

SHROVE TUESDAY



February 13, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Lead our prais - es, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up
what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and
a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and
a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones
together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to
seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to
tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to
love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹What gain have
the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to
everyone to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time;
moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they
cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

We continue outside under the Portico.

RITE FOR BURNING OF THE PALM BRANCHES

INVOCATION

L We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

L Let us pray. Holy God, you sent your Son into this world to save humanity from the power of sin, death, and the devil. In the last week of his life he courageously obeyed your holy will and when the praise turned to persecution he endured it to the end. Grant that as we draw close to the Lenten season we might ponder anew the suffering and death of Christ. Draw us closer to your heart and remind us of your never-failing love for your whole creation as is evidenced in Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. It is in his holy and precious name that we pray.

C **Amen.**

BURNING OF THE PALMS

L When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, the crowds that had gathered for the Passover Feast waved palm branches, cheered and shouted, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." (John 12:13)

Each person places a palm into the burning receptacle one at a time saying:

C **Hosanna to the King of kings.**

Once all of the palms are in the burning receptacle, light them and watch them burn.

L Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! (Psalm 141:2)

INSTRUCTION

L Ashes are a sign of repentance, cleansing and renewal as well as a symbol of our grief. We grieve the fact that we have sinned and caused a separation between ourselves and our Creator. We repent of our inability to follow Jesus the way we would like, and we are sorry for our constant need to be in charge. We lament our lack of faith and trust in God who is trustworthy and true.

The ashes that we have made today through the burning of these palms will be a sign for us as a people of God that we are forgiven and restored in Christ Jesus our Lord. When we hear the words, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return," we are reminded of God's mercy in our lives. He who created the universe with a word, also spoke each of us into existence, to live in blessed union with him and with one another.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS

- L Let us offer our prayers, the deepest felt needs of our hearts, using the words our Savior taught us.
- C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- L May God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us and accompany us on our journey.
- C **Amen.**
- L Let us go now in peace, in the assurance that as we embark on this Lenten journey very soon, we will be forgiven and restored to a new life in Christ.
- C **Amen. Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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