

**March 2, 2025**

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:

“Passacaglia on the Passion Chorale (O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)”

Raymond H. Haan

“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”

Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” from  
*The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Théodore Dubois

*Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever, for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. Christ, we do all adore thee!*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 581

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

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

The Call to Confession: based on Matthew 6:9-15

The Prayer of Confession

Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey my commandments.”

**Forgive us for our lukewarm love and disobedience.**

Lord, you said, “You may ask for anything in my name.”

**Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.**

Lord, you said, “Forgive other people when they sin against you.”

**Forgive us for the times we have neglected to extend forgiveness to others.**

Lord, you said, “Love each other as I have loved you.”

**Lord, we confess our failures and shortcomings and ask that you turn our hearts and minds back to you. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 8:1-3a

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 638

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

*Prayer will conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer together.*

**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.**

The Anthem:

“O Love Divine”

Deborah Govenor

*O Love divine, what have you done! The incarnate God has died for me!*

*The Father's eternal Son bore my sins upon the tree! The Son of God has*

*died: My Lord. My Love, is crucified: is crucified for me and you, to bring*

*us near to God; believe the record true, we all are bought with Jesus'*

*blood; pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified.*

*Behold him now, all that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace, come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, was ever grief like his? Come, feel with me his blood applied. My Lord, my Love, is crucified.*

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

B. Wayne Bisbee, Anton Wilhelm Leupold

Lord, you chose to be tormented, that our doom should be prevented;

Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

\*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: Matthew 27:45-54 (p.1552)

The Sermon: **“THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD: FORGIVENESS”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

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

\*The Hymn of Response: ***Worship & Rejoice 109***

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Hallelujah, What a Savior”

Norman Johnson

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,

sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Rachel Thorne – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Vocal Quartet, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)  
Kathryn Becksvoort – soprano, Jess Hollenbach – alto  
Jim Elzinga – tenor, Peter Redder – bass  
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)  
Sheryl VanEck & Albert Doorn – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)  
Matt & Celine Alcumbrack – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent.** During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighbors and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

### **Music at LaGrave**

Three of the original four stanzas of Charles Wesley’s hymn *O Love Divine, What Have You Done!* are included in Deborah Govenor’s choral anthem based on this text. Wesley, with his brother John, founded the Methodist Church, and penned over 6000 hymn texts. This hymn text conveys the amazing and incomprehensible redemptive love of Christ; each stanza concludes with a one-line refrain: “My Lord, My Love, is crucified.”

**The flowers on the chancel today** are in loving memory of **Andrea Dekker**, with gratitude for the love and joy Andi gave to **Grace, Max, Anne, Sara, Jeff and Don Dekker.**

**The March special offering** is for **God’s Kitchen.** God’s Kitchen is part of Catholic Charities under Diocese of Grand Rapids, and they served over 175,000 meals to people downtown Grand Rapids last year.

**This evening,** Reverend Tricia Bosma will lead us in worship. She will preach on Genesis 37, which is part of the Joseph story.

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