

Symbols of Lent

Spring 2017

Rocks, Ashes, Sackcloth, Water

Rocks: hardened hearts

Ezekiel 11:19 "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them. I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh."

Ashes: humility, repentance, death

Job 42:6 "Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.

Isaiah 61:3 "... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."

Sackcloth: worn as a sign of mourning or repentance

(our sins should irritate our souls as a sackcloth irritates the skin)

Isaiah 61:3b "... to bestow on them ... a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."

Water: Jesus is the Living Water that cleanses us from our sins

Isaiah 55:1 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters ... "

John 7:37-38 "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.

Revelation 7:17 "... He will lead them to springs of living water and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."