



CENTRAL REFORMED CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
APRIL 2, 2023

REFLECTION

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

-Psalm 24:7-10, NRSV

Cover Art: Jesus' Entry Into Jerusalem | The Golden Bible for Children, New Testament, 1953
The cross at the head of today's order is a heraldic cross pattée with convex curved ends
(here arcs of an enclosing circle). Sometimes called "alisee" (French: croix pattée alésée arrondie).
Note it's similarity to the crusader's cross above the reredos.
Assurance of Pardon taken from Psalm 118:1.
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ORDER OF WORSHIP | PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2, 2023 | 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN LOVE

The prelude is a call for personal preparation for the worship of God.

Prelude

"Fanfare, Chorale, and Toccata Breve on 'There in God's Garden'" |
Michael Burkhardt
"Two Settings on 'All Glory, Laud and Honor'" | Michael Burkhardt

Introit

"Hosanna!" | Taemin Han

Votum, Call to Worship

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Many: Amen.
One: Humble and riding on a colt,
Many: we greet you!
One: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,
Many: we cheer you!
One: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,
Many: we salute you, Christ our Lord!
One: You are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.
Many: With them, with heart and voice, we shout "Hosanna!"

*Processional Hymn

"Lift High the Cross" | 371, all verses

*The Salutation

One: May grace, mercy, and God's peace be ours,
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Many: Amen.

*Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" | see end of order

*Invitation to Confession

One: As we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to follow Jesus
to the cross by confessing all that turns us from our Savior's path.

***Prayer of Confession**

Many:

God in heaven,
forgive our lack of respect and attention
as your son enters this most painful of weeks.
We, like the disciples,
fall asleep when Jesus asks us to stay awake and pray.
Our minds wander as he sets his path straight for Jerusalem
to speak truth to power on our behalf.
We are careless with our faith,
while Jesus acts with extraordinary love.

Forgive our apathy.
Forgive our inattention.
Forgive our careless and self-serving attitudes.
Remind us, this Holy Week, of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ.
Let us not take this gracious gift for granted.
We pray in the name of our Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

One:

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!"

Many:

In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

***Peace**

One:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many:

And also with you.

LISTENING IN EXPECTATION

First Lesson

One:

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 | page 492

Many:

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" | 89, all verses

Children's Moment

Children ages four through third grade may join Carol Austin and Tim Elzinga for Children and Worship. Visiting parents should feel free to go to class to meet their child's teacher. Parents should pick up their children in the atrium following the worship service.

One: Congregation, what is your prayer for these children?
Many: **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Second Lesson Matthew 21:1-11 | page 802
One: The Word of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The King We Need"

Blessing on the Word

Silence for Reflection

***Hymn** "There in God's Garden" | see end of order

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Announcements and Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

In a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving, let us worship God through the giving of our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

"Palm Sunday Jubilation" | Jon Paige

The city walls are ringing. The children all are singing.

Refrain: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna.

The palms of praise are waving. The people all are swaying.

Sing on. Shout on, followers of Emmanuel.

With songs of adoration, sing out the declaration.

Break forth in celebration. Proclaim to every nation.

Come worship and adore him. Lay down your hearts before him.

Rejoice, rejoice with singing. Set worship bells to ringing.

Sing on. Shout on, followers of Emmanuel.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation to the Lord's Table

One: Jesus is our gracious host at the table set before us. As host he welcomes any and all who love him and desire to live for him to join in this feast of love. So, come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come, knowing Christ loves you and gave himself for you. Come and meet him here, for we are Christ's Body, brothers and sisters who in our baptized lives live out his death and resurrection.

*Communion Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: For it is holy and right to do so!

One: Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation.

For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:

***Sanctus** | 581 (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

(The congregation may be seated.)

- One: Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
- Many: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**
- One: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.
- Many: Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

The Words of Institution and Communion

You are invited to come forward for communion by intinction (Latin, "to dip"). You may also partake in the pew either by using fellowship cups or by raising your hand so an elder may bring the communion elements to you. Children are welcome to participate with parental guidance, or they may come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.

Thanksgiving after Communion *(from Psalm 103, with additions)*

- One: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,
- Many: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**
- One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
- Many: and do not forget all his benefits—**
- One: who forgives all your iniquity,
- Many: who heals all your diseases,**
- One: who redeems your life from the Pit,
- Many: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**
- One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
- Many: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
Many: nor repay us according to our iniquities.
 One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
Many: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
 One: as far as the east is from the west,
Many: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
 One: As a father has compassion for his children,
Many: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
 One: who did not spare God's own Son, but gave him up for us all,
 and will also give us all things with him.
Many: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord,
from this time forth forevermore. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

*During the prayers each week, we remember our neighboring faith communities and their leaders.
 Today we are praying for the staff and congregation of Third Reformed Church Grand Rapids.*

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
 One: Loving God, you have fed and nourished us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing. We are renewed for your service. Help we who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples that our daily living may show your kingdom and our love may be your love reaching into the world.

We are mindful to pray for your people and our world...

For uniting us as the Body of Christ and for filling us with joy at this table, we give you great thanks, O God. Lead us toward the unity of your church, and help us cherish signs of reconciliation. Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us, may we one day feast together in your heavenly city.

We ask these things in your most holy name, saying the prayer our Lord taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

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.

DEPARTING IN JOY

*Hymn	"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" see end of order
*Charge and Blessing	
One:	Whoever you are, wherever you go in God's wide world, Whatever happens to you of good or ill, always remember that...
Many:	Jesus is Lord!
One:	Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation, we come to Christ this holy week.
Many:	Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.
One:	May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love.
Postlude	"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" Benjamin Culli (also quoting "Rondeau" by Henry Purcell)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Principal Organist: Norma de Waal Malefyt
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Sound Tech: Chris Witmer
All Worshipers

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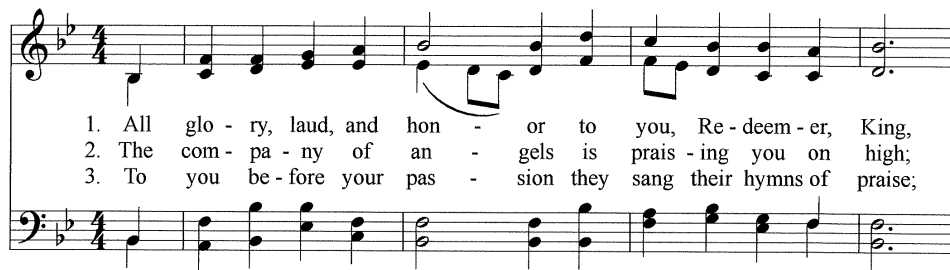
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Dallas Toth, maintenance specialist
Jana Trees, financial administrator
Jennifer Webb, wedding coordinator
Sharon West, facilities assistant

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
3. To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.



You are the King of Is - ra - el and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, the King and Bless - ed One.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

*Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt.
Tune: Melchior Töschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861*

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THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN

(CHOIR, V.1-2; INTERLUDE—PLEASE STAND; V.3-6, ALL)

F Gm7 C F Dm C F G7

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom, whose leaves hold
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!" There on its
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage; our greed has
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come; hear what the

C Cmaj7 Dm F Gsus G C F Bb

forth the heal - ing of the na - tions: Tree of all know - ledge,
 branch - es see the scars of suf - fering; see where the ten - drills
 starved it, our des - pite has choked it. Yet, look! It lives! Its
 Voice says, "Come to me, ye wear - y! Give me your sick - ness,

Gm7 C Dm Gm7 C F

Tree of all com - pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 of our hu - man self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 grief has not de - stroyed it, nor fire con - sumed it.
 give me all your sor - row; I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending, this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for; now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose Passion
 offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY (ALL VERSES)

Cm E^b F Gm Cm

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

Fm Cm Gm7 Cm B^b A^b

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow your meek head to

E^b Fm Cm Gm Fm A^b B^b7 Cm

road pur - sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewn.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sa - cri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

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Maundy Thursday, April 6
Worship and Holy Communion—7:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Good Friday Worship, April 7
12:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunrise Service, April 9
7:00 a.m. at Kent Country Club

Easter Sunday, April 9
Traditional Worship—10:00 a.m.
Children's Easter Egg Hunt in courtyard after worship!

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL
04/02/2023-04/08/2023

Sunday 04/02	Monday 04/03	Tuesday 04/04	Wednesday 04/05	Thursday 04/06	Friday 04/07	Saturday 04/08
Worship 10:00 a.m.			Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (parlor)			
			Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. (conf. room)			
Sermon Response 11:15 a.m. (Brander Library)		Addie's Pantry CLOSED			Good Friday Service at Westminster 12:00 p.m.	
Coffee and Conversation 11:15 a.m. (parlor)						
				Celebration Ringers Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.		
				Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.		
				Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.		



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