



Worship Service for
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. Also join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!

The Gathering

Prelude "The Palms"
"Open the Gates of the Temple"

arr. Smith
arr. Johnson

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

We Worship the Triune God of Grace

*Call to Worship

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.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.
Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Palm Processional

***Hymn of Praise** “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

LUYH 146

***Prayer of Preparation**

God our Savior, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem
as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

***Song of Worship** “Hosanna, Praise is Rising”

Baloche/Brown

Confession

Call to Confession

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

O God, you know my foolishness
and my sins are not hidden from you:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Let not the flood overwhelm me
nor the depths swallow me up;
let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;
turn to me as your compassion is great:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Father forgives you, by the death of his Son
and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.
Amen.

***Song of Assurance** “By Thy Mercy”

Cummins/Thompson

The Means of Grace

The Blessing of our Children

God of our salvation, help our children to enter with joy into the celebration of those
mighty acts by which you have given us fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our
Redeemer.
Amen.

Children Leave for Walk Out Worship

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are invited to follow the banner to Walk Out Worship.
Parents will find the classroom on the lower level, near the nurseries.)

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 11: 1-11

p.847

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Victory and Judgment"

Covenant Renewal

***Hymn of Response** "Jesus I Come to Thee"

Sleeper/Thompson

***The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.**
**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

For Christian communities everywhere, following the way of the cross this week: that the passion of Christ may sustain our faith and enliven our witness to the world, we pray to you, Living God:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the pastors, teachers, evangelists and prophets of the church: that the wisdom of Christ may keep them grounded in the gospel, we pray to you, Living God:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all guests, visitors, and new members, and for the church preparing to welcome them: that the faith of Christ may gather us together at the foot of the cross, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world, and for the peace of Jerusalem: that the kingdom of Christ may come with true peace and the forgiveness of our enemies, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the hungry, the homeless and the outcasts of the world: that the love of Christ may teach us hospitality, hope, and care for the least of our sisters and brothers, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For people whose lives are limited by sickness, grief, or fear: that the compassion of Christ may come to them with comfort and courage, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who bear the weight of others' troubles: that the easy yoke of Christ may lighten their burdens and strengthen them for service, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For people offering their lives in loving service: that the blessing of Christ may come to them, and their gifts be received and remembered with joy, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who deny their faith or betray their friends, for all who repent of their sins, and for ourselves as we turn and ask for mercy: that the forgiveness of Christ may come with healing and love, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For people preparing to die: that the light of Christ may shine on them both now and in the day of resurrection, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, 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.

The Offering *The Salvation Army - Grand Haven Corps.*

Offertory "The Holy City"

arr. Asman

***Hymn of Sending** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LUYH 145

Benediction

Postlude "Hosanna!"

arr. Penfield

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Dawn Bouwman

Liturgist & Prayers of the People: Rob Wagenmaker

Vocalists: Chris Hordyk, Joslyn Wagenmaker

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#77507

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

"A sincere thank you for all the prayers, cards, meals and phone calls during my recent surgeries. The words of encouragement were especially appreciated." ~ *Carol and Ron Brouwer*

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: *The Salvation Army's* mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. Our local branch offers spiritual support, empowers youth and adults, provides housing, and works to cure hunger and overcome poverty.

Holy Week: We will have a service on Good Friday March 29 at 7pm. Our Easter service will be at 10am next Sunday, March 31. All are welcome to join us.

Cuba Mission Trip: This isn't just about empty shelves and rising prices in Cuba, even though fuel prices have drastically increased. Many Cubans want more freedom and a say in their lives. Although the government says things will change, it's unclear how much things will really improve or how quickly they will get better. This adds another layer to the hardships people face every day. During our trip, we'll hear their stories, pray with them, and offer support as they navigate these challenges. Please spend some time this month in prayer for the people of Cuba.

Cuba Financial Support: We've launched an Envelope Drive to raise funds for our Summer mission trip. Here's how it works: simply pick up an envelope from the Welcome Desk, and contribute the amount shown on the front. Sunday morning, drop your filled envelope into the offering plate. Your generosity will help support our efforts to provide for our brothers and sisters in Cuba.

Easter Refreshments: We are looking to have a variety of cookies, bars, and sweet treats after church next Sunday, March 31st. If you like to bake, please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Friendship Club: If you are willing to supply a batch of cookies for our meetings, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. If you are interested in experiencing the blessing of being a mentor or have any questions about Friendship Club, please contact Ruth Marotti at 616-886-6216.

Mentoring Opportunity: Connect Two is a new student mentoring initiative of Love in Action. We are working alongside existing programs, to unite community members with local students at Ferry, White Pines, and Lakeshore through a weekly school-based mentoring session with the love of Jesus. A prayer request from a 3rd grade girl's mentor, "Pray that we continue to form a positive relationship that supports "student" in whatever ways she needs. What a wonderful young lady she is!" If you would like more information, please contact Sheila Warners at warnersheila@gmail.com.

New Members Class: Please save the dates of Sunday April 21 and Sunday April 28 for our new member orientation at Second CRC.

Outreach Update: Thank you cookie bakers! We have about 200 cookies for our April 7th hosting of refreshments at GVSU's Campus Ministry. We still need 200 more, as there are 400+ college students who attend the two Sunday evening services. Cookie bags/containers should be labeled "GVSU Campus Ministry" and placed in the kitchen freezer. If you would like to join us on April 7th at GVSU, we will carpool from church at 5:15pm.

Sanctuary Choir: We will rehearse again next week Thurs. March 28 at 7pm.

SWAN'S: On Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30, we will have a special treat as Julie Hordyk will do a presentation called "Meals for One"! There will be delicious samples, so we will consider it a light luncheon. Reservations are needed by April 5, so call Carole Ruiter at 616-502-2015 if you wish to attend.

Women's Bible Hour: We will continue our spring session on Thurs. March 28 at 1:30pm. We are studying Women of the New Testament. Questions, please contact Char TerHaar at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

March 24, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Jim Mulder (Team 11), Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Tony & Linda Razzini, Jim & Joanne Query

Nursery: Jane DeGroot, Kim VanStratt

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Corinne VanStratt

Walk Out Worship: Amy Anderson, Reed VanStratt

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Vange Van Heusen

Offering: The Salvation Army

March 29, 2024

Projection: Renee Mulder

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Eric Wolffis

March 31, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Chris Hordyk, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Hank & Sharon Ottens/ Jon & Renee Mulder

Nursery: Mary Wierenga, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Betsy Blackmon, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Dan Meindersma, Jim & Bonnie Van Orman

Offering: World Renew

Calendar

Sunday, March 24

10:00 AM– Palm Sunday

Monday, March 25

9AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM- Ping Pong

Tuesday, March 26

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Friendship Club

Wednesday, March 27

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM–Knitting Club

Thursday, March 28

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM – Women's Bible Hour

7 PM- Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 29

7 PM – Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30

Sunday, March 31

10:00 AM – Easter Sunday

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