



Farewell to Alleluia

Celebrant: Let us pray (in unison)

Lord God, our creator, help us to turn ourselves to living a good Lent. Help us to give up things that stand between us and your love, and to walk with Jesus on the road that leads closer to you. We give up our Alleluia only for a while until we sing Alleluia again at the Feast of Easter. Amen.



A Palm-Burning Ceremony

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant:

Within a short time, the Lord will call us on Ash Wednesday to a time of fasting, repentance, and conversion. We have died in Baptism and put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Each year, we keep the 40 days of Lent with prayer, penitence and the practice of charity so that we may come to the Easter feast, ready to renew, once more, our Baptismal Promises—which give us life. Throughout Lent we will gather to hear the word of God and to intercede for the needs of the world.

Let us pray: (in unison)

God of mercy, you call us from the dust of the earth and you claim us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we prepare for the 40 days of Lent by burning these palms to create the ashes which will be a sign for us as we journey through the desert of Lent to the waters of new birth at Easter. May our fasting be a hunger for justice; our alms a way of making peace; and our prayer the song of humble and thankful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, for in his cross we proclaim your love forever and ever. Amen.

The celebrant burns the palms.

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Antiphon: Alleluia, alleluia. Enclose and seal up the word,
(Choir alone) alleluia, alleluia. Let it remain in the secret of your heart,
 alleluia, alleluia, until the appointed time.
 You shall say it with great joy when that day comes.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn:



<i>Choir</i>	1. Al - le - lu - ia,	song of glad - ness,	Voice of joy that
<i>Choir & Cong.</i>	2. Al - le - lu - ia	thou re - sound - est,	True Je - ru - sa -
<i>Choir & Cong.</i>	3. Al - le - lu - ia	can - not al - ways	Be our song while
<i>Choir & Cong.</i>	4. There - fore in our	hymns we pray thee	Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die;	Al - le - lu - ia	is the an - them
lem and free;	Al - le - lu - ia,	joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low;	"Al - le - lu - ia"	our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty,	At the last to	keep thine Eas - ter



Ev - er dear to	choirs on high;	In the house of
All thy chil - dren	sing with thee;	But by Ba - by -
Make us for a	while fore - go;	For the so - lem -
With thy faith - ful	saints on high;	There to thee for -



God a - bid - ing	Thus they sing	e - ter - nal - ly.
Ion's sad wa - ters	Mourn - ing	ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing	When our tears	for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing	Al - le - lu - ia	joy - ful - ly.

Text: Antiphon: Ambrosian Rite, medieval Milan
 Hymn: 11th century Latin, tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
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 Farewell to Alleluia (11-10054) Setting Robert Buckley Farlee

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