

St John School Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Welcome

Opening Song: *Ashes*

Ashes

1. We rise again from ashes, From the good we've failed to do. We rise again from ashes, To let you make us new. If all our world is ashes, Then must our lives be true, An offering of ashes, An offering to you.

2. We offer you our failures, We offer you attempts, The gifts not fully given, The dreams not fully dreamt, Give our stumblings direction, Give our visions wider view, An offering of ashes, An offering to you.

3. Then rise again from ashes, Let healing come to pain, Though Spring has turned to winter,
And sunshine turned to rain, The rain we'll use for growing, And create the world anew,
From an offering of ashes, An offering to you.

Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God,
And to you my brothers and sisters
That I have sinned through my own fault,
In my thoughts, and in my words
In what I have done and in what I have failed to do.
And I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin,
All the angels and saints,
And you, my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord, our God.

First Reading **Isaiah 12:4b-5**

Responsorial Psalm **cantor only**

All: Be Merciful O Lord, for we have sinned

Second Reading **Colossians 2:12-14**

Gospel Acclamation (sung/cantor only)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ - King of endless glory!

Gospel **Matthew 6:7-15**

Homily/Reflection

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes:

Sign Us With Ashes

Chorus: Sign us with ashes, the sign of your cross.

Give us the grace to know your mercy, Lord.

Renew our spirits and open our hearts.

Help us remember the love you gave us.

*1. Help us pray so we might be
closer to you and to God's family.*

*2. Help us fast so we might know
the want of those within God's family.*

3. Help us give so we might share of what we have to serve God's family

Prayers of Intercessions

Response: Lord hear our prayer

Meditation

They will know we are Christians by our Love

Thank you/ Closing Thoughts -

Recessional:

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;
No turning back, No turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.