

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.



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Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

**Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill!
We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please
read the following for more details about the worship
service.**

****Please silence your cell phones prior to the service****

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to **wear your masks for the duration of the service**. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you **speak and sing at a conversational volume**. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please **do not attempt to open the windows that are closed**. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; **on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates**. At the conclusion of the service, **please wait to be dismissed** by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE Improvisation on *The Palms* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 203

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang
to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and
loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,*

nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King;
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sins. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us, and help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO Introduction from Theodore Dubois

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Soloist: Elizabeth Mahowald

*All ye people travelling on life's highway,
hearken to me, look upon me.*

Is there sorrow like unto my sorrow?

*For the Lord Omnipotent, the Almighty,
hath dealt bitterly with me and my people.*

Call me nevermore Naomi, evermore call me Mara.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Mark 11: 1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Faith in Transition

*Rev. Dr. Ian
Rottenberg*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 205

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments stowed.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The host of angels in the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.*

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

*In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your power and reign.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Truro*

Sean Cotty

Announcements

Good Friday Service

This year's Good Friday service will be **online only**. The livestream will begin on April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. on YouTube Live. The COTH YouTube channel can be found by visiting www.youtube.com/c/churchonthehillnyc.

Sunrise Service at Bowne Park

Join us by the pond at Bowne Park on April 4th at 7 a.m. for a short service in celebration of Easter! The service will take place outside but we ask that everyone still wear a mask and social distance to the best of their abilities.

Easter Sunday Reservations

Easter Sunday Service will require reservations to attend in-person. Please make your reservation by filling out the Google form included in the Weekly Emails or by calling the church office. If you plan on coming to this service, please make a reservation so our ushers are aware of how many people will be in attendance.

Easter Flower Donations

We are now collecting donations to the Easter Flower Fund for 2021! Donations can be made online via Tithe.ly, by mail or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. Please include a note of how you would like to donation to appear in the Easter Bulletin. **Please submit your donation today** if you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

Last Week of Our 2021 Lenten Mission!

This year, to address food insecurity in our own area, Church on the Hill has partnered with the food pantry at First Reformed Church of College Point. You can participate by making a financial gift or by collecting and donating food items from the list below. Monetary donations can be made online through Tithe.ly, mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate on Sundays. Please make sure to note that the donation is for the Lenten Mission. **We ask that all food items**

are donated directly to First Reformed Church. They are collecting items on **Tuesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Food Items:

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| -Canned Beans | -Canned Tuna | -Rice |
| -Canned Vegetables | -Cereal | -Peanut Butter |
| -Canned Fruit | -Pasta | -Jelly |
| -Canned Soup | -Pasta Sauce | -Mac & Cheese |

Bargain Boutique

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please hold all donations until we re-open.

Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,
please contact the church office*

Miram Allen	Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Diane Blagburn	Gerry & Jean Mender
Blake Family	Barbara & Neil Meurer
Susan Brooks	Miller Family
Carolyn Brunjes	Ruben & Eva Munoz
Lillian Calfa	Betty Dalton Prager
Marilyn Cooney	Racquel Prager
Henry Detreville	Barbara Rogers
Family of Angela Edward	Rosemary Vazquez
Janet Fiala	Rosemary Vasquez
John & Hazel Gittens	Alison Venable
Rosemarie Graffeo	Alex Young
Herbert Family	John Young
Helen Hunt	Joan Werbel
Hank Klushin	Buck
Betty Kwong	Dilip
Lynn Lauterbach	Carole
Nancy Lee	Robin



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