



**ASH**  
WEDNESDAY

**Ashes To Go**

**A Brief Ash Wednesday Service for Individuals**

**Welcome & Invitation**

**Invitation to Lent & Explanation of Ash Wednesday**

**Minister:** God be with you.  
**All:** And also with you.  
**Minister:** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, you hate nothing you have made, and forgive the sins of all who are penitent; create in us new and contrite hearts, so that when we turn to you and confess our sins and acknowledge our need, we may receive your full and perfect forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

**Prayer Over Ashes**

**Minister:** Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Imposition of Ashes**

**Minister:** Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

**Confession (from Psalm 51)**

**All:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

*A Time of Silent Prayer to Confess Individually*

**Assurance**

**Minister:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved in the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power in the name of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

**The Peace**

**Minister:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All:** And also with you.

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Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. That turning to God is the work of Lent, preparation for the celebration of Easter.

**Ash Wednesday Services**

**Lytham Road - 2300 Lytham Rd., Columbus**

6:00pm Family Service

7:30pm Traditional Service with Communion

**Mill Run - 3500 Mill Run Dr., Hilliard**

6:30pm Family Service (Nursery Open)

7:30pm Sanctuary Service with Communion

There is much more to the beginning of Lent than ashes alone, and we encourage you to make time for worship with a community of faith, for the support of others and of the great traditions of faith in our work of repentance and renewal.

**Sunday Worship Services**

**Lytham Road - 2300 Lytham Rd., Columbus**

9:00am Traditional Service

10:30am Celebration Service

10:30am Xalt Service

**Mill Run - 3500 Mill Run Dr., Hilliard**

9:00/10:30am Sanctuary Service

9:00/10:30am Xalt Service



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