

Living in God's Time - Day 3 - Ash Wednesday/Lent/Good Friday Worship

Gathering (Ash Wednesday)

Leader: We are gathered to worship our God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: bless us as we pray, praise, and cry.
People: **Amen.**

Reception of Ashes (The entrance to Lent)

L: Receive a sign that you are entering into a Lenten Journey. This time will not always be easy, as a trail is not always easy, but it is centered on Christ our Lord. Jesus Christ loves us even with our missteps and mistakes.

Ashes (dirt mixed with water or an invisible mark placed on the forehead by a family member or friend) will be given at this point with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return."

L: Merciful God, be with us on this trail. Give us new life in the refreshing waters of baptism, so that we may do good things for our neighbors. Forgive us when we slip or falter or sin. Be a light on our path when it appears foggy and center us on Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Song: Humble Thyself

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo)

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And he (echo) shall lift (echo) you up (echo: higher & higher)

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**Repeat and increase speed each time. End acapella and slow.*

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Word (Lent)

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-9

Psalm 25: 1-10

Luke 4:1-13

Silence

Prayer Around the Cross (Good Friday)

L: Jesus, in his suffering and death, reveals the very heart of God, a heart of pure unspeakable love, a heart that risks everything for the sake of love, a heart open to the suffering of others and broken by the cruelty of others, a heart alive with love that death cannot hold.

L2: Come, to the cross, to the heart of God. Bring your own heart as it is—hardened or cold, broken or empty, fearful or unfaithful, for God welcomes it and breathes into it the Spirit of Christ's love.

Song: Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary

pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living

sanctuary for you. (repeat)

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Song: Bring Your Best to Our Worst

Bring your best to our worst, — bring your peace to our
pain. God of love, heal your peo - ple. *(last time)*

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Bring your best to our worst, — bring your peace to our' and the second staff contains 'pain. God of love, heal your peo - ple.' The word 'peo' is split across the end of the first staff and the beginning of the second. A fermata symbol is placed over the final note of the second staff, with the text '(last time)' written next to it.

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L: Let us pray. Compassionate God, in Christ's gentle and suffering love you have shown us the way of abundant life. Keep us joined to Christ's life-giving passion, that our hearts may know the joy and freedom for which you have created us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

L: As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in Christ. Go in peace or remain to pray.