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## Sign Us with Ashes

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm) (Am7)  
 Refrain B<sup>b</sup> F Gm Dm Cm7  
 All

Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God, chil - dren of  
 dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with ash - es,  
 mer - ci - ful God. Mark us and make us your own.

*Fine*

The refrain here recalls the imposition of ashes, a ritual based on Genesis 3:19, which has been a part of Christian worship on Ash Wednesday since the 9th century. As *The Book of Common Worship* states, "This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life."

(D) (G) (C) CONFESSION  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>  
 Leader or All

1 Sure - ly, you a - lone can save us. You pay our  
 2 Sure - ly, you a - lone up - hold us. You give us  
 3 Sure - ly, you a - lone can heal us. Yours is the  
 4 Sure - ly, you a - lone can free us. You break the  
 5 Sure - ly, you a - lone re - fine us. You give us  
 6 Sure - ly, you a - lone re - deem us. You fill our

price with pre - cious blood. Reach - ing through your great com -  
 strength for all our needs. Shield - ing with a fa - ther's  
 will to make us whole. Sooth - ing with a moth - er's  
 bonds of guilt and sin. Brac - ing, till we walk up -  
 grace for lives made new, forg - ing, through your fire and  
 dust with ho - ly breath. Burst - ing from the grave in

pas - sion, you lift up your peo - ple with love.  
 fa - vor, you bless us with par - don and peace.  
 kind - ness, the con - trite of heart, you con - sole.  
 right - ly, you bol - ster our hope once a - gain.  
 ra - diancy, a sac - ri - fice wor - thy for you.  
 glo - ry, you rise from the ash - es of death!

*to Refrain*