

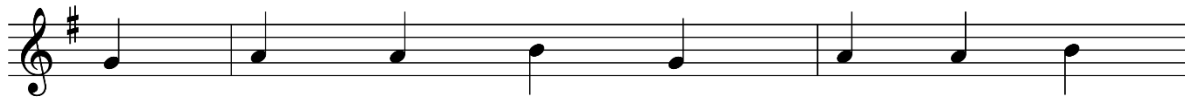
# Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025

Opening:

## Again We Keep This Solemn Fast



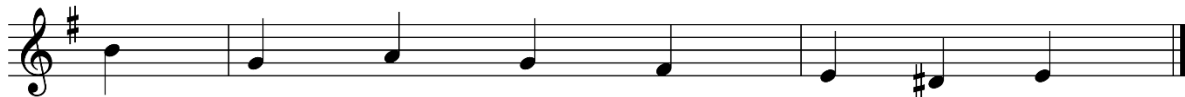
1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,  
2. The law and proph - ets from of old  
3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make  
4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way  
5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,



A gift of faith from a - ges past,  
In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,  
The words we speak, the food we take,  
That lures the care - less mind a - stray;  
Our God while end - less a - ges run,



These for - ty days that, year by year,  
Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide,  
Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense;  
By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free  
That this, our Lent of for - ty days,



Bid con - trite hearts to Christ draw near.  
In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.  
Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.  
From schem - ing of the En - e - my.  
May bring us growth and give you praise.

Text: *Ex more docti mystico*; ascr. to St. Gregory the Great, c.540–604; tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli, b.1949, after John M. Neale, 1818–1866, © 1975, 2011  
Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

Psalm:



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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# Preparation:

## Hosea

### Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.  
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;  
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you  
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,  
3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.  
so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*  
to your heart where I will speak.  
With ten - der - ness, you shall know. *(To refrain)*  
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

### Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Communion:

# Deep Within

Refrain



Deep with - in I will plant my law,



not on stone, but in your heart.



Fol - low me, I will bring you back, you will



be my own, and I will be your God.

Verses



1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir - it with -
2. Seek my face, and see your
3. Re - turn to me, with all your

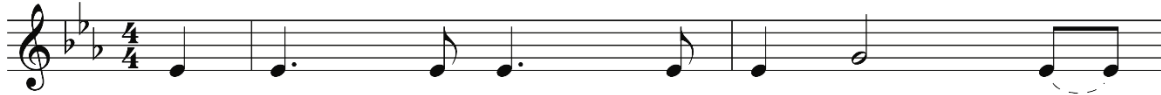


in you, for I will be your strength.  
God, for I will be your hope.  
heart, and I will bring you back.

D.C.

# Closing:

## Ashes



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the  
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we  
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let  
4. † Thanks be to the Fa - ther, who



good we've failed to do. We rise a - gain from  
of - fer you at - tempts, The gifts not ful - ly  
heal - ing come to pain, Though spring has turned to  
made us like him - self. Thanks be to the



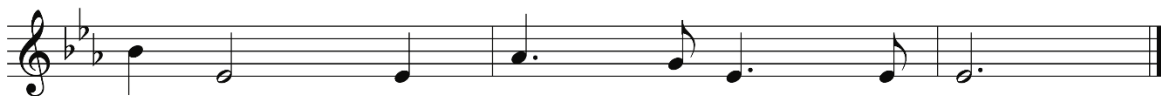
ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a - new. If  
giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our  
win - ter, and sun - shine turned to rain. The  
Son, who saved us by his death.



all our world is ash - es, then  
stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our  
rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre -  
Thanks be to the Spir - it, who cre -



must our lives be true, An of - fer - ing of  
vi - sions wid - er view, An of - fer - ing of  
ate the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of  
ates the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of



ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

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