



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Shrove Tuesday
February 16, 2021
6:30 P.M.

THE CLOSING OF THE DOORS

At 6:30, the nave livestream will be shared for the Closing of the Doors.

Officiant All of us go down to the dust;
Assembly **yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

READING *Ecclesiastes 3:1–3a, 4*

Reader A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

FOR everything there is a season, and a time for every
matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and time to pluck up that which is planted;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

BURYING THE ALLELUIAS

Officiant Until the time when Christ's resurrection is celebrated with joy and gladness, we commit our joyful alleluia to God who gave it. Let us pray together:

**All Lord God, our creator,
as we bury this sign of heaven's song,
help us to turn ourselves to living a holy Lent.
Help us give up things that stand between us and your love,
and walk with Jesus on the road that leads us closer to you.**

**We give up our alleluia only for a while
so that we may make more beautiful music
in our heart and life
when we sing it again at Easter. Amen.**

*The alleluia banner is processed into McCaw chapel,
and will remain hidden until Easter.*

The alleluias are introduced by the Cantor, then repeated by all.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Cantor sings the verse:

Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
 alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high;
 in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally:

All sing the alleluias once.

Alleluia though we cherish and would chant for evermore
 alleluia in our singing, let us for a while give o'er,
 as our Savior in his fasting pleasures of the world forbore.

*As the reredos doors are closing, all sing the alleluias,
 repeating them until indicated.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

After the final alleluias, all observe a period of silence.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

A Priest offers the closing prayer and blesses the Assembly.

*All respond: **Amen***

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The livestream transitions to the burning of the palms on the cathedral porch.

All are invited to silent contemplation at this time.

*All are invited to join us tomorrow for the liturgy of Ash Wednesday via
 live-stream at noon or 7 p.m..*



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