evening

king’s chapel
5:30 pm
lent
a springtime of renewal

Ash Wednesday invites us into a Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: works of love, simple living, and prayerful reflection meant to draw us closer to God and one another. Mirroring the forty days of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness before his public ministry, Lent invites us on our own journey to freedom and the glory of Easter. A time not only of solemnity and quiet reflection, but of preparation and anticipation—of practicing justice and joy in fellowship with God and one another.

“Lent” derives from the Old English *lenten*, “springtime.” In Latin, *lente* means “slowly.” Thus, Lent points us to the coming of spring and invites us to slowness, simplicity, and solidarity; that we might have an abiding sense of God’s presence, an unguarded sense of ourselves, and a deepened awareness of the needs of this world.

in the earliest days of the church, a pilgrim people gathered at table to break bread, pour wine, and remember
they assembled in catacombs by candlelight, in silence and song, solitude and solidarity

now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God
PRELUDE

* HYMN

What Wondrous Love

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heavy cross for my
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!
* **WELCOME**

* **OPENING PRAYER**

  **Minister:** Almighty God, who has made us to know that we are dust and unto dust we shall return,

  **People:** make us also to know that we are temples of your Holy Spirit and recipients of your grace.

  **Minister:** Increase in us knowledge and patience, kindness and holiness of spirit, genuine love and truthful speech,

  **All:** so that, by the power of God at work in us, we may live even as we are dying and rejoice even in our sorrows, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
the word

READING

SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM

CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God. Amen.

During the singing of the following hymn,
you are invited to gather at Table for Communion.
Please bring your Order of Service.

Boldface text invites all to respond in unison as willing or able.
* All are invited to stand as willing or able; please feel free to stay seated if this is your preference.

1 Just as I am, without one plea but that your
2 Just as I am, though tossed about with man-y a
3 Just as I am, you will receive, will wel-come,
4 Just as I am, your love un-known has bro-ken

blood was shed for me, And that you called in-
conflict, many a doubt, Fight-ings and fears with-
pardon, cleanse, relieve; Be-cause your prom ise
every barrier down; Now to be yours, and

villing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come! in, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be-lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
yours a-lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
the communion
all are welcome to join in the feast

*SIGN OF PEACE*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of God’s peace, mindful that in this time of increased health risks, a simple smile or bow, accompanied by the phrase, “Peace be with you!” may be appropriate.

*THANKS AND PRAISE*

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.
Minister: It is right indeed . . .

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

**Boldface text** invites all to respond in unison as willing or able.
* THE STORY

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

* INVITATION

We celebrate an open table. There are no limits on who may join this feast. We offer wine and grape juice, bread and gluten-free wafers. After receiving the bread and cup you are invited to light a candle before returning to your seat.

* PRAYER FOR THE NIGHT

Be present, O God, and accompany us through the silent hours of this night. Guide us through this Lenten season, that as we journey with Jesus through his own long nights, we might have an abiding sense of your presence, an unguarded sense of ourselves, and a deepening awareness of the needs of this world. Amen.

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* HYMN

Within Our Darkest Night

* BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Minister:  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People:   Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

* Boldface text invites all to respond in unison as willing or able.
stranger
partnered
believer
saint
doubter
cis
single
young
housed
queer
old
poor
trans
sinner
rich
friend
straight
trans
confident
queer
curious
unhoused
welcome.
give
Offerings to support King’s Chapel’s ministries are gratefully received in the basket at the back of the Chapel.

worship

SUNDAYS
9am | Little Chapel | 64 Beacon St.
11am | King’s Chapel | 58 Tremont St.

WEDNESDAYS
5:30pm | King’s Chapel | 58 Tremont St.

listen
Join us every Tuesday at 12:15pm for our free, 35-minute midweek recitals—and return throughout the year for our renowned concert series!

connect
Gather in the vestibule following the service for refreshment and casual conversation. Can’t stay? Visit us online to register for our weekly newsletter.

grow
Join us after Wednesday worship throughout the year for educational gatherings, book groups, casual dinners, and more! No RSVP required.

join
Interested in membership? Speak with one of our ministers. Not quite ready? No problem. You’re always welcome here!
the journey of

Lent

at king’s chapel

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 26
All Day | Distribution of Ashes | King’s Chapel
12:15pm | Mid-Day Service | King’s Chapel
5:30pm | Evening Service | King’s Chapel

DAY OF SERVICE | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
10:30am | Youth Led Day of Service @ UUUM | First Church in Roxbury
Join us as we partner with the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry for an amazing day of family-friendly service and fellowship as we support the Fair Foods mission to provide affordable fresh produce to those in need. The program includes youth-led tours of the historic meetinghouse and Dillaway-Thomas House.

LENTEN RETREAT | SATURDAY, MARCH 14
10am – 3pm | Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go | Parish House
Joy will lead a one-day retreat on our Lenten theme, Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go. Drawing from the writings of Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama on forgiveness, we’ll share a small worship service; have quiet, peaceful opportunities to reflect individually; a shared lunch; and opportunities to talk with others if you desire.

PARABLE PERFORMANCE | FRIDAY, MARCH 27
8pm | Octavia Butler’s Parable of the Sower | Cutler Majestic Theatre
On Friday, March 27, King’s Chapel members will attend ArtEmerson’s musical stage adaptation of Octavia Butler’s Parable of the Sower. Butler’s classic Afrofuturist novel has insights on humanity and beliefs that shape society; the novel encourages conversation about survival and the deepening of our humanity in challenging times.