

Alleluia Guide

Sunday | February 14



Why Do We Put Away the Alleluias

Alleluia is a word expressing joy-filled praise. The church has a tradition of not speaking or singing "alleluia" during the Lenten season. Lent is a season of contemplation, so we put the alleluias away for a time, we take down banners and decorations in our worship space, and our Sunday readings and prayers take on a tone of lament and repentance. When Easter Sunday comes we are ready to bring out the Alleluias to express our great joy at the news that Jesus Christ is risen!

Putting Away the Alleluias at Home

We will put away the alleluias during worship on Sunday, February 14. Here are some suggestions for getting your alleluias ready to say good-bye and put away on that day.

1. Decorate your alleluia. You can use the one included in the kit or design your own. Your household can make one alleluia together or each person can create their own.
2. Think about how you will transform your alleluia when we bring them back at Easter.
3. Decide where you will bury or put away your alleluia for Lent. You can put it away in a drawer, a box, or even bury it in your yard.
4. Attend online worship on Sunday, February 14 at 8:30 am or 11:00 am when we will say good-bye to the alleluias together.
5. Put your alleluia away.

Raising the Alleluias

On Easter Sunday, April 4 we will raise our Alleluias! We will rejoice that we are God's beloved children, Christ is risen, and we are forgiven.

1. Transform your alleluias and get ready to bring them back on Easter morning. You can make them into a banner to hang where you worship at home or put them on sticks to wave around, or plan to tape them up on the wall when they are resurrected. You can be creative
2. Attend Easter worship online and be ready to bring out your alleluias. If we are worshipping in person, bring your alleluias with you to church and we will resurrect them together.
3. Be ready to shout and sing your alleluia praises with exuberance and joy as we celebrate the risen Christ! Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Prayer for Putting Away

God, we are saying good-bye to our alleluias so we can prepare our hearts and minds to grow closer to you. Help us to turn away from our selfish habits and things that keep us from you so we may be renewed in your Spirit this Lenten season. Amen