



Listen + Reflect + Receive

The Scriptures
of Lent

lead us to the cross
and Easter—

our great
God's gifts

*"I wait for the Lord. In his word do I hope."
Psalm 130:5*

In some sense Lent is an extended retreat...a pull back from the things we normally do specifically so we can see the world, what we do, ourselves with greater clarity all in the hope of living more deeply, more truthfully. Or it may be that we do the ordinary things of our lives, e.g. eating, in a different way in order to achieve this renewed "vision." Either way, it's a time to wipe away all the accretions that make seeing with clarity difficult.

we withdraw
actually
I withdraw
to a place of less

its quiet
its emptiness
fertile sands
filled with promise
waiting reflectively
for the sometimes
gentle
torrential
rains/reign of the spirit
I will accept both

the arid desert
of my heart
my life
flowers in such overabundant beauty
all I can say...sing
my breath catching in my throat
alleluia!

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For each of you I will pray this prayer these 40 days for a Lenten quiet that will erupt
in your Easter rejoicing!