

Pastoral Care Messenger

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, March 2026

Lent Season

A cross draped in purple carries a dual meaning. Purple symbolizes royalty, yet it also recalls the suffering of Christ, as Roman soldiers clothed Him in a purple robe in mockery.

This cross invites us to:

- reflect on Christ's suffering as He bore the weight of sin
- prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter

When I survey the wondrous cross on which
the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count
but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
cross of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Common Praise #386



*May the God who calls us on this Lenten journey lead
us through the cross into the brightness of the
resurrection and the loving arms of grace. Amen*

Canon Doug

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