

March 24, 2024

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:

“Palm Sunday Processional (Hosanna to the Son of David)”

Daniel Greig and Jon Paige

Sing and shout to the Son of David, bring unto the King a jubilant song. Raise your voices, sing hosanna. Sing unto the King a jubilant song. Sing hosanna, blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Sing hosanna, blessed is the One who comes. Sing to the King a jubilant song. Sing hosanna!

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 146:1-4

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*The Greeting

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

The Greeting of the Children

The Children's Recessional: Lift Up Your Hearts 145

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession:

Isaiah 53:6

“Come to the Savior Now”

**Come to the Savior now, all who have wandered far;
renew your solemn vow, for his by right you are;
come like poor, wandering sheep returning to his fold;
his arm will safely keep, his love will ne'er grow cold.**

The Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, we confess you as Lord

and believe that you are the Son of God.

**We also confess that sometimes our pain blinds us; our
hard-heartedness stunts us; and our desire to be self-
directed keeps us away from you.**

**Calm our minds so we can listen. Soften our hearts
toward your Spirit.**

**Strengthen our feet to walk with you. For in you we live
and move and have our being. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: based on Isaiah 53:3-5

Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

**Our sins have been swept away like a cloud,
our offenses like the morning mist.**

“Return to me,” says the Lord,

“for I have redeemed you.”

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 170:1-4

“Man of Sorrows – What a Name”

We Celebrate God's Promises in Baptism (11:00)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism of **Taylor Grace Miedema**, daughter of

Matt & Megan Miedema

Prayer Partner: Sheryll Poel

*Children are invited to come forward for the baptism,
and leave during the hymn of response*

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Edwin T. Childs

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless
shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord
should take frail flesh and die?*

*Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all
the day hosannas to their King. Then “crucify” is all their breath, and for
his death they thirst and cry.*

*Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite? He made the
lame to run, and gave the blind their sight. What injuries! yet these are
why the Lord most high so cruelly dies, my Savior dies, my song of love so
cruelly dies.*

*Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores. Never was love, dear
King, never was grief like yours! This is my friend in whose sweet praise I
all my days could gladly spend. My song of love.*

The Offertory:

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Dan Forrest

The Offering

*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: Philippians 4:4-9 (p.1827)

The Sermon: **“MAN OF SORROWS: SURVIVAL GEAR”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 264:1,4,6,7

“Lift High the Cross”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Response (8:40)

*The Organ Response (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, 3-6 Choir, 7-12 Choir,

Bells Jubilate, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director

Deb and Jacob Vogel – percussionists

Deb Alley – piano duet pianist

Rachel Rynbrandt & Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding & Carmen Day – 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, and the palm branches used in the paraments and banners symbolize the triumphant entry of Jesus the King of kings into Jerusalem.

Music at LaGrave:

This morning's introit, combining adult and children's choirs, handbells, organ, and percussion, evokes the shouting, praise-filled, crowd at the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The piece is made up of two simple melodies which are heard individually, in a round, and then simultaneously. The anthem ends abruptly and joyfully, with a surprise percussive effect from the children's choir!

The March special offering is for **Mel Trotter Ministries.**

Mel Trotter Ministries provides shelter for individuals and families with services including: meals, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, case management.

This evening, Reverend Jonker will preach on Matthew 22:1-14.