

March 28, 2021

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

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

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

"Partita on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*" Michael Burkhardt

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Hosanna" Carl Tuttle

Hosanna in the highest! Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise; be exalted, oh Lord, my God! Hosanna in the highest!

Glory to the King of kings! Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise; be exalted, oh Lord, my God! Glory to the King of kings!

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*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 176***

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Matthew 22:36-40

The Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, we confess our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure. Forgive our failure to love you fully and our neighbors as ourselves. Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love. Enliven us by the familiar, but always new, story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope, that this week reveals. Mold us to the ways of Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

The Time of Silence – concluded with singing:

1. O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

4. The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only thee.

LUYH 324:1,4

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Based on Psalm 118

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 168

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

The Reading: Mark 11:1-10

The Palm Processional: Lift Up Your Hearts 145:1,3

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

The Children's Message

The Responsive Anthem:

"Palm Sunday Processional"

Rory Cooney

When they heard that Jesus was coming, sing hosanna to the chosen one! All the people went out to meet him. Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Congregation sings refrain:



Sing ho-san - na, sing ho-san - na,



sing ho - san - na to the cho - sen one!

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Spread their cloaks and branches before him, sing hosanna to the chosen one! Children sang, with palm branches waving. Sing hosanna to the chosen one! (Congregation sings refrain)

Rising sun, the light of the world, sing hosanna to the chosen one! Word of life, who gives us the Spirit. Sing hosanna to the chosen One!
(Congregation sings refrain)

Friend in death, who wakes us to new life, sing hosanna to the chosen one! Friend in life: we sing glad hosannas. Sing hosanna to the chosen one!
(Congregation sings refrain)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Hallelujah Round of Praise"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord. Praise him to the heavens, praise him in the heights, praise him, all his angels, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon, all you shining stars. Sing hallelujah! Praise the Lord. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.

Psalm 148:1-3

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Genesis 29

The Sermon: **"MODERN DAY IDOLS: THE IDOL OF ROMANCE"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 148:1,3,6

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Marche Religieuse” (based on the theme of *Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* from Handel’s *Messiah*)

Alexandre Guilmant

Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Combined Children’s and Youth Choirs

Renee Vande Wege – director

Joyce Waalkes and Rev. Peter Jonker– Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dee DeKryger and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave:

Absent for over a full year, our children’s and youth choirs will sing combined this morning in Palm Sunday worship, offering anthems of praise to the coming King. The introit titled *Hosanna* echoes the shouts of the crowd on the palm-strewn streets of Jerusalem. *Palm Sunday Processional* recounts the Psalm Sunday story, naming Christ as the chosen one in the refrain. *Hallelujah Round of Praise* (Psalm 148:1-3) is sung in a round expressing praise to the Lord of creation, the coming King, the Lord of all.

The chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of

Rev. Jacob D. and Anne B. Eppinga who entered the Church Triumphant on 3/1/08 and 3/24/11. **Dick and Judy Eppinga, John and Deanna Eppinga DeVries, Ryan and Chelsea DeVos-Lundquist, and Brittany DeVos**

The March special offering is for **God’s Kitchen** which is part of Catholic Charities under the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They provide noontime meals, serving people in downtown Grand Rapids, as well as six sponsored sites throughout West Michigan.

This evening, Reverend John Mondri will be our guest preacher. Rev. Mondri is the pastor of the African Community Fellowship, a church plant of the Christian Reformed Church. He will preach on Matthew 28:18-20, and his sermon is entitled, “Our Calling.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.