



Shrove Tuesday
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Shrove Tuesday

The day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday, or perhaps more frequently, Mardi Gras, as it is associated with eating rich and fatty foods one last time before fasting from them in the season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the English verb “shrive,” meaning “to obtain absolution (forgiveness) through confession and penance. This is what we prepare to do on Ash Wednesday and in Lent, as we leave behind that which is not good for us and “Return to the Lord,” turning our lives more fully toward God.

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm 8: 4-9

⁴What are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?

⁵**Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.**

⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷**all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,**

⁸the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹**O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

Gospel – Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
 but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
 teaching human precepts as doctrines.'
⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
 C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling ELW 608



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Burying the Alleluia

P: I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; yea, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors."

So says the Church today of her Alleluia.

Today it dies, until it rises with Christ at his glorious resurrection.

**C: There is a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to laugh and a time to weep;
a time to mourn and a time to dance.**

P: I heard a voice of a great multitude in heaven crying: "Alleluia!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Alleluia!

For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns."

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*The presiding minister invites the children to prepare their paper "Alleluias,"
to be placed in the black box for the duration of Lent.*

P: We bury our Alleluias now until that day when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in joy and in gladness.

*The presiding minister places the "Alleluia" in the box.
As it is placed and the lid of the box is closed,
the refrain of the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," ELW 344, is sung:*

**C: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

A bowl containing palms from the previous Palm Sunday leads a procession outside, where the palms will be burned to be used on Ash Wednesday. The assembly is invited to join =in singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
v. 2, 4

ELW 344

Refrain: **All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

2 **The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. R**

4 **To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. R**

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635.

As the hymn concludes, a fire is lit in the bowl of palms.

Burning of the Palms

Silence is kept.

*The fire burns, and the palms are slowly consumed by flame.
After a time, the presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

Prayer

P: Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God to bless these ashes, mixed with garden dust, which we will use as the sign of our repentance.

Brief silence

P: Lord, bless the sinner who asks for your forgiveness and bless + all those who receive these ashes. May they keep this Lenten season in preparation for the joy of Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in + Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

The ashes of these palms will be used tomorrow, Ash Wednesday, as the season of Lent begins.

Those serving in worship today

Music and Burning of the Palms
Presiding Minister
Videography and Video Compilation

Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
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