

Lord, you have promised

A text for Ash Wednesday

for the tune “Bunessan” (aka ‘Morning has Broken’)

(Target Melody found at *Covenant Hymnal: A Worship Book* # 93, 426, 547)

Lord, you have promised beauty for ashes
Freedom to captives, sight for the blind
Lord, you have promised comfort for mourning
Freedom to prisoners, hope for mankind.

Lord, you have promised gladness for grieving
And for the broken, words that bring peace,
Bread for the hungry, help to the homeless
And to the captive, words of release.

Lord, you provided grace and forgiveness
When on the cross You showed us your love,
Bringing us pardon through your affliction
Making a way to raise us above.

As we await the promised fulfillment
Lord, we delight in Your loving grace
For You have clothed us in Your salvation
And we will see You face to face.

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NOTE: Some worship planners will prefer an inclusive substitute for Verse 1 Line 4. Below is my suggestion. My goal is to provide something that will facilitate meaningful worship in your setting. If you come up with a substitute that works better for you, you have my permission to modify the text for your setting. For my own encouragement, please drop me an email if you use the song in worship, in its original and/or modified form. –Rick Lindholtz – rlindholtz@yahoo.com

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