

With Ashes on Our Foreheads (General Version)
PASSION CHORALE

With ashes on our foreheads our Lenten fast began
In solemn introspection, the forty days its span.
In penitence we ask for a truer faithfulness
As with you, Lord, we sojourn in our own wilderness.

Through prayer and meditation may we be fully blessed,
Remembering your patient endurance of the test.
May we in you find courage to face each trying hour
And stand with you resisting the fearsome tempter's power.

From you, O Lord, we know that it's not alone by bread
That life's sustained and nourished; the spirit must be fed.
Lord, feed us with your wisdom, abundant life to know,
That with your holy blessing we may your mercy show.

As angels came and served you for forty days and nights,
May we serve you by living the way that grace invites,
Lives marked by loving service in this great world of need,
To be rededicated your sheep to tend and feed.

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