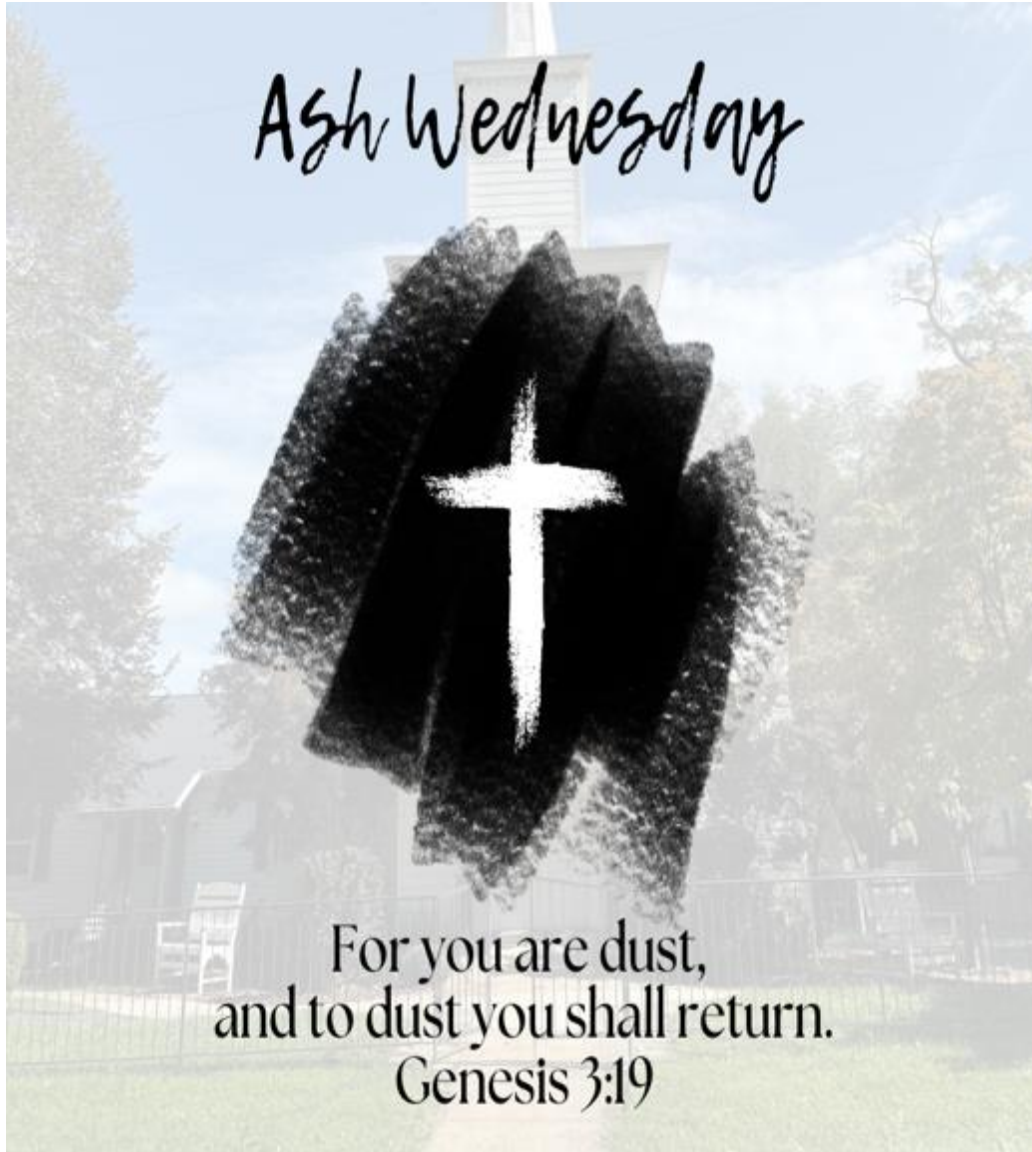


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Ash Wednesday

For you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
Genesis 3:19

Prelude

Pastor TaeWon
Kang

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Bringing In The Light of Christ

Give Thanks



Let us quiet our minds, hearts, and spirits as we begin to focus on the presence of God as we bring the *Light of Christ* into our midst.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: The season of Lent calls us to journey along the edge to anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem.

People: **Lent calls us to the cutting edge when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Lent not only calls us to give up something but also invites us to participate in the mystery of God-with-us.

People: **By your grace, O Lord Jesus, call us from grief into gladness, despair into hope, estrangement into right relations with each other and with the earth.**

AMEN!

OPENING PRAYER

**Oh God, maker of
everything and judge of
all that you have made,
from the dust of the earth
you have formed, and
from the dust of death
you would raise up.**



OPENING PRAYER

**By the redemptive power
of the cross, create in us
clean hearts and put
within us a new spirit,
that we may repent of our
sins and lead lives worthy
of your calling. Through
Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**



More Love to Thee, O Christ

UMH 453

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to
thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make on bended
knee.

This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ,
to thee;

More love to thee, more love to thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace
and rest;

Now thee alone I seek, give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be: More love, O
Christ, to thee;

More love to thee, more love to thee!

3. Let sorrow do its work, come grief and
pain;

Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their
refrain,

When they can sing with me: More love, O
Christ, to thee;

More love to thee, more love to thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy
praise;

This be the parting cry my heart shall rise;

This still its prayer shall be: More love, O
Christ, to thee;

More love to thee, more love to thee!



2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10

NRSVUE

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.

21 For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹As we work together with him, we entreat
you also not to accept the grace of God in
vain.

² For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped
you.”

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is
the day of salvation!

³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way,
so that no fault may be found with our
ministry,

⁴ but as servants of God we have commended
ourselves in every way: in great endurance,
afflictions, hardships, calamities,

⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors,
sleepless nights, hunger;

⁶ in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,
holiness of spirit, genuine love,

⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with
the weapons of righteousness for the right
hand and for the left;

⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true,

⁹ as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed,

10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor
yet making many rich, as having nothing and
yet possessing everything



Matthew 6: 1 -6, 16 - 21

NRSVUE

1“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

16 "And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face,

18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal,

20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



Meditation and Reflection

“New Creation through Dust and Ashes”

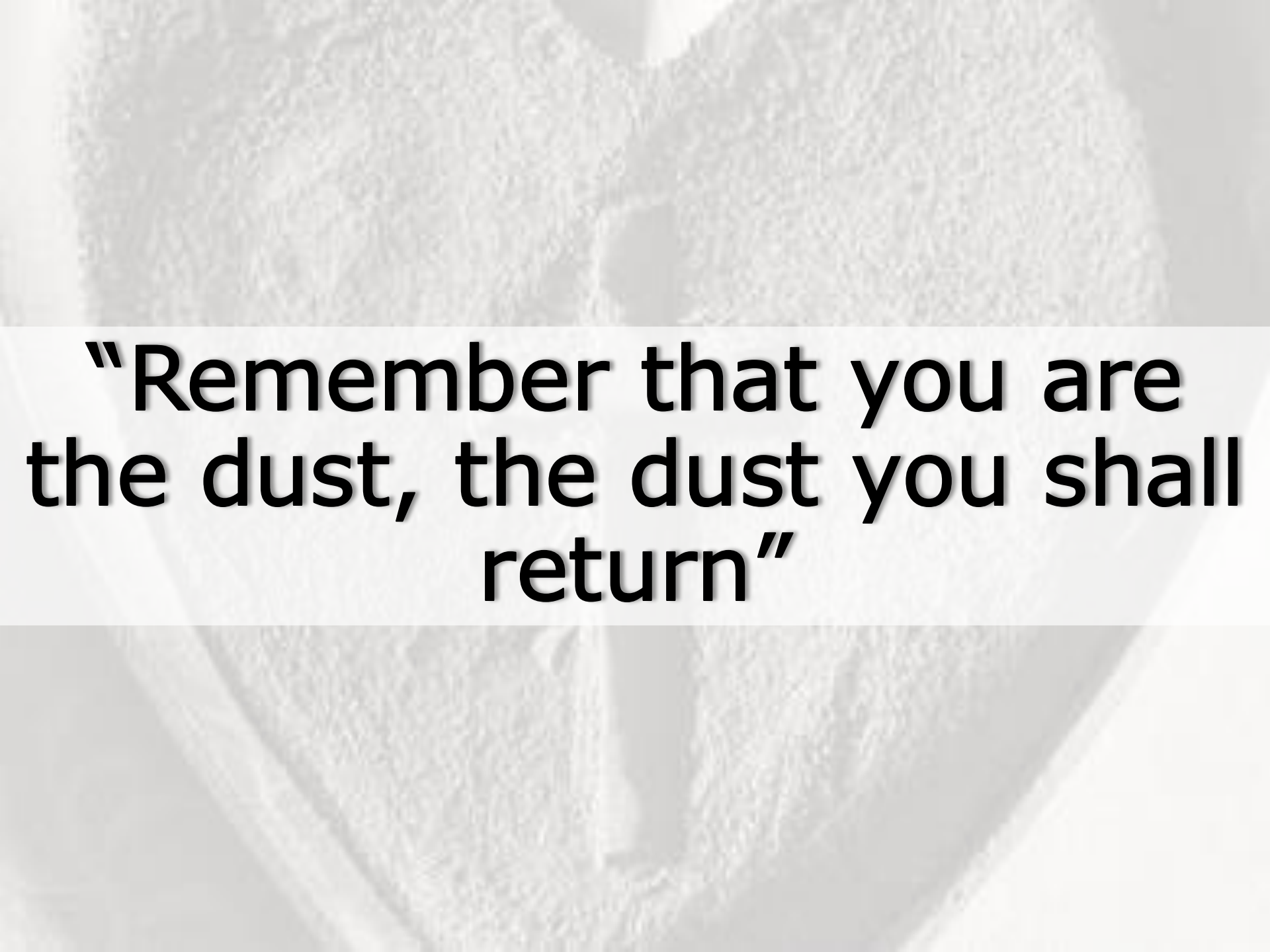


Invitation to the observation of Lenten Discipline



Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Please come forward to Pastor Kang



**“Remember that you are
the dust, the dust you shall
return”**



“Repent and Believe the Gospel.”

...die Menschen herrschte, selbst von Adam bis Mose über
...die Sünde damals, al
...Doch kein Gesetz gibt, nicht
...selbst wenn sie kein Gesetz
...selbst wenn sie kein Gesetz
...selbst wenn sie kein Gesetz

Confession & Pardon

Pastor: Almighty God has mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we all have peace. Amen.**

Confession & Pardon

Pastor: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and peace.

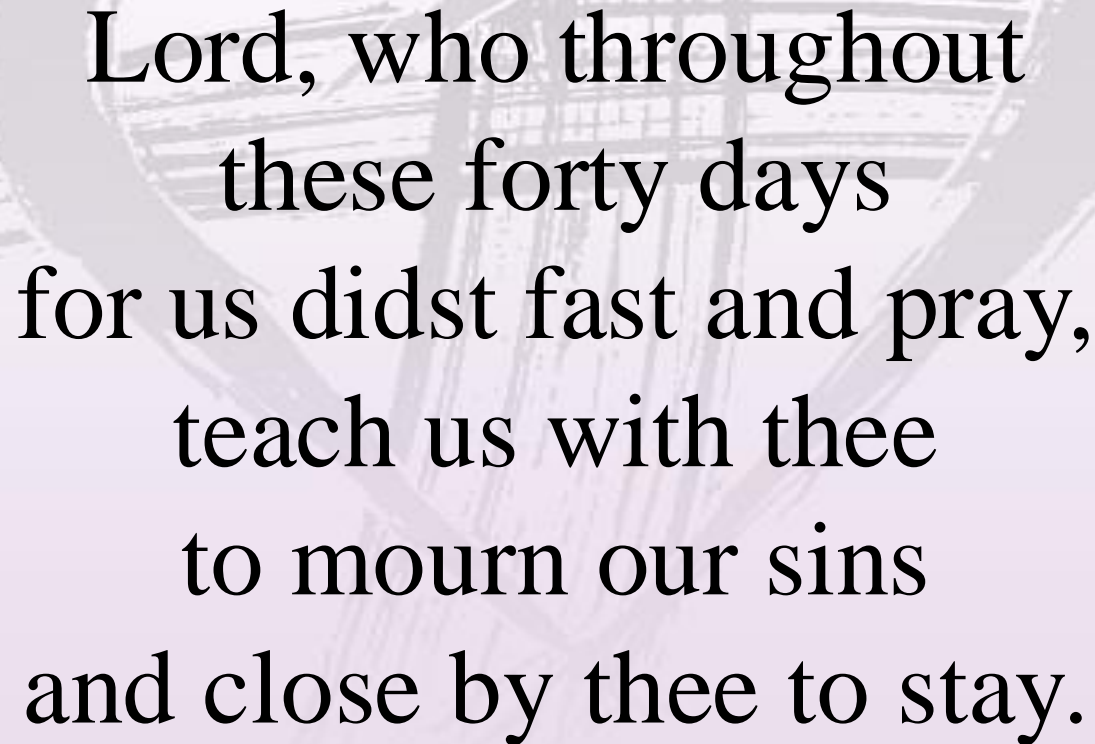


Passing of the Peace

“Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days” UMH 269

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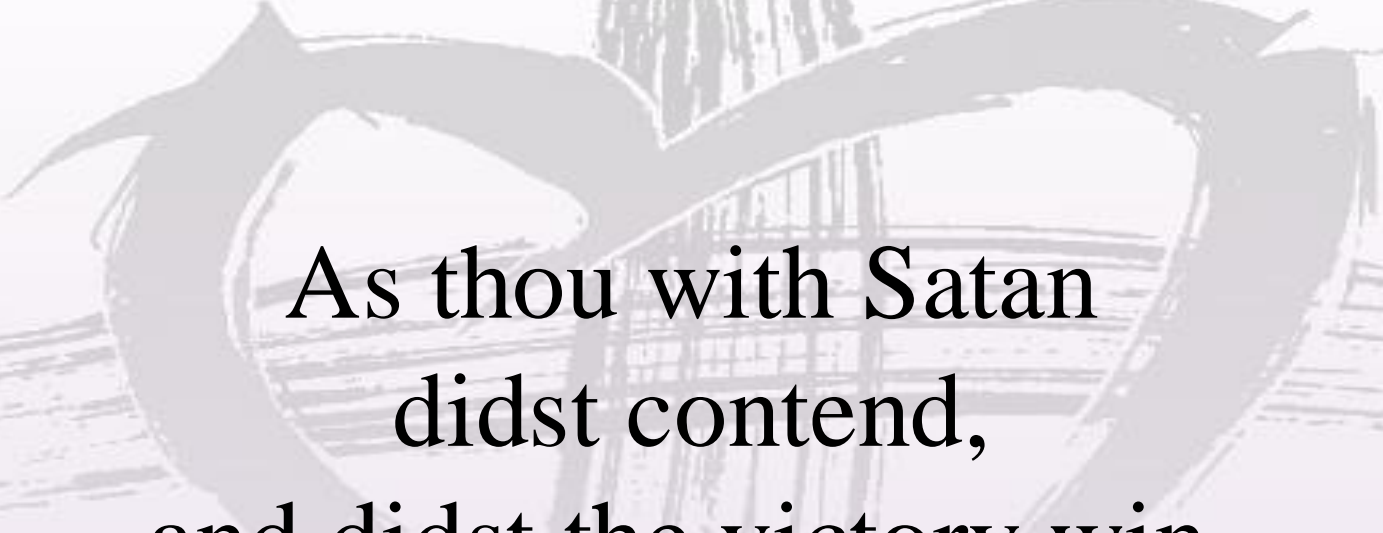


Lord, who throughout
these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee
to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

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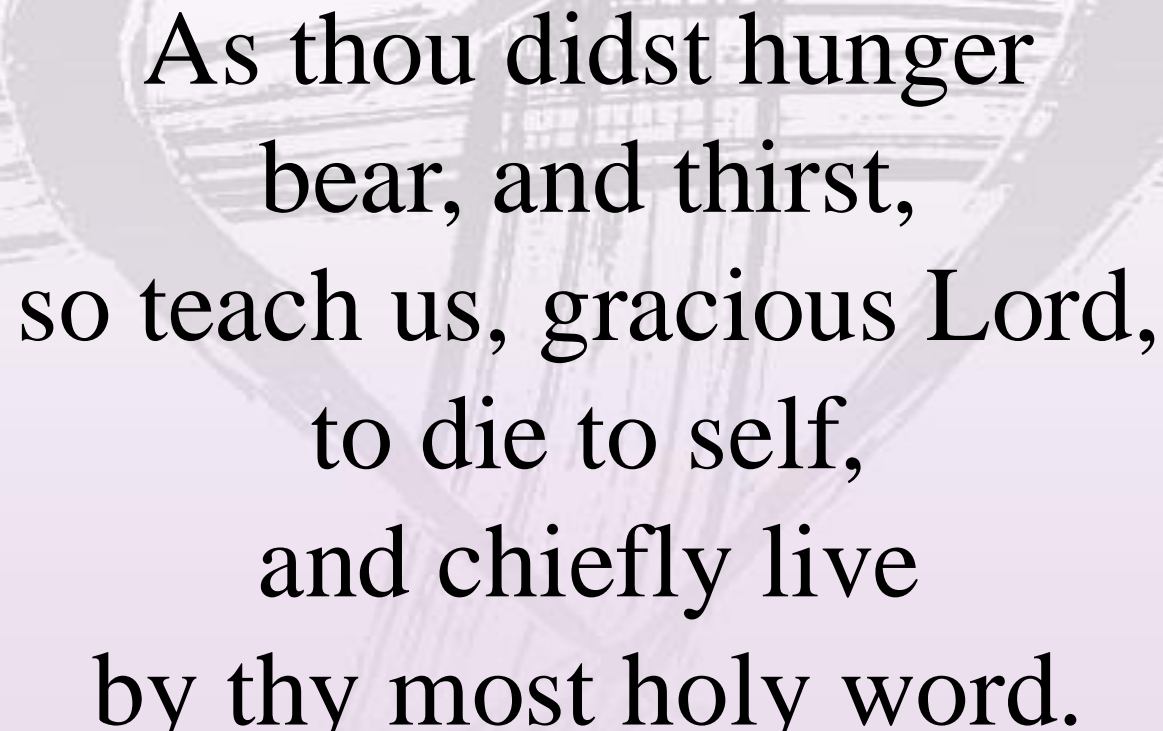


As thou with Satan
didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength
in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

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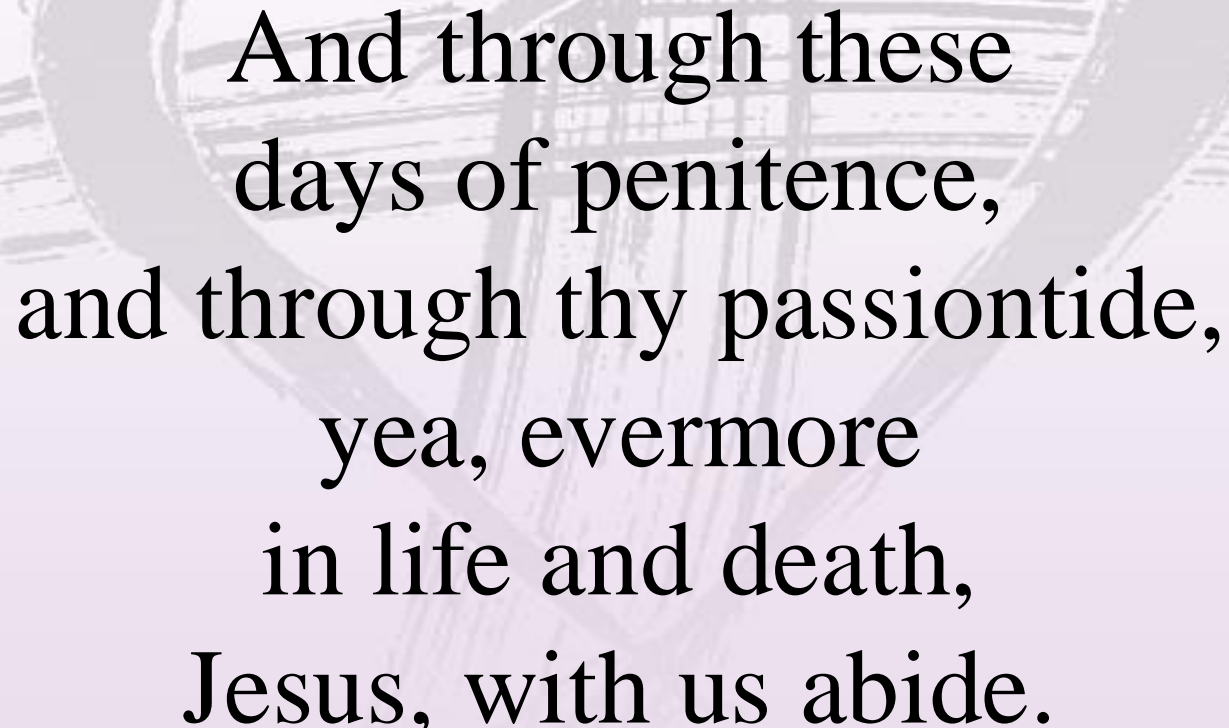


As thou didst hunger
bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self,
and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

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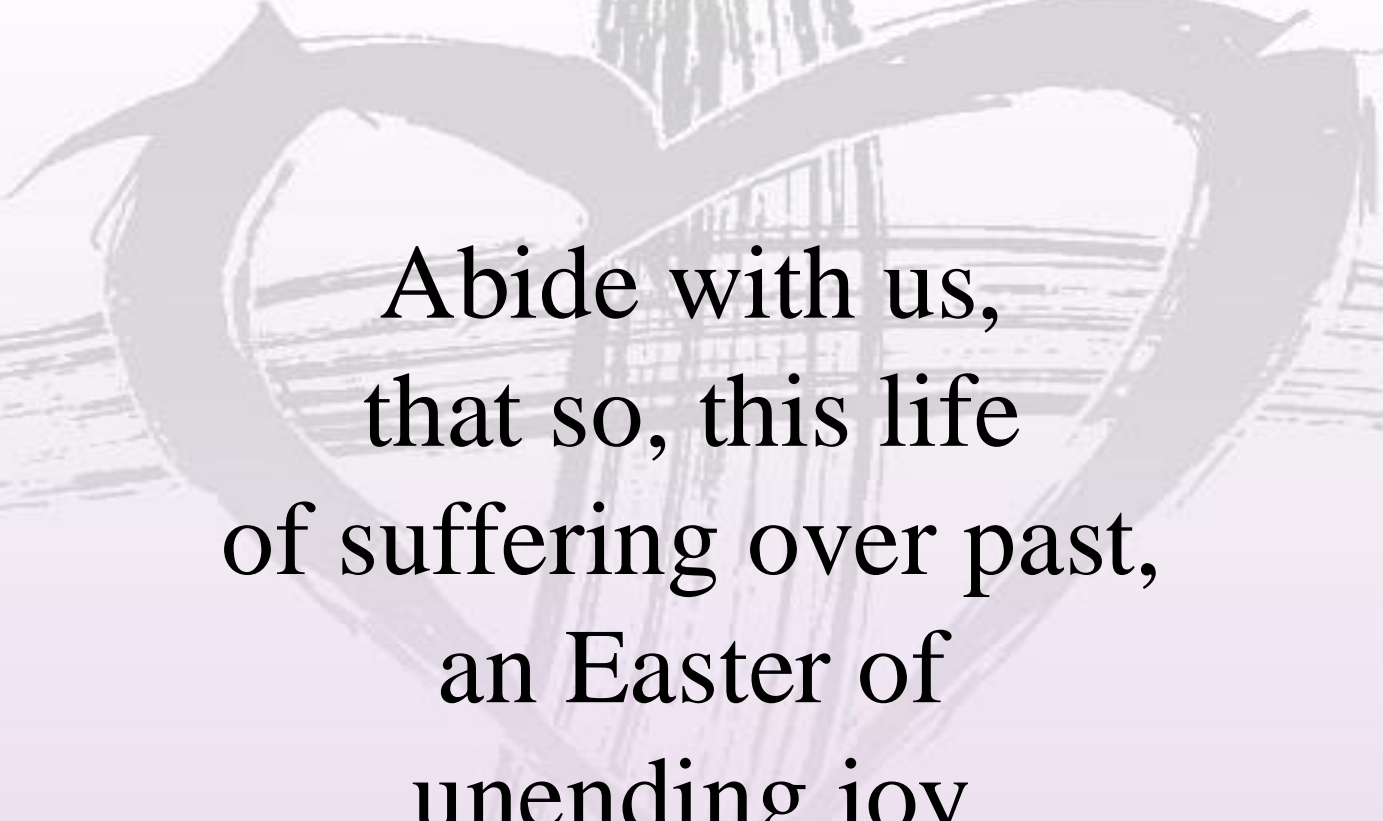


And through these
days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore
in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



Abide with us,
that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of
unending joy
we may attain at last.

Benediction



BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



Love. Grow. Serve.

This service has ended, and now
your service in the world begins!

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serving God with
Prayer, **A**ction, and **L**ove
through **S**ervice.