ASH WEDNESDAY

Prelude

Purify My Heart

1. Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refrain:

Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will.

2. Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy. Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

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Gathering

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.

2. Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey. Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.

3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance. Keep us safe in your care: may your gentleness be there.

Final 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, to walk with you day by day.

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Lord, Have Mercy

Mass of the Sacred Heart

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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Psalm

Refrain:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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Be Merciful, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of the Sacred Heart

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Offertory

Christ in Me Arise

Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness. Christ in me arise with your power and your strength. Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing. Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision; open these eyes, showing me all that I must see. Onward to the kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way, taking me where I must go. Onward to the kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge:

You know my heart and you know my ways, you who formed me in my mother's womb. I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you.

Final Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness. Christ in me arise with your power and your strength. Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing. Christ in me arise, Christ in me arise, Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

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Sanctus

Mass of the Sacred Heart

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of the Sacred Heart

Save Us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Lamb of God

Mass of the Sacred Heart

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.

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Communion

A Place at Your Table

1. Happy the ones whom you call here to dine, the saint and the sinner, your friends. Now reconciled in this banquet divine, the promise of life without end, the promise of life without end.

Refrain:

Here in your presence the greatest are least, the burdened find rest and the hungry can feast. By love we're invited, here mercy prevails. God, in your goodness, we share a place at your table, a place at your table.

2. From this communion, in one heart and mind, out into mission we go. No greater love shall the world ever find, and none shall we ever know, and none shall we ever know. (to refrain)

Bridge:

To bring liberty to the captives and sight to all who are blind, we are sent in love, empowered by your Bread of Life. (to final refrain)

Final Refrain:

Here in your presence the greatest are least, the burdened find rest and the hungry can feast. By love we're invited, here mercy prevails. God, in your goodness, we share Here in your presence the greatest are least, the burdened find rest and the hungry can feast. By love we're invited, here mercy prevails. God, in your goodness, we share a place at your table, a place at your table.

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Distribution of Ashes

Take These Ashes

Refrain:

Take these ashes as a sign that from the dust you have been raised and to dust you shall return.

1. Return to me with all your heart; let go the world and come to me. Rend your heart and not your clothes, for I am kind, my name is mercy.

2. Slow to anger is my way; my cup is filled with love for you.I will not send you to the foe, nor scorn the ones I come to rescue.

3. Gather my people, says the Lord. Oh, let them come to healing peace, elders and children, lost and found, into this place of love's revealing.

4. A blessing I will give to you, all you who wander and who thirst. The desert soon will bear a spring; forgiving water shall restore you.

5. I will embrace your every wound, for I am balm to heal your pain. You shall not weep forevermore; I have remembered you, my children.

6. My goodness flows out of my heart over the ones I came to save. I will cleanse you of your sin, replace your guilt with my compassion.

7. I will renew your weary heart and keep you always in my sight; give you a spirit that is new; restore the joy of your salvation.

8. I will bring beauty from the ruin, a feast of hope from ash and dust. This land will bloom just as before. My saving Word, it is forever.

9. The light you bear shall be as dawn; your bonds of sin my love will break. Injustice shall be overcome, and you will rise with me, beloved.

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1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

Refrain:

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

2. The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak. Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know.

3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

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Sacred Silence

Refrain:

Sacred silence, holy ocean, gentle water, washing over me. Help me listen, Holy Spirit, come and speak to me.

1. God my Father, Christ my brother, Holy Spirit, sanctifying me. Lord, I'm sorry, please forgive me, come and set me free.

2. Holy Mary, gentle mother, God's pure vessel, praying for me. Saints and angels, all in heaven, come and be with me.

Final Refrain:

Sacred silence, holy ocean, gentle water, washing over me. Help me listen, Holy Spirit, come and speak to me. Come and be with me. Come and speak to me.

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Open My Eyes

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

Bridge:

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened, and we'll hear like never before. And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face in places we've never known.

4. I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love. I live within you. Rest now in me.

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Closing

Glory and Praise to Our God.

Refrain:

Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings.

2. In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.

3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save, always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.



