

Ash Wednesday

Ashes

1. We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes, redeemed, O Lord, by you.
Our penance, Lord, our sorrow, our grieving hearts renew,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.
2. We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,
The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
Our stumblings, give direction, our visions wider view,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.
3. Then raise us up from ashes, your healing ease our pain.
Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain,
Your rain will nurture growing and create our world anew –
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.
4. Give thanks to God the Father, who gave us life and breath.
Give thanks to Christ our Savior, who saved us by his death,
Who, with the Holy Spirit, creates the world anew
From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Profession of Faith – Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*all bow through became man*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance

with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Beyond the Days

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry we see a light of faith renewed,
And in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

- 1.** Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice. **Refrain**
- 2.** Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts. **Refrain**
- 3.** In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care: may your gentleness be there. **Refrain**
- 4.** On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives. **Refrain**