

LENT

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The observation of the season of Lent—the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter—is one of those Christian practices that binds the Christian community to one another and to its beginnings. It ties us to the core of us that is not transient, that is not changing, that does not fail us. Lent reminds us that while we may be in isolation, we are not alone. We walk with the church throughout the world on this journey to renewal.

The voice of Lent is not a somber one. It is a call to remember who we are, where we have come from, and why. The voice of Lent is the cry to become new again, to live on no matter what our life has been like until now and to live fully. It is the promise of mercy, the guarantee of new life.

(Adapted from The Liturgical Year by Joan Chittister)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, the Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) at Cathedral of Hope will connect you with the appropriate resources that best correspond to your needs.

The CCM can be reached by
Phone (214) 351-1901 Ext. 124
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OUR GIVING

Week Ending	Amount Received	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
02/14/21	\$20,225	\$25,000	(\$4,775)
02/21/21	\$24,627	\$39,000	(\$14,373)
02/28/21	\$40,564	\$26,000	\$14,564
YTD 2021	\$271,655	\$275,000	(\$3,345)

OPENING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

"Just as I Am
Members of the Sanctuary Choir
Les Holben, piano (recorded February 4)

Jesus, we gather around you and ask to hear what you want to teach us today. Who do you want us to notice? What do you want us to do about those right now who have nothing to live on? Help us to give faithfully no matter if we only have two small coins or a large bank account. Help us to see both rich and poor through your eyes and with your compassion. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:1-4

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

ONLINE GIVING

At www.cathedralofhope.com/give you can make a one-time donation or even set up a recurring electronic gift (by automated checking account withdrawal or credit card). One of the best things you can do to support your church during this period is to make arrangements to give electronically.

MODERN LESSON

Modern Lesson from Lent in Plain Sight by Jill J. Duffield (p. 73-74)

Jesus notices the poor widow. Jesus understands the depth of the sacrifice those two copper coins represent. How many temple goers failed to see her or thought little or not at all of the small contribution she put in the treasury? Jesus saw the woman. Jesus saw her fully. Jesus recognized both her person and her circumstance and held it up to those who no doubt looked past her that day and every day. While this story is often used in stewardship season as an example of generosity, perhaps a better interpretation requires that we truly and fully see the widow as Jesus did.

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