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Ash Wednesday

After the priest sprinkles the ashes with holy water and incenses them, he puts some on his own forehead, and then imposes the ashes on the people. He puts them on foreheads in the shape of a Cross to remind us of our hope, and as he does so, he says the words of Genesis 3:

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