

Ash Wednesday Gathering

March 9, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Call to Worship: Psalm 42:1-2, 5

*Pastor: As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.*

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

Pause for reflection

*Pastor: Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?*

*People: Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Saviour and my God.*

Pause for reflection

Song of longing: "As the Deer"

Our Lenten journey

Bringing our pain to the cross

Scripture: Isaiah 53:3-6

1. What pains did Jesus suffer?
2. How does his pain comfort us and give meaning to our pain?

Offering our pain to the One who suffered for us

Song of Trust

Sharing time with your neighbours

Bringing our joy to the cross

Scripture: John 15:11

1. What joys did Jesus experience?
2. How does his joy increase our joy and give meaning to it?

Offering our joy to the One who rejoices with us

Song of Joy

Sharing time with your neighbours

Holy Habits

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Prayer of consecration

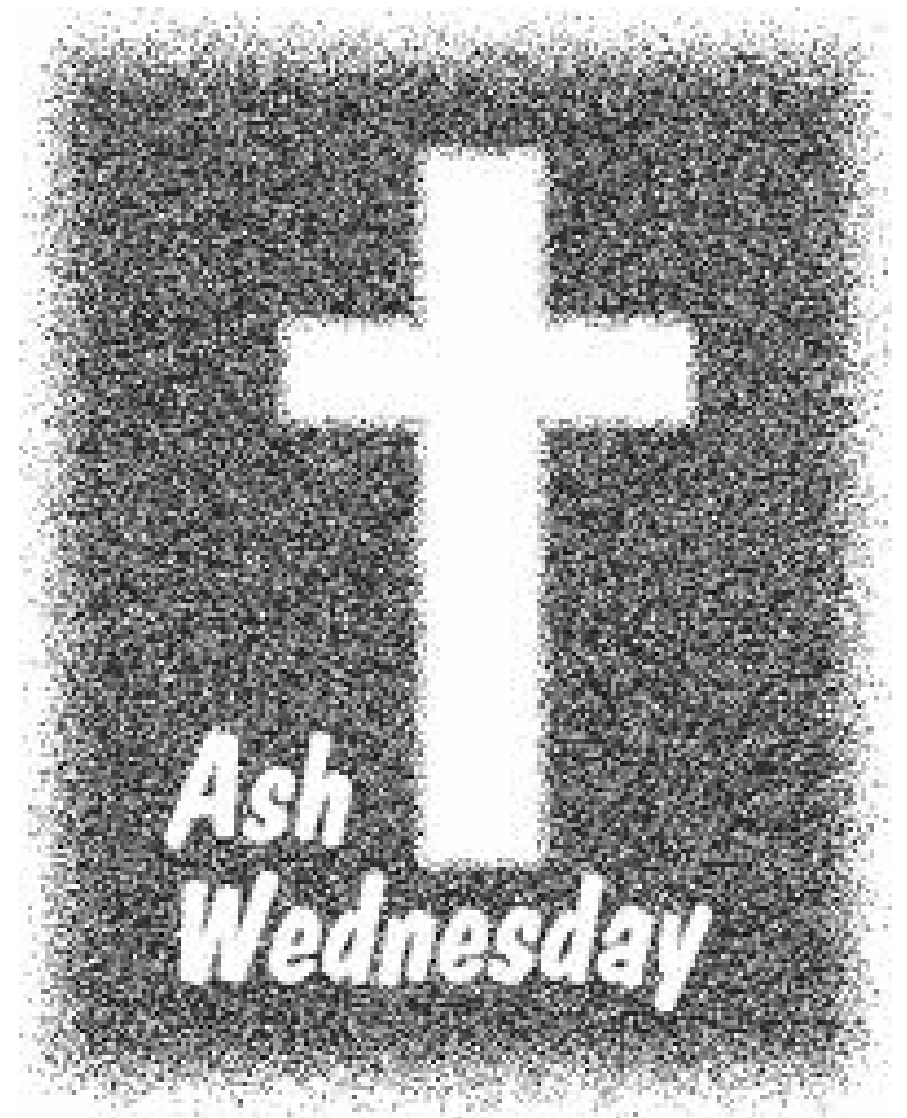
Giving up and taking up: see insert

Sharing time with the group

Song of consecration: "Take Time to Be Holy"

Blessing

Song of Sending



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