

Hymns for Ash Wednesday

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Have mercy, Lord, on us,
for you are ever kind;
though we have sinned before you, Lord,
your mercy let us find.

The joy your grace can give,
let us again obtain;
and make your spirits firm support
our spirits then sustain.

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Christ you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.

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Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that the biggest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I can.

Just as I am - thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down -
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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*Healer of our every ill, Light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.

*Healer of our every ill, Light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.

*Healer of our every ill, Light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

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Giver of the perfect gift,
Only hope of human race,
Hear the prayer our hearts uplift,
Trembling at thy throne of grace.

O may these our Lenten days,
Blest by thee, with thee be passed,
That with purer, nobler praise,
We may keep thy feast at last.