

LENT AT ST. RICHARD'S



Thank you all who attended both online, in-person and those of you who drove through for Ash Wednesday this year at St. Richard's. We saw 10 of our children and youth in person at the various services and many of you who came in person to church for

the first time in almost a year. Even as the day was intended to be penitential it brought me great joy to see so many people return to the campus.

We continue our Lenten observance with Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden. Simply gather in the breezeway and service booklets will be provided.

Each Wednesday we will offer our Zoom Lenten Program, "The Promise of Ashes". Dr. Pam Menke will be facilitating discussion. This week we will be reflecting on the first words Jesus said from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" with the words of Episcopal author Madeline L'Engle and contemplating a beautiful painting entitled "Compassion". The reading material and images is in the emails below.

We are featuring a special Lenten display in the church through the penitential season. The Flower Guild with Kin Xuxa as the chair consulted with artist and vestry member, Sue Youngsteadt and The Rev. Dr. Harry Coverston to come up with the provocative display. Here is Sue's explanation: "At Lent, a black cross suspended from a 'lynching tree' calls on us to identify with the suffering of Black Americans throughout our history. During Lent and as February is Black History Month, may we be transformed by the awareness of their suffering as we contemplate Christ's suffering on the cross."

Have a blessed week and a holy Lent.

ZOOM LENTEN STUDY

THE PROMISES OF ASHES



SUMMONING THE DIVINE: INDEPENDENT AND ZOOM LENTEN STUDY

with Pam Menke, PhD.

Wednesdays in Lent, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 931 7583 9149

Passcode: 666221

Zoom meeting will start on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 (the first day of Lent) and continuing for 7 sessions
Dr. Pam Menke will facilitate a discussion on the Seven Final Words of Christ via Zoom.

A three to four page document will be available each week which explores one of Christ's 7 final words on the Cross through a short discussion followed by a meditation on the gospel, artwork, and a poem by one of the following writers: Madeline L'Engle, T.S. Eliot, Mary Oliver, Robert Frost, James Weldon Johnson, Kahlil Gibran, Emily Dickinson.

The Rev. Alison P. Harrity,
Rector