

MERCIFUL GOD: A RITUAL SONG FOR LENT

Sign Us with Ashes • Gather Your People • Feed Us and Guide Us

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$\text{♩} = 80$
 Capo 1: (Em) Fm (C) D \flat (Am 7) B \flat m 7 (B ADD9) C ADD9

5 (G) A \flat (D) E \flat (Am 7) B \flat m 7 (B SUS4) C SUS4 (B) C

Refrain
 9 S, A *mp*
 Ash Wednesday: Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God,
 Lent Gathering: Gath - er your peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God,
 Lent Communion: Feed us and guide us, mer - ci - ful God:
 T, B *mp*

(Em) Fm (G) A \flat (D) E \flat (Bm 7) Cm 7

Notes

“Merciful God” was conceived as a ritual piece for the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Mary Louise Bringle has written two new refrains so that the piece may also be used as a gathering or Communion song throughout the season of Lent; using the same verses will connect these three ritual moments.

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chil - dren of dust, as to dust we re - turn.
 gath - er the long - ing, the lost, and un - sure.
 Light, when the shad - ows of life cloud our view.

(CADD9)
D \flat ADD9

(Am7)
B \flat m7

(B)
C

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Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God;
 Gath - er your peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God,
 Feed us and guide us, mer - ci - ful God,

(G)
A \flat

(D)
E \flat

(Bm7)
Cm7

Last time to Coda ⊕

To Verses

15

mark us and make us your own.
 name us and claim us as yours.
 peo - ple who hun - ger for you.

Last time to Coda ⊕

To Verses

(Am⁷) (Em/B) (Bm⁷) (Em) (D/F#) (Em/G)
 Bbm⁷ Fm/C Cm⁷ Fm Eb/G Fm/Ab

⊕ Coda

17

unis. rit.

own, mark us and make us your own.
 yours, name us and claim us as yours.
 you, peo - ple who hun - ger for you.

rit.

⊕ (Cmaj⁷) (Em/B) (Bm⁷) (Am⁷) (Em/B) (Bm⁷) (Em)
 Dbmaj⁷ Fm/C Cm⁷ Bbm⁷ Fm/C Cm⁷ Fm

rit. *mp*