SUNDAY’S PALMS
ARE WEDNESDAY’S ASHES

1. Sunday’s palms are Wednesday’s ashes as an
other Lent begins; thus we kneel before our
fences to forgive, have not listened to their
proof of human need; and our lack of under-
standing demonstrates our inner greed;

We have marred baptismal pledges, in re-
we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving
we have wasted earth’s resources; want and
bel-lion gone astray; now, returning, seek for-
over much our things; may the yielding of our
suffering we’ve ignored; come and cleanse us, then re-
giveness; grant us pardon, God, this day!
failings be our Lenten offerings.
store us; make new hearts within us Lord!

2. We have failed to love our neighbors, their of-
troubles, nor have cared just how they live,
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Lord, through these forty days of Lenten vigil,
Teach us to wait upon your sure direction,
Help us to walk the servant’s way with Jesus,
help us to see the price of all our sin.
as Jesus always leaned upon your word.
to see past self, to care for other’s need.

3. We are hasty to judge others, blind to
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Teach us how prayer makes strong a faith that’s fragile;
Help us submit our wills to your correction,
Help us put down the worldly things that please us,
help us confront our sinfulness within.
that in each wilderness your will is heard.
to reach the outcasts with a kindly deed.

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Show us the cross that Jesus bore to save us,
Then may the cross of Christ still win affection
Then may the meaning of Christ’s passion seize us,
then change our hearts, and let that change begin!
from all in whom the love of God has stirred.
leading to resurrection hope in deed!
Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You brought all things into being and called them good.

From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
When rain fell upon the earth
for forty days and forty nights,
you bore up the ark on the waters,
saved Noah and his family,
and made covenant with every living creature on earth.
When you led your people to Mount Sinai
for forty days and forty nights,
you gave us your commandments
and made us your covenant people.
When your people forsook your covenant,
your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights;
and on your holy mountain,
he heard your still small voice.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

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Please be seated.

The pastor continues leading the prayer, recalling the acts of Christ.

...And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Please be seated.