



CHRIST *the* REDEEMER

Shrove Tuesday
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The word "shrove" comes from the English word "shrive," which means to receive absolution for one's sins by confessing. It is entirely appropriate that we celebrate in such a way that enjoys the sweetness of sugar and fatness of butter before the season of Lent because our sins have already been paid for by Christ. The time of penance ushered in tomorrow at Ash Wednesday to commemorate the season of Lent sits in contrast to this day. We must hold both the beauty and laughter and joy of being in Christ with the call to live cruciform and broken and contrite remembrance that we are dust and to dust we will return.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Celebrant:

The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof.

Congregation:

He has not dealt with us as our sins deserve.

Celebrant:

On Christ our sins have been laid.

Congregation:

On Christ do we depend.

Celebrant:

O magnify the Lord with me

Congregation:

Let us exalt his name together

Celebrant:

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Congregation:

Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Celebrant:

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Congregation:

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Celebrant:

May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine.

Congregation:

For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

Celebrant:

Yes. Truly the old wineskins have burst forth with jubilation and power with the New Wine of the Kingdom.

Congregation:

We open our mouths and he fills us with rich food.

Celebrant:

Amen. Amen. Fatness and rich blessings are yours in Christ as he has purchased us with his blood and made us to receive from his bounty.

Corporate Spontaneous Thanksgiving

Please use this time to stand and recount the blessings of the Lord in your life over the past year and to give him thanks for his persistent provision in your life.

Celebrant Prayer:

Lord, give us grace to inaugurate with holy fasting the defenses of Christian warfare, so that we who are to fight against spiritual wickedness, may be helped and strengthened by self-denial. May we know that you are holy and righteous and true. May we forsake ungodliness and worldly lusts so that we might savor the rich promises of heaven in greater hope and expectancy for our Bridegroom's return.

Let us pray in silence that we may live as forgiven people.

Corporate Silent Prayer

Please use this time to pray silently to ask for God's help, strength, favor, and blessing

to love and obey him in the year to come as you pursue holiness, righteousness, truth, and beauty...

Celebrant:

*God of infinite mercy,
grant that we who know your compassion
may rejoice in your forgiveness
and gladly forgive others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.*

Congregation:

Father in Heaven. You're rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness to your children. We ever receive your graces and thank you that you meet each of us where we are in our journey toward you. We praise you that we are full and have every want satisfied in our Redeemer. We glorify your Name as you have sealed us with your eternal Spirit, our Comfort. Amen.

Celebrant:

Brothers and Sisters, May our mouths be filled with laughter and our hearts with singing as we enjoy a foretaste of the heavenly gathering this day.

Amen.

Congregation:

Amen

While Shrove Tuesday is a celebration, it is a preparation for a time of repentance. As humans we can either veer off into the ditch of license, where we believe that we are free to do whatever we would like. Or we get stuck in the ditch of self-condemnation, where we are so overwhelmed with our sin that we can't enjoy the bounty of God's goodness surrounding us in the Garden.

We must not only hold both of these truths that we are sinful saints and saintly sinners, but we must embrace the beautiful realization that God wraps his arms around us and reminds us that the Good News is that he has met all the Law's demands. He has welcomed us as friends and brothers and children.

As such, we don't revel as the godless do. We don't declare freedom from obedience... rather we relish the freedom we find in being a slave to God. To taking our yokes upon our backs and seeing that he is gentle and kind.

Indeed, Shrove Tuesday calls us to laugh and shout and dance and sing and be joyful because the new wine will flow abundantly in the New Heavens and New Earth.

Take these next few hours to recount the goodness of God in your life. As you enjoy the feast of pancakes, be proactive in sharing how God has met you in hard places this year. You may be reluctant. But if you step out in humility and faith, you will verily taste and see that he is good...and that his steadfast love endures forever.

*With affection and joy,
Matt Wireman*



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