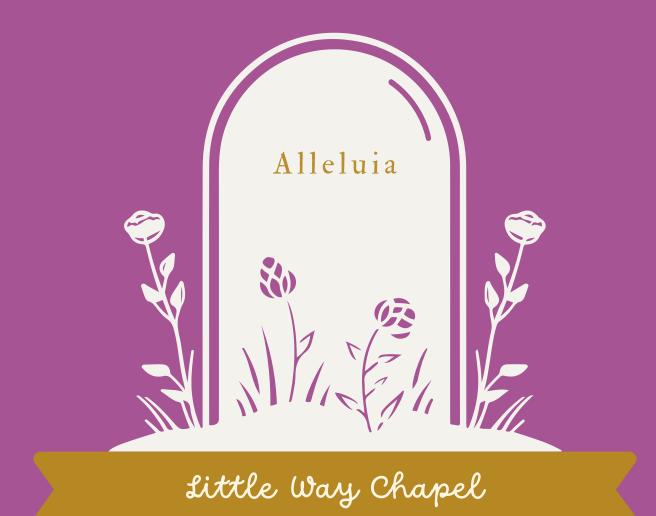
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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: Psalm 150 Alleluia! Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Alleluia! Praise the Lord!



Leader: Lent is a somber time, a period of 40 days when we walk with Jesus in the wilderness, remembering our mortality and putting to death the sin we have come to hold so dearly. This is not an easy or pleasant thing to do. But we know that when we walk with Jesus, we become more like him. And so, it is right that for this season, we say goodbye to the Alleluia—a shout of happiness —and put it away until we return again to our Easter joy.

The banner is rolled or folded up while singing the hymn below or another appropriate Alleluia song.

Sing: "Praise Ye the Lord" Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord, Alleluia!

Leader: Almighty God, we give you thanks for this shout of joy you have placed in our hearts. As we bury this banner, we pray that you will bury our sins with it, making us more like your Son this Lenten season. *Amen.*

