



**CENTRAL REFORMED CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 10, 2022**

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
PALM SUNDAY
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10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN LOVE

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

Prelude

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" | Taemin Han

"Three Settings on 'Hosanna, Loud Hosanna'" | Donald Busarow, Michael Burkhardt, Frank Stoldt

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" | Taemin Han

The Chimes

Introit

"Hosanna!" | Taemin Han

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome

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 the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

Many: With them, with heart and voice, we shout "Hosanna!"

***Hymn**

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

***The Salutation**

One: May grace, mercy, and God's peace be ours, through God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many: Amen.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

One: Loving God, just when we think we know you, just when we're sure where it is you're sending us, just when we are comfortable in the pew, just then is when you do something new and entirely unexpected.

Many: O, Expected One, you are never the one we expect.

One: Have mercy on us, for we confess we have been afraid of where you might lead us. We confess we make excuses for not following you into broken hearts, broken lives, broken bonds, broken homes, broken communities, broken nations, this broken world.

Many: O God, we confess the brokenness of your church. Give us life once more in the light of your Word! And hear us now in the silence as we speak the burdens of our hearts.

(silence for prayer)

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Our God has come to us, humble, in the form of a slave, to free us from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released us.

Many: Our sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Peace**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

LISTENING IN EXPECTATION

First Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (page 492)

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

One: Congregation, what is your prayer for these children?

Many: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Hymn**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" | 89, all verses

Second Lesson

Luke 19:28-40 (page 854)

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Triumphal Entry"

Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

Silence for Reflection

Anthem

“Shout Hosanna to the King” | Stan Pethel

Lift up your heads, O gates!
Lift up your heads, you ancient doors.
Prepare the way, prepare the way;
The King is coming soon.

Who is this glorious King?
He is the Lord, the Mighty One.

Shout hosanna! Shout hosanna!
Shout hosanna to the King!

Shout hosanna!
Shout hosanna to the King!

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith (Our World Belongs to God, 23 & 24)

Remembering the promise to reconcile the world to himself, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

As the second Adam, Jesus chose the path we had rejected. In his baptism and temptations, teaching and miracles, battles with demons and friendships with sinners, Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us. As God’s true Son, he lovingly obeyed the Father and made present in deed and word the coming rule of God.

Announcements

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

“Meditation on ‘My Song Is Love Unknown’” | Michael Burkhardt

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” | 592

**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.**

*Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

*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.**

During the prayer:

One: Lord, in your mercy,
Many: **Hear our prayer.**

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** “My Song is Love Unknown ” | 76, all verses

*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...
Many: **Jesus is Lord!**
One: Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,
Many: **we come to Christ this holy week.**
One: Today is only a part of the story.
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 “Toccata on ‘All Glory, Laud and Honor’” | Michael Burkhardt

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Pastor Steve Pierce
Liturgist: Brian Andrew
Director of Music Ministries: Taemin Han
Principal Organist: Norma de Waal Malefyt
Crucifer: Brooke TerMaat
Acolyte: Ingrid TerMaat
First Lesson Reader: Ron Hager

Offertory Prayer: Heather Hoezee
Chancel Choir
Celebration Ringers
Flutist: Jodi MacLean
Trombonist: Paul Troost
Video Tech: Tom Smith
Sound Tech: Nick Loubert



Maundy Thursday | April 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

"This Do In Remembrance of Me"

Mark 14:12-26

Ecumenical Good Friday Service | April 15 | 12:00 p.m.

*We will be joined by Westminster Presbyterian Church
(preservice music begins at 11:45 a.m.)*

Labyrinth Prayer Walk | April 15 | 1:00-4:00 p.m.

(fellowship hall)

Easter Sunday | April 17

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Kent Country Club

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship, sanctuary

"Surprise!"

John 20:1-18

(Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard following worship)

Pastor Steven D. Pierce preaching all services.

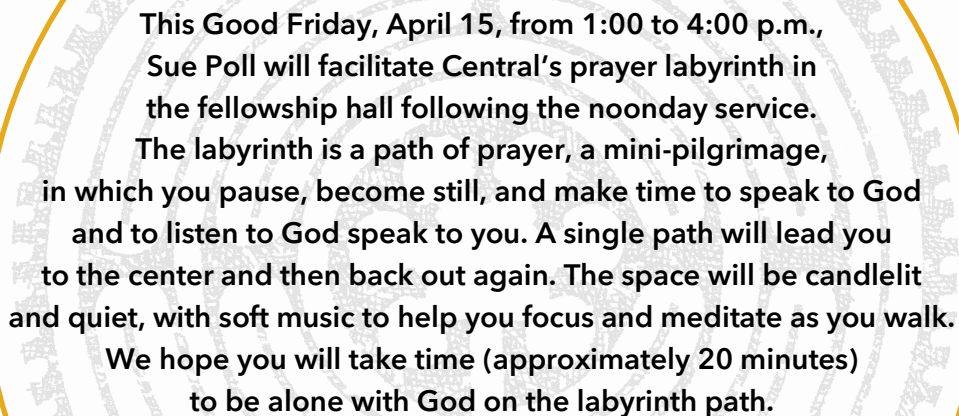
Please invite your family and friends.

All services in sanctuary will be live streamed.

ABOUT PALM SUNDAY

In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple (1 Kings 6:29). Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9). Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in his path. The event takes place only days before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. The story is found in all four gospels—Matthew 21:1-17, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:29-40, John 12:12-19. It marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

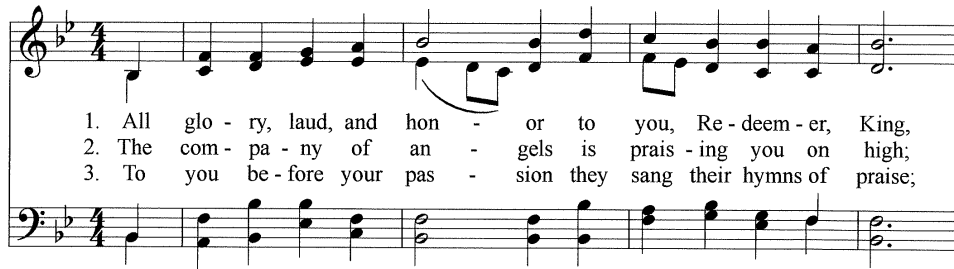
The story of Jesus' triumphal entry is one of contrasts, and those contrasts contain applications for Christians. It is the story of the King who came as a lowly servant on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9), not a prancing steed, not in royal robes, but on the clothes of the poor and humble. Jesus Christ comes not to conquer by force as earthly kings but by love, grace, mercy, and his own sacrifice for his people. His is not a kingdom of armies and splendor but of lowliness and servanthood. He conquers not nations but hearts and minds. His message is one of peace with God, not of temporal peace. If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, he reigns there in peace and love. As his followers, we exhibit those same qualities, and the world sees the true King living and reigning in triumph in us.



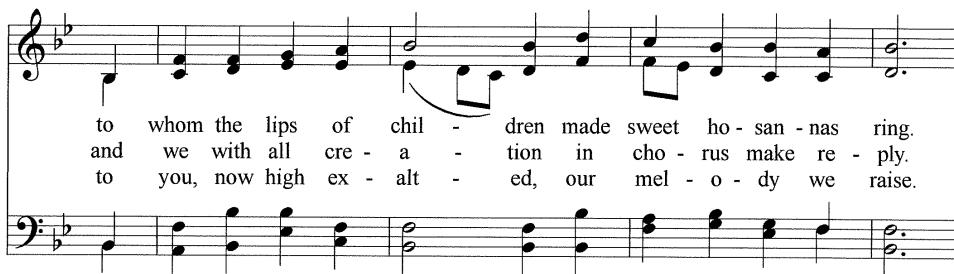
This Good Friday, April 15, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sue Poll will facilitate Central's prayer labyrinth in the fellowship hall following the noonday service. The labyrinth is a path of prayer, a mini-pilgrimage, in which you pause, become still, and make time to speak to God and to listen to God speak to you. A single path will lead you to the center and then back out again. The space will be candlelit and quiet, with soft music to help you focus and meditate as you walk. We hope you will take time (approximately 20 minutes) to be alone with God on the labyrinth path.




ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR



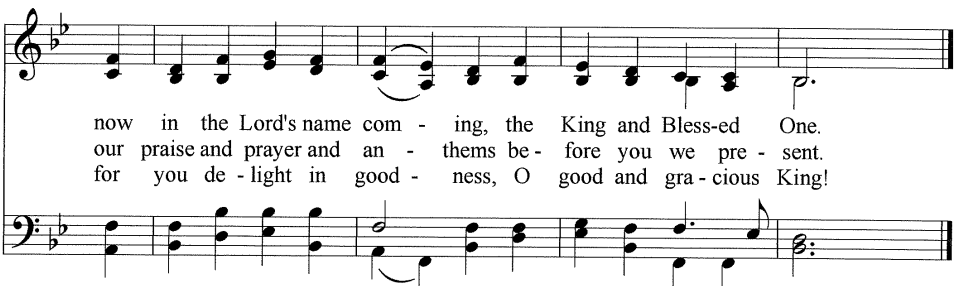
1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,
3. To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;



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 Teschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861*

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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

04/10/22–04/16/22

find a complete list of announcements in the atrium, or visit centralreformedchurch.org/life

Sunday 04/10	Monday 04/11	Tuesday 04/12	Wednesday 04/13	Thursday 04/14	Friday 04/15	Saturday 04/16
Worship 10:00 a.m.			Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. (conf. room)			
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m. (atrium)				Men's Group 12:00 p.m. (parlor)	Good Friday Worship 12:00 p.m.	
Second Hour Education 11:15 a.m.		Addie's Pantry Curbside Pickup 1:00–3:00 p.m.	Property Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.	Celebration Ringers/Chancel Choir 6:15/6:30 p.m.	Chapel open for prayer 1:00 p.m.	
New Member Class with Pastor Steve 11:15 a.m. (library)		CDT 7:00 p.m. (ZOOM)	Narcotics Anonymous 6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Prayer Walk 1:00 p.m. (fellowship hall)	
Middle School/ High School Youth Group 6:15 p.m.		YDT 8:00 p.m. (ZOOM)	Elders Mtg 7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.		

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Thanksgiving: for our visitors; for all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestones this week.

Comfort and Grace: for those grieving in Ukraine; for those who have suffered grief and devastation due to natural disaster; for our friends at First Reformed Church of Ravenna who lost their building due to fire; for those who are feeling discouraged.

Healing and Peace: for Ron Beuker as he recovers in Breton Woods Rehab; for Kathy Stewart as she prepares for cancer treatment; for loved ones who have recently received a difficult diagnosis; for those being treated for cancer; for all those searching for a path to healing.

Strength and Guidance: for world leaders facing the multiple crises wrought by Russia's invasion of Ukraine; for loved ones who struggle with mental health challenges; for those experiencing life transitions; for loved ones who are battling addiction.

Blessing and Protection: for the Ukrainian people and neighboring countries during this time of violence; for our college students near and far.

Shalom: for our ecumenical neighbors, particularly Third Reformed Church, Grand Rapids.



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