



Lent is a Gift

Lent is a gift:

a time of giving and receiving...

Give your life to God; receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and respond to God's prompt.

Lent is a season:

a period of reflection...

Pause in contemplation; take time to assess your life and listen for God's voice.

Lent is an opportunity:

a journey to growth...

Ask God for new revelation of his love; use this to draw closer to Christ.

Lent is a habit:

a ritual of penitence...

Embrace the rites of the season; with contrition lay your sins at the cross.

Lent is a renewal:

a means of repentance...

Marvel at the grace of God; accept cleansing from guilt and shame.

Lent is a liturgy:

a prayerful experience...

Share with Christ in the wilderness of his mission; watch with him and pray.

Lent is a place:

a path of suffering and grief...

Keep company with Christ as he wrestles in the place of pain and suffering.

Lent is a wonder:

a resurrection glory...

Look through the shadows of the cross to glimpse the new dawn.

Lent is a relationship:

God's love without end...

Rejoice in the Father's everlasting love; be united with God through his Son.

Amen

And on the cross Jesus calls out:
will you share this
heart-breaking
earth-quaking
mind-shaking
life-making
miracle with me?
He then bowed his head
and with flesh and blood
saved us all forever.
Amen

Giving God,
you suffered our sins in silence,
you carried our crimes on a cross.
Outstretched, outcast,
outlived but not outdone.
Your glory is still to come
on the day we sin no more.
Amen

