

OUR ALTAR PARAMENTS

The Ladies Aid Society has purchased through the years four sets of altar paraments for St. Mark's - the Violet, Green, White, and Red. Page 293 of the Common Service Book (General Rubrics) lists the seasons of the Church Year when each set is used. For our information, however, we are making this schedule:

Violet - Denotes penitence, humility; ancient kingly color, suggests the royalty of Jesus.

Used during the Advent Season (four Sundays), Ash Wednesday, all of Lent through Good Friday. The Lenten Season has six Sundays.

Green - Life; color of nature.

Septuagesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima up to Ash Wednesday. Beginning with second Sunday of Trinity Season, throughout Trinity, to Saturday before Advent Sunday.

White - Purity, typifies deity.

Used for all Festival Seasons or Days. Christmas Eve through Epiphany Season. Easter Day to Saturday before Whitsunday. Also on Festival of Holy Trinity.

Red - Power, suggests blood of martyred witnesses.

Used for Whitsunday, All Saints' Days, Reformation Sunday, and Sunday after Reformation.

Since many of the Church Festivals depend upon the Easter Season it may be well to know that the Common Service Book, page 295, lists Easter Sunday from 1918 to 2005. When the time of Easter is known, many of the other Church Festivals can be correctly placed.