

Welcome to our simple home liturgy for Ash Wednesday!

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Ash Wednesday

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If you have these items, we will use them in the Gather part of our liturgy:
Bible, Holy Water (or bless your own), cross or crucifix, Lenten promises,
candle. Don't worry if you don't have any of them – use the picture.

Usually we would receive ashes from last years palms at church on Ash
Wednesday. At home, this year, will make a cross with our thumb on our forehead
instead.



*Make yourself as comfortable, calm and still as possible. Close your eyes for a moment if you would like.
Play some music if it helps you become calm.
Take a few slow deep breaths until you are ready to continue.*

Gather *When you are calm and comfortable, start by making the sign of the*

cross.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



The Lord be with you! **And with your spirit.**

Today, Ash Wednesday, is the start of our Lenten journey.

Over the next six weeks, we will change our hearts and our lives so we can fully celebrate Easter and follow the risen Lord Jesus. We will say sorry, pray, give up things and help others in need.



As we start our Lenten journey, we



place a Bible on our Sacred Space.

May what we read in these Scriptures be stepping stones for us this Lent.

As we start our Lenten journey, we place Holy Water on our Sacred Space.

This water reminds us of our baptism and of God's overflowing love for us.



As we start our Lenten journey, we place a cross on our Sacred Space.

It reminds us that God sent his only Son to earth to die for us and to show us how to live by his example.

As we start our Lenten journey, we place our list of Lenten promises on



our Sacred Space.

We have made these promises so that we will try to be better people and grow closer to God.

As we start our Lenten journey, we place a candle on our Sacred Space.

We light the candle to remind us that God is the Light of the World and is always with us.

Gather

Let us pray.

Loving God,
You give us life and all of creation.
Sometimes we make the wrong choices and
turn away from your love. Help us to remember
that even when we do this,
you are with us and love us.
At the beginning of our Lenten journey,
help us feel your healing, forgiving presence.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name.



Amen

Word of God



A reading from the Gospel of Saint Mark

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God.

“The right time has come,” he said, “and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

RESPOND

If you are ready to carry the Good News of Jesus to everyone you know, draw a cross on your forehead and say the words



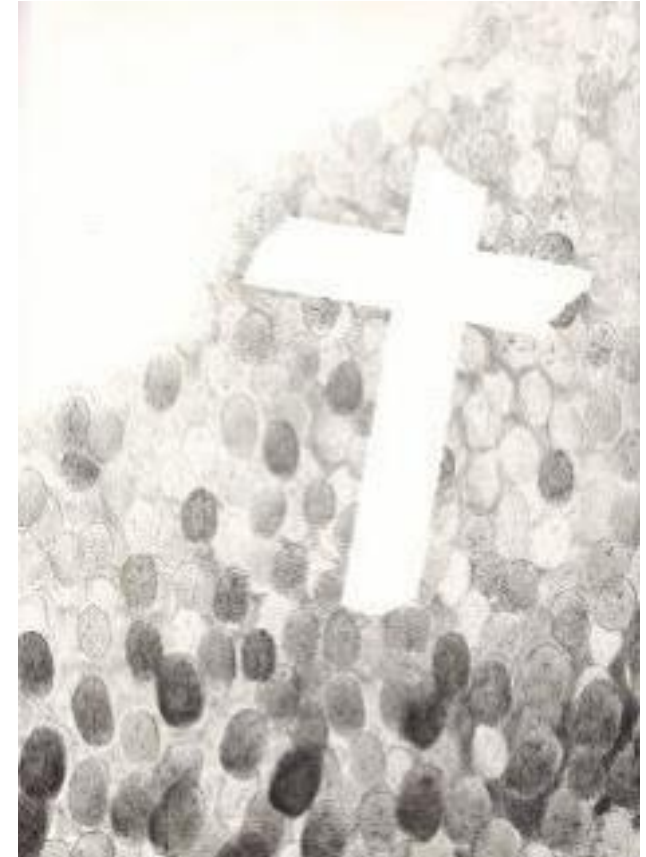
*“I will say sorry and change
so I can follow Jesus”*

RESPOND

Let us pray

*God of new beginnings,
As we begin our Lenten journey today, let
us remember that you are always with us.
Help us to turn away from the things that
take us away from your love.*

Amen



Our Mission today is to carry
out our
Lenten promises so that we
can be
the best we can be together
during
Lent.



In the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen