

Text for Ashes

“Ashes” (2019)

1. We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes, redeemed, O Lord, by you.
Our penance, Lord, our sorrow, our grieving hearts renew,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.
2. We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,
the gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
Our stumbling, give direction, our visions wider view,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.
3. Then raise us up from ashes, your healing ease our pain.
Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain,
your rain will nurture growing and create our world anew—
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.
4. Give thanks to God the Father, who gave us life and breath.
Give thanks to Christ the Savior, who saved us by his death,
who, with the Holy Spirit, creates the world anew
from an offering of ashes, an offering to you.