

**April 2, 2023**

*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:

“Hosanna”

Paul Wachs

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

arr. Joshua Evanovich

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die: bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 145

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*The organ will play this hymn once through before we start to sing. When the organ begins playing, the children will start the palm processional. Please rise on the last line of the hymn and respond to the children by waving your palms in return.*

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### ***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: Mark 8:31-38

The Prayer of Confession:

**Eternal and merciful God, you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake, yet we have strayed from your way. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we thank you that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

*followed by a time of silence, concluded by singing:*

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide, forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

Worship & Rejoice 252:1,4

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Luke 15:3-6

\*The Hymn of Commitment: ***Worship & Rejoice 344:1-3***

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Healey Willan

*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.*

Mark 11:9

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

arr. Joshua Evanovich

\*The Doxology

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

### ***God Speaks to Us***

The Scripture: Matthew 26:69-75 (p.1549)

The Sermon: **“FAILURES AND FAITHFULNESS:  
PETER'S DENIAL”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### ***We Go in His Peace***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 691

“Amazing Grace”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude

“A Festive Intrada”

Walter L. Pelz

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ashley Grace Stephenson – violinist

Vocal Octet, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)

Carmen Kruyf, Jennifer Schroder – soprano, Glenda Buteyn, Jess Hollenbach – alto,

Jim Elzinga, Zach Kruyf – tenor, Karel de Waal Malefyt, Peter Redder – bass

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

René Baatenburg and Andrea Hoekzema – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Rachel Rynbrandt and Mervin Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

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

#### **Music at LaGrave**

Born in England, Healey Willan (1880-1968) emigrated to Canada in 1913 and worked as an organist in Toronto where he was also active as a composer. His impressive total output numbers over 800 pieces and he is best known for his church music, both organ and choral. Willan's Palm Sunday anthem *Hosanna to the Son of David* is from the early 1950s and mimics the conservative style of a baroque motet, including both chordal harmony and imitative and fugal counterpoint.

**The April special offering** is for **Family Promise of Grand Rapids**. Family Promise partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

**This evening**, we will welcome guest minister, Rev. Duane Kelderman to the pulpit.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)