

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

David Lasky

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118 *(responsively)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

SALUTATION

*+HYMN PREPARATION 145 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Tune: ELLACOMBE

CHILDREN'S TIME Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, have mercy on us. In the fullness of your grace, remember us. Your Son Jesus is Lord and king and we long to cry Hosanna! to you. But the words get stuck in our throats as we remember all of our brokenness and failure. Remember us as we also encounter the brokenness of others. In the fullness of your grace, remember your world and heal your creation. Your Son Jesus is Lord and King, help us draw near to him this week in the power of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, and heal us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE adapted from Psalm 32

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 7:23-29

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This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “The Priest Who Lives”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is....we worship and adore your
glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Hosanna Processional Joseph M. Martin

Hosanna, glory to the King.

Hosanna, lift your voice and sing.

Lift up your heads, you gates of Zion.

Be lifted up, you ancient doors.

Lift up your heads, you gates eternal.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All Glory to the King of kings!

*DOXOLOGY 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 809 Remembering with Love and Hope

Tune: LAND OF REST

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Triumphal March Théodore Dubois

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Madison Pierce, preaching; Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, liturgists; Larry Sue, Carla Sue, handbells; Kamerkoor; Linda Stronf, Minister of Music.

Today

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The calla lilies at the chancel this morning are given by Bruce and Susan Formsma in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bosman, Mr. and Mrs. Arend Bosman, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bosman.

Today we welcome Dr. Madison Pierce as our guest preacher. Dr. Pierce joined the faculty at Western Theological Seminary in 2022. Her research areas include the book of Hebrews, the use of Scripture in Scripture, and the Catholic Epistles. She is an active member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Institute for Biblical Research. She enjoys serving the Church through preaching, reading Scripture, and assisting in distributing the Lord's Supper. She and her family (Curtis and Isla) enjoy music, time outdoors, travel, and their beloved dog Izzy.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jon VanDuinen, Roger DeYoung, Laura McMullen.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Katherine and George Hunsberger will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

nursery care available

Preschool-First Grade room 2

Second-Fifth Grade

room 1

6th-8th grades

room 11

Senior High

Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15

Mosaic: "Approaching the Bible with Artist's Eyes" led by Bryant Russ. This class meets in the sanctuary. Next week: "Islam" led by John Hubers.

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything" **meets in the chapel.** Class led by George Hunsberger.

EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL): Les invitamos a las 11:30 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO (SPANISH GATHERING)** We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you! English translation via headset is available.*

The Week Ahead

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor

11:15 a.m. Education Hour

11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry

5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir

Monday

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. History Book Group

Tuesday

6:15 p.m. Governing Elders' Meeting

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

7:30 p.m. JET Steering Team

7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints
5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
12:00 p.m. Office Closed

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Kamerkoor Rehearsal

Congregational News

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Lee and Milly Ten Brink in the death of Lee's brother, Norman, on March 30.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Grayson Sievert, Etta Hesselink, and Dennis DeWitt have returned to their homes from the hospital. Hospice Care-Dennis DeWitt.
Appledorn-Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins; Vista Springs-Barb Piaget.
Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 7 and Monday, April 10.

MICRO-PANTRY NEEDS: The Micro Pantry is in desperate need of more supplies. If you take a stroll by the boxes lining the hallway wall you will see that the boxes with the following labels are completely empty: canned meat, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, rice. You will also notice that the following labeled boxes are very low: soup; tomato diced; tomato sauce; tomato paste; baked beans; peanut butter; noodles; and snacks. On the health product side we need: paper towel; soap; shampoo; tissues; hand sanitizer; toothpaste **but we don't need toothbrushes**. This is a big ask in an environment of higher costs, but any and all donations are much appreciated!

DISHES NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL: Please sign up by following the link in the Third Church News or calling the church office, to bring either Soup, Salad, or Bread for our Maundy Thursday meal on Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m.

FLOWERING THE CROSS: We invite each family to bring a long stem flower, on Easter Sunday morning, symbolizing loved ones who have died or a person who has touched our Christian faith. The flowers will be put on a wooden cross during both morning services. The cross will be processed only during 10:00 a.m. worship service.

OUTREACH OFFERINGS: The Maundy Thursday offering will go for local immigrant housing needs. If immigrants are able to work and even find housing, they are often unable to afford both the first month's rent and an equal amount of deposit. Your gifts will provide assistance for this need that affects many of the immigrants in Third Reformed Church's ministry.

The Easter offering will help support missionary Linn Gann who provides education, empowerment programs and building assistance for new congregations for the poorest of the poor in the RCA's historic work in India.

The Holland area group, Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP), is sponsoring a Taizé Prayer in our community on Monday of Holy Week, April 3, at St. Francis de Sales Church, 13th Street and Maple Avenue in Holland. An offering of prayer and songs originating from the Community of Taizé in France, whose captivating music and contemplative form of prayer has found its way around the world. Please join us for this time of contemplation and meditation through prayer and song. All are welcome as we pray together for the many needs of our world.

ORDER EASTER LILIES

TODAY is the last day to order lilies.

Place your order in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

No. of plants _____ \$8.25 each Total enclosed _____

In memory/honor of _____

Given by _____

Each person is responsible for picking up their own lily, taking it with them and/or delivering it to a shut-in.

Holy Week Schedule

We have a full Holy Week schedule coming up.

- April 2, 2023, at 11:30 AM El Encuentro Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- April 3, 2023, CUSP Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
- April 6, 2023, at 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday All-Church dinner of soup and salad followed by a worship service in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.
- April 7, 2023, at 12:10 PM Good Friday Ecumenical Worship service in the sanctuary.
- April 9, 2023, at 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise service beginning outside (weather permitting)
- April 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM Bilingual Easter Sunday Worship in the sanctuary.

No Sunday School or Adult Education this day.

LET'S CELEBRATE

together following the 10:00 a.m. Easter worship service.

We invite you to bring cookies, bars, or other finger foods to share with each other as we praise our Risen Lord. Items may be brought to the kitchen by noon on Friday, April 7 or Sunday morning, April 9.