

Christ Church, Exeter



A resource for observing Lent comes from the Brothers of the Society of St John the Evangelist (SSJE). For the past few years, the Brothers have partnered

with the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary to create and distribute a six-week offering of prayer and reflection.

Since their founding one hundred fifty years ago, the Brothers have had a particular dedication to the Fourth Gospel and to its unique witness among the Gospels. The Gospel of John is the foundation of their spirituality and its words and images are woven throughout their community. In the six weeks of Lent, we are all invited to reflect on the person of Jesus, and his mission and message as it is presented in the Gospel of John.

The Brothers will be offering a short (2-3 minute) daily video, delivered by email, in which an SSJE Brother will comment on a verse from the Gospel or the First Epistle of John. He will share something of what the verse means to him and suggest a way we might pray with that verse. Each participant will be provided with a journal to respond to each day's reading – through writing, drawing, or painting.

Because our lives and faith flourish when we are in community, the people of Christ Church are invited to gather once a week in Lent to reflect on the verses of the week and respond to where and how we met Jesus that week. The dates and times of our communal gathering will be announced as the time draws near.

The Seacoast Convocation of Episcopal Churches in the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

5 Hale St., Dover

The Rev. Suzanne Poulin, Rector (effective Mar. 11)

St. George's Episcopal Church

1 Park Court, Durham

The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

The Rev. T. J. Ballew, Deacon

Christ Episcopal Church

43 Pine Street, Exeter

The Rev. Mark Pendleton, Rector

The Rev. David Holdroyd, Priest Associate

The Rev. Charlie Nichols, Deacon

The Shared Ministry of

Trinity Episcopal Church

200 High Street, Hampton

Christ Episcopal Church

1035 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth

The Rev. David G. Robinson, Jr., Vicar

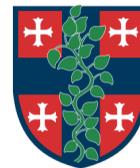
St. John's Episcopal Church

101 Chapel Street, Portsmouth

The Rev. Robert E. Stevens, Jr., Rector

The Rev. Anne C. Williamson, Associate Rector

The Rev. Nathan Bourne, Curate



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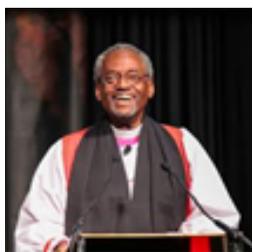
Wednesday evenings beginning Feb. 21:

A five-part series, **The Crucified Life**, a devotional offering based on Jesus' final words from the cross. This video-based program, produced by the Rev. Charles Holt of Church of St. John the Divine in Houston, Tex., provides in-depth Biblical teaching and an opportunity for open discussion. Each session begins with a simple soup and bread supper at 6:00; the teaching follows at 6:45. There is no cost or obligation to attend, though we will be looking for free-will donations and volunteers to provide the soup and bread.



Feb. 21	Forgiveness	<i>Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.</i>
Feb. 28	Salvation	<i>Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.</i>
Mar. 7	Relationship	<i>Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother.</i>
Mar. 14	Distress & Abandonment	<i>I thirst... My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>
Mar. 21	Triumph	<i>Father, into your hands I commit my spirit... It is finished.</i>

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Saturday morning, Mar. 10 from 9:00 – noon, we will offer **Spirituality and Racial Justice**, a half-day of reflection in the Chapel at Christ Church. Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, through a series of four video talks, provides a sobering yet hopeful

outlook on both the sin and reconciliation of racial justice. He describes the racial turmoil of our age as being, in many ways, rooted in spirituality and only best addressed by reassessing our spiritual understandings. With his typical wisdom and humor, he walks us through ways we can embrace a deeper justice in seeking racial understanding.

Over the course of the morning, we will hear Bishop Curry as he offers four video presentations addressing different aspects of racial injustice. They include:

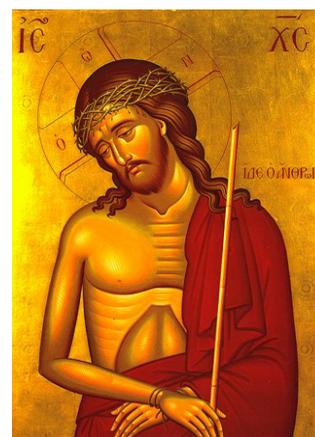
- **Conversation**
- **Spirituality**
- **Healing**
- **Responsibility**

There is no cost or registration needed; refreshments will be provided.

St. John's, Portsmouth

The season of Lent is a time of introspection, penance, and spiritual realignment. The season brings with it an invitation to pause, to turn inward, to dare to be silent and listen to ourselves and, more importantly, to God.

On **Sunday evenings this Lent**, St. John's will offer a series on **Faith and the Arts**. Each week we will hear a presentation from someone whose life's work centers on the intersection of faith and art, to share a simple meal, and then to enter a time of contemplation in the chapel as a choir, led by John Stromgren, sings Compline, the traditional end-of-the-day service in Monastic communities. The schedule of the evenings will look like this:



5:00pm	Gather in Thaxter Hall for a presentation
6:15pm	Share a simple supper together and time for questions and further conversation
6:55pm	Move quietly to the sanctuary for Compline
7:00pm	Compline in the sanctuary

Participants are encouraged to come to as many parts of this series as possible. You're welcome to come for the whole program, to drop in for dinner, or to just come to Compline. Each week we'll have a different presenter, so no commitment to being there each week is necessary.

Here's a preview of what you can expect each week:

Feb. 18	Marina Forbes	<i>Russian iconography: 1,000 years of tradition.</i>
Feb. 25	Standing on Holy Ground	<i>The art of St. John's: A walk-through of the sacred space of St. John's.</i>
Mar. 4	Nicholas White	<i>Composer and conductor: a look at faith, art, and sacred music.</i>
Mar. 11	Katharine Towler	<i>Portsmouth novelist and author of The Penny Poet of Portsmouth.</i>
Mar. 18	Sandra Clark	<i>Faith, the theater, and her experience as a black woman.</i>
Mar. 25 4:00 p.m.	Kim Salathe	<i>A facilitated Labyrinth Walk as we begin the journey into Holy Week.</i>

St. Thomas', Dover

Lent will be a time of new beginnings at St. Thomas' as **The Rev. Sue Poulin** prepares to join the parish as its **new rector** effective March 11. Sue, the current rector of St. John's, Sanbornville, has a passion for the Liturgy and uses her sermons to weave the Gospel's lessons into stories that connect to our daily lives. She is a skilled and patient listener with an infectious sense of humor.