## PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.

## -THE APPROACH TO GOD-

PRELUDE Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Lyndell Leatherman

#### **WELCOME**

Jesus Christ,

the light of the world.

#### **VOTUM**

### CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

#### Let Israel say,

## "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

## I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

# This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

## 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

Ride On, Ride On Majesty - #149

Tune: DEO GRACIAS

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - #145

Tune: ELLACOMBE

(Children will be dismissed to the worship center at the end of the first verse.)

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O King of glory,

we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this Holy Week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through him should be saved.

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hosanna! Amen!

-THE WORD OF GOD-

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:28-40

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON:** Silent Stones and Soccer Hooligans

#### PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

based on Philippians 2:5-11

-THE RESPONSE TO GOD-

**ANTHEM** 

Coronation

Craig Courtney

Crown Him, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace. Crown Him, the one who died and rose again to live forevermore.

Crown Him, the Bread of Life,

High and holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star.

He holds the keys of death. He holds the keys of hell.

He is ruler of the kings of earth. Crown Him, behold your King.

See Him coming with the clouds,

Every eye shall see Him whom they have pierced.

See Him who is the first and is the last.

Alpha and Omega. He is the Living One

He who is and was and who is to come.

He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by His blood.

He is the mighty Son of God. Crown Him, behold your King.

Behold Him! Behold your King.

Behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Crown Him!

-Based on texts from Isaiah, John, Hebrews and Revelation

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

arr. by Larry Sue

\*DOXOLOGY - #965

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 Rejoice

Rejoice, O Zion's Daughter - #151

Tune: LLANGLOFFAN

#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Dearest Jesus David Lasky

\*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Remi VanFarowe, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, liturgists; Bruce Formsma, flugelhorn; Kamerkoor; Carillon Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

## TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in yourself and your family members and let us know you were here. If you are joining us as a guest today, please use the QR code to the



right or head to trcholland.org/quickstart to let us know you were here.

The rose by the font is in celebration of the birth of a daughter, Emili Yasmin, to Jose and Yorelis Cabrera.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Bassett, Roger DeYoung, Sandy Stielstra.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Jane Dalman and Tom TenHoeve 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**

## There will be no education classes for children and youth on Sunday, April 13, and 20.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15, meets in the chapel. "Avoiding the Verbal Villains" led by Karen Mulder and Joel Schoon-Tanis. No adult education class next week, April 20.

#### 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 616-392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Gordon Mummert in the death of his wife, Barbara, on April 5.

SYMPATHY is extended to Alfredo and Maria Gonzales in the death of Alfredo's sister on April 1.

The family of Elizabeth Du Mez will be having a family graveside service on April 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to the Third Reformed Church Gathering Place following for a time of sharing starting around 11:30 a.m.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Pray for: Ed Stielstra, Chris Walvoord, Mark Bonnette, Al Gibson, Jane Dalman, Adriann Divozzo. Appledorn-Donna Prins, Ed Stielstra; Holland Cortland-Barb Piaget; Phyllis Brown; Maple Woods-Paula Wilson; Farmstead-Nancy Gebben. Missionaries - Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

LIFT: LIFT will not meet this week April 16 for Holy Week. The next LIFT dinner will be Wednesday, April 23, at 5:30 p.m.

### THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Through three quarters of the fiscal year, the church is in good shape financially and on-track to finish the fiscal year on June 30 with a small surplus providing the next three months follow the trends of recent years. As of March 31, financial results are as follows:

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Total Income	\$936,527	\$944,400
Total Expense	\$873,866	\$908,400
NET REVENUE	\$62,661	\$36,000

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Join us for a soup and salad dinner on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m., with the service following at 6:00 p.m. and then on Good Friday, April 18 join together for an ecumenical service at Hope Church, 77 W. 11th St, at noon.

SPECIAL OUTREACH OFFERINGS: The Maundy Thursday offering will support the Benevolence Fund of Third Reformed Church and the Easter offering will support Lighthouse Immigration legal aid.

DISHES NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL: Please sign up by following the link in Third Church News or calling the church office, to bring either Soup, Salad, or Bread for our Maundy Thursday meal on Thursday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. We are also in need of volunteers to help with set up, serving, and cleanup.

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 at the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. worship service so be sure to arrive early to have your flower included.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: May 4 is our annual congregational meeting. Again this year it will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. To facilitate the gathering of all our people, there will be only one service that day, with no separate service for El Encuentro. We will enjoy a meal together at the meeting, and will conclude with the Lord's Supper. Maria Urrea will be making yummy breakfast casseroles, but we will need your help completing the meal. Sign up at the link in this week's edition of Third Church News or call the church office to provide pastries, muffins, fruit and to help with clean up. At the meeting we will get a financial update, receive a state of the church report, and approve a slate of new elders and deacons. A Zoom link will be available for the congregational meeting, however it will be a non-interactive link, meaning Zoom participants will be able to observe but not vote or comment during the congregational meeting. An absentee ballot will be available in the office if you are unable to make the meeting. Nominees for Consistory are: **Deacon:** John Green, Dan Callam; Governing Elder: Vicki Mast, Lorna Cook, Deb DuMez, Kathy Schoon-Tanis.

The cover art, by artist in residence Joel Schoon-Tanis, is an evolving painting intended to aid in telling the story of the church year and help us imagine the fullness of the story of God. It will change week to week until the last Sunday of the liturgical year 2024-2025. You may view the painting in the Gathering Place.

#### WEEK OF APRIL 13-19

## Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor

11:15 a.m. Education Hour - Mosaic

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6:30 p.m. Middle School Girls' Bible

Study

6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Bible

Study

6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

Wednesday

6:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning

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Prayers (Zoom)

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible

Study (Zoom)

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Soup

Dinner

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday** 

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Hope

Church

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Kamerkoor Rehearsal