



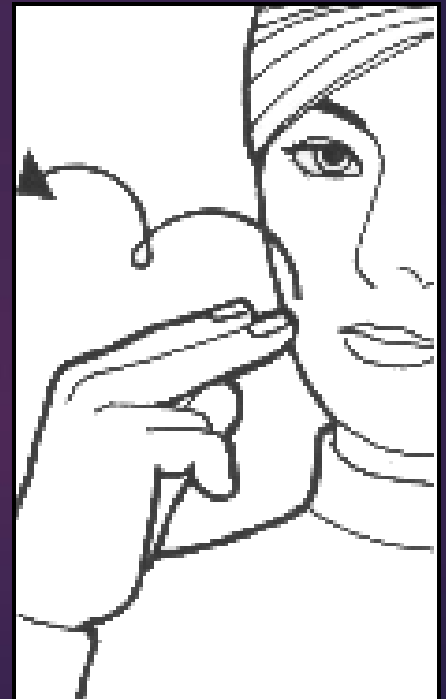
Ash Wednesday Liturgy

6th March 2019

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together in love.

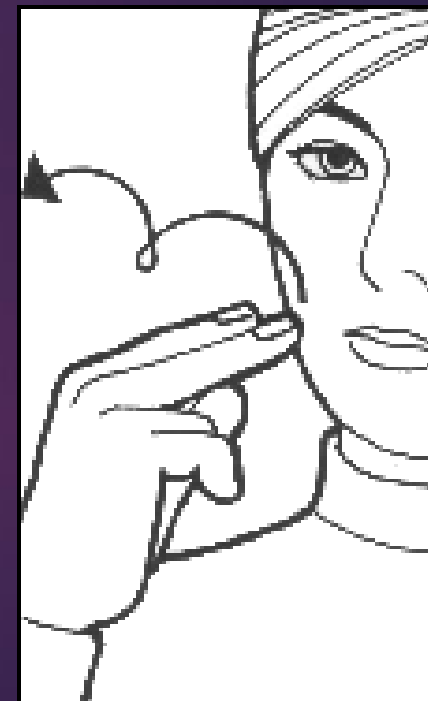
There is only one God,
There is only one King.
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:



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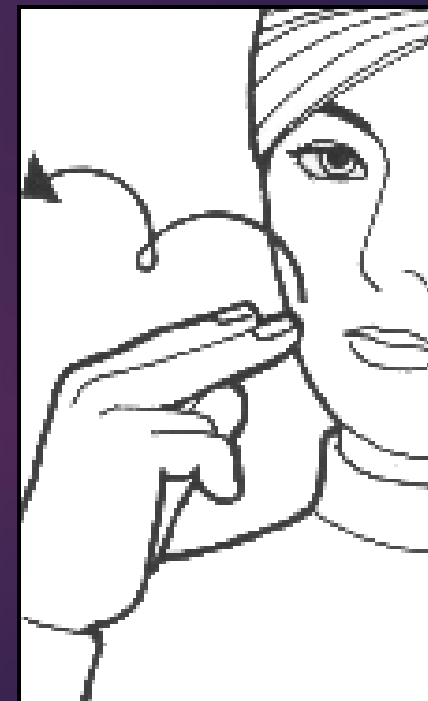
Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by his precious Blood,
Born with the right to be free:
Jesus the victory has won.



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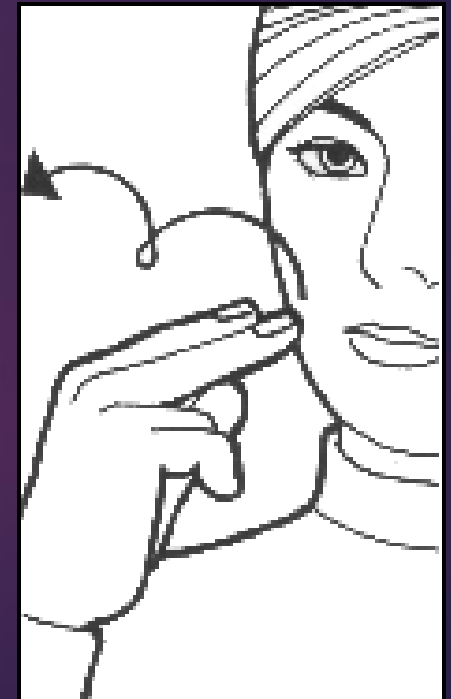
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Bind us together in love.

We are the family of God,
We are his promise divine,
We are his chosen desire,
We are the glorious new wine.



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Sign of the Cross

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

Amen

Opening reflection



Opening Prayer:

**Loving and compassionate God,
teach us to show love and mercy to each other.**

**As we begin our journey through Lent, inspire us to
be generous and kind.**

**Through our joy, patience and kindness, may we
help to build a better world.**

Amen.



The Word (Joel 2:12-13)

‘Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.’ Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn. Turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Reflection and distribution of ashes



Bidding Prayers

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Final Prayer



Loving God,

We think of our neighbours around the world who live in poverty.

May our gifts, prayers and actions this Lent support them as they work to improve the lives of their communities.

Together, may we build a better world where everyone has the basic things in life, like food and clean water.

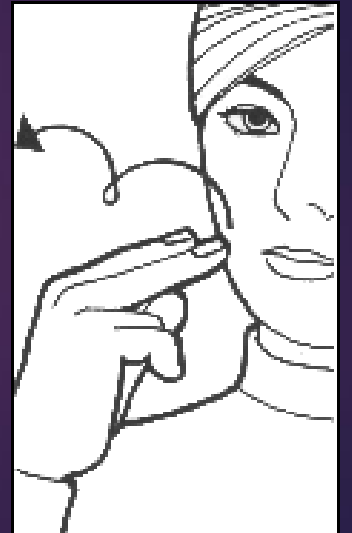
All: Amen

We end our Liturgy **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



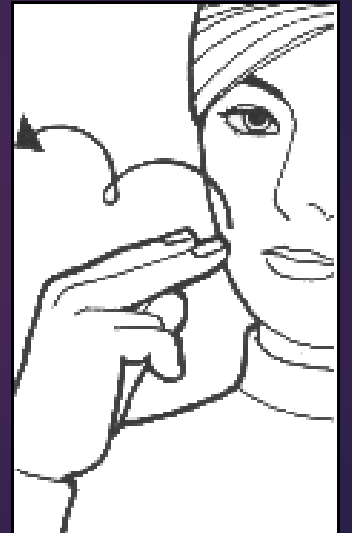
Follow me, follow me, leave your home and family,
Leave your fishing nets and boats upon the shore.
Leave the seed that you have sown, leave the crops that you have
grown, leave the people you have known and follow me.

The foxes have their holes,
and the swallows have their nests,
but the son of man
has no place to lay down.
I do not offer comfort,
I do not offer wealth,
but in me will all happiness be found.



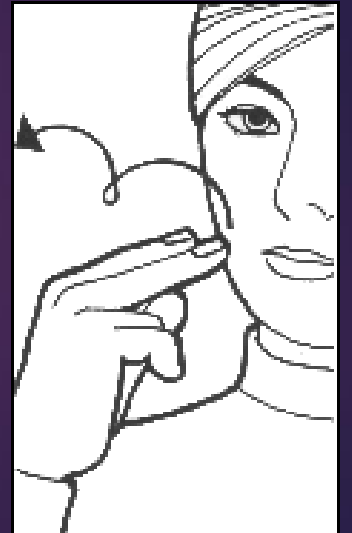
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If you would follow me,
you must leave old ways behind.
You must take my cross
and follow on my path.
You may be far from loved ones,
you may be far from home,
but my father will welcome you at last.



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Leave your fishing nets and boats upon the shore.
Leave the seed that you have sown, leave the crops that you have
grown, leave the people you have known and follow me.

Although I go away
you will never be alone.
for the spirit will be
there to comfort you.
Though all of you may scatter,
each follow his own path,
still the spirit of love will lead you home.



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