

Entrance Procession in silence

Responsorial Psalm:

“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.” (repeat)

Imposition of Ashes: Ashes

1. We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.
If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
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.
Give our stumblings direction, give our visions wider view,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.
3. Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,
Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew
From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.
4. Thanks be to the Father, who made us like himself.
Thanks be to the Son, who saved us by his death.
Thanks be to the Spirit, who creates the world anew
From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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The Cross of Jesus

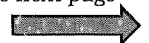
1. Come, O God, renew your people, we who long to see your face.
Strengthen hearts that have grown feeble; fill our lives with truth & grace.
Only you can win our freedom; only you can bring us peace.
Only in the cross of Jesus will the captives find release.
2. Deep within create a new heart; melt away the winter chill.
Help us now to make a new start; help us now to know your will.
Washed in waters of forgiveness, cleansed in waters of new birth,
Lead us to the cross of Jesus, bringing life to all the earth.
3. In the darkness that surrounds us we have lost you from our sight.
Even though your love has found us, we embrace the powers of night.
Scatter now our deepest darkness; guide our hearts into the light.
Join us to the cross of Jesus. Help us set our living right.
4. Call us forth to walk in justice; rescue us from sin and grave.
Through the power of your Spirit, breathe in us the breath that saves.
Strengthen us in our communion, one in Word and cup and bread.
Here within the cross of Jesus all who hunger will be fed.

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Preparation of the Gifts: Instrumental

Communion Song: 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)

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Closing Song: Rend Your Hearts

God of Love, of our becoming, we bow to you in prayer.
"Rend your hearts and not your garments," your call, if we dare.
On our journey, we implore you, be our guide in darkest night.
Nourish hearts that thirst for guidance, fill souls that long for light.
Gracious God, take what we offer you and help us as we seek,
Transform our hearts for loving, to live in truth and peace.

Call us out of our complacency, from darkness into light.
Open hearts that have grown weary, hearts burdened by this life.
Only you can fill the empty, only you can show the way,
Only you can lead the seeker into the light of day.
On our Lenten journey guide us, and be with us, we pray.
"Rend you hearts, and not your garments." God, be for us the way.

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