

## Palms to Ashes

The God of Palms and Ashes is with you. *And also with you.*

Living God,  
in their life these palms drew life from the earth  
and gave it back to our air  
and the animals they hosted and sheltered;  
in the worship of our community,  
they helped us offer festive joy.  
Thank you for these Palms.

### Palms Placed in Container for Burning

#### Sung Response

*Sign us with ashes, merciful God,  
children of dust, as to dust we return.  
Sign us with ashes, merciful God.  
Mark us and make us your own.*

Grant now, O God,  
that these palms, reduced to ashes,  
may be for us a sign of your power  
to purify our hearts,  
that we may accept our mortality  
and plant our lives in the humble soil  
of your truth and grace. Amen.

## Prayer for Eternity

### Eternity

in the beginning  
there was no end  
  
the ground we  
walked on was  
a memory  
  
our shadows  
false stories  
  
our clothing  
space without time  
  
darkness was the  
color of angels  
  
and the stars did  
not weep  
  
**Frank Lima**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The View from Eternity is with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the view from eternity.*

Let us give thanks for the wisdom of this view.

*For wisdom, conviction, and courage, we give thanks.*

With this view from eternity, we proclaim:

*Wisdom dies; Conviction rises; Courage comes again.*

O most Compassionate Life-giver,

may we honor and praise you;

May we work with you to establish  
your new order of justice, peace and love;

Give us what we need for growth,

And help us,  
through forgiving others,

to accept forgiveness.

Strengthen us in the time of testing,  
that we may resist all evil,

For all tenderness, strength and love are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

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## **Sung Response 525**

*Let us break bread together on our knees;*

*Let us break bread together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees ...*

*Let us praise God together on our knees ...*