

We begin our Lenten journey with the invitation "...to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God." (BAS p. 282) In year A, this journey moves towards its pinnacle on Palm Sunday of the Passion with the words from the letter to the Philippians: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..." (Phil 2:5) Taken together, these challenges remind us that Lent is an opportunity to explore and grow in faith. How we do that is embodied in commitments we make as we move from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..." (Phil 2:5) Knowing what we know about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, this challenge may seem daunting. We expect we will fall short of this goal time and time again. Listen to the readings through Lent and be reminded that we are not alone in this. Still we are called to try, trusting that when we do fail, God will be with us to forgive, pick us up and help us try again.

Knowing this. Trusting this. We are invited to develop Lenten commitments that will push us in ways that are meaningful and will ultimately help lead us towards a deeper sense of faith. To assist this discernment, members of Social and Ecological Justice Huron have offered some insights into our discernment. We hope that these musings will inspire and challenge as we move through the Lenten season.