

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk (*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship
with a time of prayer and meditation.*

“Two Settings of *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*” J. S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Prepare the Way” (8:40)

*Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the
salvation of our God.*

Isaiah 40:3; 52:10
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“Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates” (11:00)

*Lift up your heads, O gates; the King of glory waits. Lift
high, O ancient doors, obey; prepare the royal way.
Hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 146:1,3,4,5

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Palm Sunday Greeting: (from Psalm 118)

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.

People: **The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in
our eyes.**

Leader: With boughs in hand, join the festal procession up
to the altar.

People: **You are our God, and we will praise you.**

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace to you, in the name of the
Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Remember Christ's Entry into Jerusalem

The Palm Sunday Story: Mark 11:7-10 (pg. 1576)

The Children's Processional: Lift Up Your Hearts 145:1-2
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Children's Message

The Children's Recessional: Lift Up Your Hearts 145:3
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Hosanna to the Son of David” (8:40)

*Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna! Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Crowds of children join in
singing, hear the loud hosannas ringing to the King of Glory
bringing songs of praise. He is here, the true Messiah, Israel,
rejoice! Hosanna in the highest! Mighty Ruler, our Defender,
coming not in royal splendor, humble King to you we render
songs of praise! He is here, the true Messiah, Israel rejoice!
Hosanna in the highest!*

Allen Pote

Matthew 21:9

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“Benedictus” from *Small Organ Mass* (11:00)

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Joseph Haydn

Psalm 118:26

English Translation:

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

The Offertory:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Michael Burkhardt, Donald Rotermund

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund and Family
Promise. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your
gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.
(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)*

*The Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Luke 19:28-40 (pg. 1633)

The Sermon: **“FACES FIRMLY FIXED ON JESUS:
ARRIVAL”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 148:1,3,5,6
“My Song Is Love Unknown”

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Marche Religieuse”

(based on the theme of Handel's *Lift up Your Heads,*

O Ye Gates from Messiah)

Alexandre Guilmant

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)

Mary Tuuk – vocalist (11:00)

Tom and Laurie Bosma – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Melanie and Jean Scott – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

American composer Allen Pote's (b. 1945) new choral setting based on Matthew 21:9 evokes the pomp and excitement of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Driving energy, constant syncopation in the vocal parts, and a shifting meter (1-2-3, 1-2-3, 1-2) in the piano accompaniment contribute to the festivity of the procession. With over 75 published anthems to his credit, Pote is a full-time composer and also directs the Pensacola Children's Chorus, a choir of over 200 that has received national recognition.

The flowers today are in loving memory of **Henry & Clara Beets, Clarence & Anne Beets,** and **Bill Kuiper** given by **Jerry & Jessica VanderWall.**

The designated offering for the month of **April** is for Family Promise. Homelessness...one family at a time. Family Promise is an organization committed to giving parents the hope and encouragement they need to create a better future for their kids and end the cycle of homelessness. Through their emergency shelter, housing services, home ownership opportunities and aftercare services, they have helped over 1,000 families build a stronger future.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the last week of Jesus life on earth. Purple, the color of royalty, is used in the paraments and banners. It symbolizes the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The palm branches symbolize the greeting the people gave Jesus, the King.

This evening, for our service of prayers for healing, Rev. Ruth Boven will preach on Mark 2:1-12. Her sermon is entitled, "Intercessory Faith." This service includes a special prayer time during which pastors and elders are available to pray for your specific needs or prayer requests. Prayer Request cards are available at the Welcome Center this morning and will also be in the evening Order of Worship bulletin. We will also select, by lot, new elders and deacons after the postlude.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.