



Living Christ Together...

Lent's Trajectory

Dear Friend in Christ,

Lent began with a dramatic sign of defeat.

On Ash Wednesday you stood before the priest, and he traced a black cross of ashes on your forehead. "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."



Ashes are dust. There's no substance to them, nothing left behind that will not be blown away. Our days will end as Jesus' did, the ashen cross says: in the utter defeat of death.

But this day-defining sign conveys another message when the priest uses an alternative phrase to sign your forehead: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." The forty days of mortification are an arrow aimed at the defeat of death. Your forehead cross marks you for the victory of life in Resurrection.



In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Liam Cary

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