

## **WHY “ASHES TO GO” ?**

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God’s

ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. That turning to God is the work of Lent, preparation for the celebration of Easter.

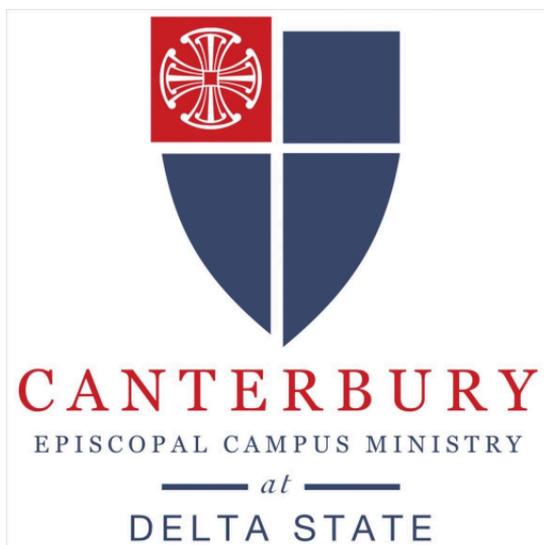
We’re offering ashes at the union today, because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn’t be confined to a church building. We probably need it more when we are in the middle of our daily business! The ashes we receive here are to remind us throughout the day of our need for God, and of God’s call to us.

There is much more to the beginning of Lent than ashes alone, and we encourage you to make time for worship with a community of faith, for the support of others and of the great traditions of faith in our work of repentance and renewal. God meets us not just in worship, but in the midst of life, and we offer the opportunity to remember our faith to those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others today.

## **PRAYER FOR KEEPING LENT**

God our Creator, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, in our weakness, we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church*



### **CANTERBURY CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church  
A meal shared by students and friends followed by evening prayer or a small group discussion.

### **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Ash Wednesday Services:

February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. & at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist (Communion): Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

The principal worship service of our week is Holy Eucharist. This service features scripture reading, prayers, hymns and Holy Communion.

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