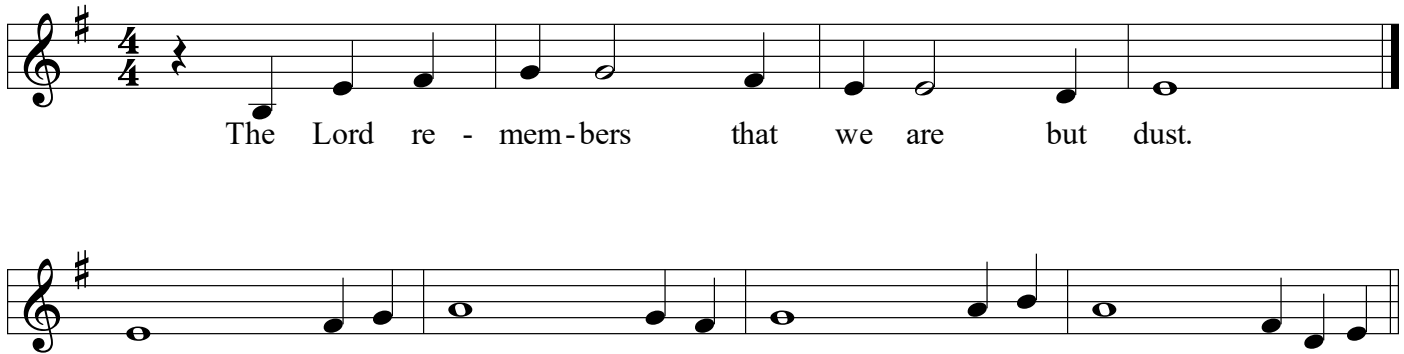


Ash Wednesday

Psalm 103:8-18



The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of **great** kindness.
He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger **for** ever.
He has not dealt with us according to **our** sins,
nor rewarded us according **to** our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above **the** earth,
so is his mercy great upon those **who** fear_him.
As far as the east is from **the** west,
so far has he removed our **sins** from us.

As a father cares for **his** children,
so does the Lord care for those **who** fear_him.
For he himself knows whereof we **are** made;
he remembers that **we_**are but dust.

Our days are like **the** grass;
we flourish like a flower of **the** field;
When the wind goes over it, it **is** gone,
and its place shall **know_it** no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those **who** fear_him,
and his righteousness on child-**ren's** children;
On those who keep **his** covenant
and remember his com-**mandments** and do_them.