

PRAYER

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,  
so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.

**Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us;  
make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us;  
fill us with the life that is Christ within us.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever,  
**Amen.**

RESPONSE

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes *text: Rae E. Whitney tune: The Sacred Harp (1844)*  
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1. Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an - oth - er Lent be - gins;  
2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of - fenc - es to for - give,  
3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to proof of hu - man need;



thus we kneel be - fore our Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our sins.  
have not lis - tened to their trou - bles nor have cared just how they live;  
and our lack of un - der - stand - ing dem - on - strates our in - ner greed;



We have marred bap - tis - mal pled - ges in re - bel - lion, gone a - stray;  
we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing (ov - er - much) our things;  
we have wast - ed earth's re - sour - ces; want and suf - fering we've ig - nored;



now, re - turn - ing, seek for - give - ness; grant us par - don, Lord, this day!  
may the yield - ing of our fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.  
come and cleanse us, then re - store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *John 3:16*

\*BLESSING



# ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 9, 2011 ❖ 7 AM, NOON, 5:30 PM

PRELUDE

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes *setting by Aaron David Miller*

Matthew Penning, piano

\*GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**  
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**  
**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**  
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.  
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,  
**and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**  
O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare your praise.**  
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:8-12  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

Desiring Life *Pastor Kyle Otterbein*

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

***Bold print - speak or sing together in unison***  
***\*please stand as you are able***

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