

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church
Shrove Tuesday
A Liturgy for the Burning of the Palms



INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Together, let us Pray.

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. AMEN.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-35

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us.

For self centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God who is rich in Mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **AMEN.**

BURNING OF THE PALMS

Lord Bless and accept these palms which we burn; symbols of pageantry and glory, symbols of suffering and death; symbols of frailty and mortality; symbols of our dependence on you. Give us the eyes of faith to see beyond the ashes of death to the certainty of eternal life. Bless this journey of Lent which we prepare to take together. Lead us to the wonder and mystery of the cross and empty tomb. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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;
And 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

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
AMEN.

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We depart in silence to begin the season of Lent with earnest reflection.

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**Join us for
Ash Wednesday Services of Holy Communion
with the Imposition of Ashes
Tomorrow.**

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