

to Father Michael Palmer
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BLESS THESE ASHES

for Mixed Voices S.A.T.B., with Keyboard
or String Orchestra*

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Words: From the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday
Espressivo-Somber (♩ = 100)

Piano (Organ)

mp

mf

mf

f

p

5

3

3

p

p

p

9 S.

A. *mp legato* by which we show that we are dust.

T. Bless these ash - es

B. *mp legato* by which we show that we are dust.

Bless these ash - es

p

p

*Available for sale from the publisher.

13

Par - don our sins
Bless these ash - es.
Par - don our sins
Bless these ash - es.

This block contains the musical notation for measures 13 through 16. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment with treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are: "Par - don our sins" and "Bless these ash - es." The piano part includes chords and melodic lines in both hands.

17

and keep us faith - ful to the
Bless these ash - es.
and keep us faith - ful to the
Bless these ash - es.

This block contains the musical notation for measures 17 through 20. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "and keep us faith - ful to the" and "Bless these ash - es." The piano part continues with chords and melodic lines.

20

dis - ci - pline of lent. for

Bless these ash - es

dis - ci - pline of lent. for

Bless these ash es

23 *gradual cresc.*

cresc.

you do not want sin - ners — to die, but to live with the ris - en

p *cresc.*

you do not want sin - ners — to die, — but to live with the ris - en

p *cresc.*

you do not want sin - ners — to die, but to live with the ris - en

p *cresc.*

you do not want sin - ners — to die, but to live with the ris - en

Christ who reigns with you for - ev - er and

Christ Bless these ash - es — Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es ev - er and

Christ Bless these ash - es — Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es ev - er and

Christ who reigns with you for - ev - er and

ev - er. Ash - es, ash - es,

ev - er. Bless these ash - es Ash - es, ash - es,

ev - er. Ash - es, ash - es,

ev - er Bless these ash - es Ash - es, ash - es,

33

ff > dust to dust. Bless these ash - es,

ff > dust to dust. Bless these ash - es,

ff > dust to dust. Bless these ash - es,

ff > dust to dust. Bless these ash - es,

f >

36

pp Bless these ash - es, *mp* Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es,

pp Bless these ash - es, *mp* Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es,

pp Bless these ash - es, *mp* Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust.

pp Bless these ash - es, *mp* Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust.

ppp *p*

38

Dust to dust. Re -

Dust to dust. Re -

Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es, dust to dust. Re -

Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es, dust to dust. Re -

40

mem - ber, man, (all) you are dust

mem - ber, man, (all) you are dust

mem - ber, man, (all) you are dust

mem - ber, man, (all) you are dust

p

42

and to dust you will re - turn.

and to dust you will re - turn.

and to dust you will re - turn.

and to dust you will re - turn.

44 *ff* *Espressivo* *p* *f*

Bless these ash - es, dust to dust. Come

ff Bless these ash - es. *p* *f* dust to dust. Come

ff Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es. Come

ff Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es. Come

47

cresc.
back to the Lord with all your heart.

cresc.
back to the Lord with all your heart.

cresc.
back to the Lord with all your heart.

cresc.
back to the Lord with all your heart.

50 *ff*

mp
Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust,

ff *mp*
Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust,

ff *mp*
Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust,

ff *mp*
Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust,

f *p*
Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust,

Ped.-----

54

Dust to dust,
 Dust to dust,
 Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust,
 Bless these ash - es, Dust to dust,

8va bassa

58

pp ash - es, ash - es, dust to dust.
pp ash - es, ash - es, dust to dust. *mp cresc.* Come back to the Lord.
pp ash - es, ash - es, dust to dust. *cresc.* Come
pp ash - es, ash - es, dust to dust. *mp cresc.* Come back to the Lord. Come

pp *sfzp* *sfzp*

61

Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es, Bless these

Bless these ash - es, Bless these ash - es, Bless these

back to the Lord. Lord, Bless these

back to the Lord. Lord, Bless these

pp *mf* *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf*

sfzp *pp* *mp*

65

ash - es, Bless these ash - es. A - men.

ash - es, Bless these ash - es. A - men.

ash - es, Bless these ash - es. A - men.

ash - es, Bless these ash - es. A - men.

ash - es, Bless these ash - es. A - men.

Bell like

pp *rit.* *pp* *rit.* *pp* *rit.* *pp* *rit.* *pp* *rit.*

ppp *L.H.* *Ped. rit.*

