

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 14, 2024

## Silence

Breathe in: Lord I believe...

Breathe out: ... help my unbelief.

Mark 9:24



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Oh Spirit of God Speak Your peace, speak Your peace Oh Spirit of God Speak Your peace, speak Your peace

Now and at the hour of our death Amen, amen Now and at the hour of our death Amen

## Now and at The Hour

by John Arndt, David Gungor

Oh merciful God Forgive us, forgive us Oh merciful God Forgive us, forgive us

For all the things we have done And left undone For all the things we have done And left undone

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Oh Son of God Rescue us, rescue us Oh Son of God Rescue us, rescue us

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All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voices; let them ring Fill the earth with lamentation!

Cry out abuses of our pow'r
Tell what we lose with every hour
To our greed and depredation

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy!

## All Creatures Lament

All creatures winging in the air Cry out the failures of our care Fill the sky with lamentation!

Shout through the clouds of smoke and ash Choked with the fumes of poison gas Tell us of our degradation

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy!

## All Creatures Lament

All creatures hidden in the seas
Lift up your anguished prayers and pleas
Fill the sea with lamentation!

Teach us to see your wonders now Help us to make a holy vow Here to halt your devastation

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy!

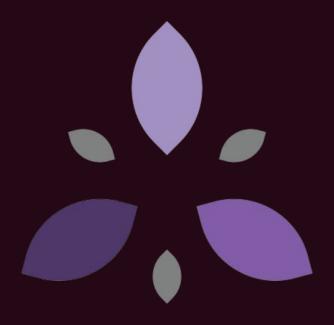
## All Creatures Lament

All creatures dwelling on the land Join as we lift each heart and hand Fill the world with lamentation!

Mourn the destruction of our home Weep with the fear of worse to come Hear the groans of all creation

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy!

## All Creatures Lament



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- Lord, we confess our sins before you.
- We confess that we have fallen short of your glory and your intent for our lives.
- Open our eyes that we may see ourselves with clarity and truthfulness,
  - that we may have eyes to see those things within us that are not pleasing to you.

[silent reflection]

- Lord, we confess to you that we have not loved as we ought.
- We have been impatient with others with whom we could have been patient.
- We have disregarded those you have called us to serve.
- We have chosen the selfish way when you have called us to selflessness.

[silent reflection]

- Lord, we confess that we have not tended to the care of our souls.
- We have been too busy to pray.
- We have been too quick to speak and too slow to listen for you.
- We have filled our lives with all kinds of noise instead of patiently waiting like sheep for our shepherd's voice.

[silent reflection]

Lord, we confess our need of you.

We need your grace.

We need your patience.

We need your guidance.

We cannot see beyond the moment.

We cannot worship you as we ought.

As we begin this solemn journey toward the cross, we call upon your mercy and your love for our salvation.

[silent reflection]



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Have mercy on me, oh God According to Your unfailing love According to Your great compassion Blot out my transgressions

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## White as Snow (Psalm 51)

Would You create in me a clean heart, oh, God? Restore in me the joy of Your salvation Would You create in me a clean heart, oh, God? Restore in me the joy of my salvation

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The sacrifices of our God Are a broken and a contrite heart Against You and You alone Have I sinned?

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## White as Snow (Psalm 51)

Wash me white as snow
And I will be made whole
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# Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



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## Where's Your Treasure At?

Ken Hsu

### Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

- 1 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- 2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
- 5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

### Matthew 6:1-6, 19-21

16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

## Lenten Practices

Katie Hiew

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#### Memorize

- Psalm 23
- Matthew 5:3-12
- Philippians 4:4-9

#### Read

Email Ken Hsu to request a book

#### Reflect

Weekly journaling/discussion prompts posted on Oikonomist blog



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## Imposition of Ashes

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, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

# Imposition of Ashes

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

From dust we've come and dust we are and shall return Be still my soul and let it go, just let it go

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest Glory to God, glory to God in the highest

### Dust We Are and Shall Return

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Naked we came and shall return into the grave Be still my soul and let it go, just let it go

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest Glory to God, glory to God in the highest

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Be still my soul, Lord make me whole
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Will we ever rise
Will we ever rise above the fear
Can we learn to see the need
Can we share humanity
I can see another day come

Broken people we can be made whole We can be made whole, we can be made whole As we lay down our weapons, open up our hearts Love is breaking us, love remaking us

# Will We Ever Rise (Broken People)

Will we ever rise
Will we ever rise above the pain
Can we learn another way
Forgive as you forgave
I can see another day come

Broken people we can be made whole We can be made whole, we can be made whole As we lay down our weapons, open up our hearts Love is breaking us, love remaking us

# Will We Ever Rise (Broken People)

Come heal now, take away the blindness So we can see as we were meant to see I feel light devastating darkness For I can see another day come I can see another day come

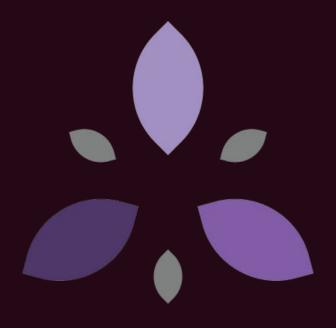
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Will we ever rise? Will we ever rise?

# Will We Ever Rise (Broken People)



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- In the footsteps of centuries of pilgrims, go now to embark on your Lenten journey.
- Consider how you may simplify your days, so that you may travel lightly.
- Be alert to all that could side-track you: notice that which beckons alluringly, or with apparently greater urgency, than the pilgrim journey Christ invites.
- Do not try to cover more than one good day's journey at a time.
- Know when to stop for food and sleep, so that the journey will not be too great for you.
- Walk humbly, knowing that the goal is not recognition, achievement or reward, but simply to have come to know Christ and yourself more intimately.

### Benediction

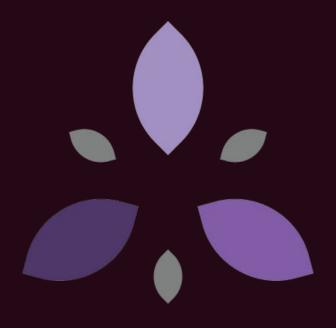
Be on the lookout for other pilgrims, caring for those who limp, or fall; those who cannot see the way forward: pilgrimage is richer in community.

Go now: place your hand into the outstretched hand of Jesus Christ, allow the words of the story to guide you, and pray for purity of heart and mind.

Amen.

by Ann Siddal

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