurrection, newness.

Biblical Easter and Spring Performances by Rebecca Daniel Original stories, choral readings, poems, plays and songs for performers, ages 5-13.

Can these Bones Live? by David Kehret 12 contemporary dramas for Lent and Easter.

Celebrate Easter Easy dramas, speeches and recitations for children

God's Power in Your Life by Barbara Dudley Series of seven plays with 4 players.

Gospel Dramas by Dean Nadasdy Twelve plays for worship in Lent and other seasons.

Is It I, Lord? by Loretta Ross-Gotta A reader's theater about the 12 disciples.

Last Meal 4 page playettewith Judas, Peter, James, John, Jesus.

Light In The Darkness: The Easter Story by Doug Berky The story of Palm Sunday to Easter told through mime.

Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew Two pamphlets of congregational readings.

Quem Quaeritis (Whom Are You Seeking?) by Loretta Ross-Gotta An Easter drama for 5 readers.

Scripture Out Loud! by Marianne Houle 13 dramatic readings for Lent and Easter

Six Faces of Lent by W.A. Poovey Judas, Caiaphas, Pilate, Barabbas, Peter and Dismas in 6 dramas.

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord? by W. Carl Bogard Six plays for the Lenten Season featuring persons at the Passion.

You Are the Christ: Chancel Dramas for Lent and Easter by Carol Hillebrenner This series of 11 dramas emphasizes the fulfillment of the Old Testament messianic prophecies in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.