

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

English Reformed Church, Amsterdam

24 March 2024
Palm Sunday

Prelude *Dialogue* - Charles L. Talmadge

Welcome and announcements

Candle lighting and Call to Worship

Lighting of candles

Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Call to worship

Sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has done wonderful deeds!
He has won a mighty victory by his power and holiness.
The whole earth has seen the salvation of our God!



Hymn 279 *Make Way, Make Way, for Christ the King*

1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives;
fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

*Make way, make way, for the King of kings;
Make way, make way, and let his kingdom in.*

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

4 We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall!

Prayer *ending with the Lord's Prayer (in any language)*

Children's Moment

Song *Clap Your Hands All You People*

Clap your hands all you people
Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!
Clap your hands all you people
Shout unto God with a voice of praise!

Hosanna! Hosanna!
Shout unto God with a voice of triumph
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Shout unto God with a voice of praise!

First Reading Psalm 118:19-29, OT Page 577

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Music in Worship *I Was Glad* - Eugene Butler

Second Reading John 12:12-19, NT Page 103

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord —
the King of Israel!

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!'

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸ It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹ The Pharisees then said to one another, ‘You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!’

Hymn 365 *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!*

- 1** Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes ‘Hosanna’ cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2** Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o’er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3** Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4** Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.
- 5** Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God thy power, and reign.

Sermon

Hymn 364 *All Glory, Laud, and Honour*

*All glory, laud, and honour,
to you Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

- 1 You are the King of Israel,
great David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessèd One.
- 2 The company of angels
is praising you on high,
while we and all creation
together make reply.
- 3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.
- 4 To you before your Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
- 5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
in every good delighting,
our great and gracious King:

Prayers of Intercession

Ross Marks

Offering *Awake, My Soul* - from “The Sacred Harp”,
arr. Michael Bedford

Hymn 367 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna,*

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through city street and temple
their joyful welcome rang.
they shouted out their praises
to Christ, the children’s friend,
who welcomes all with blessing,
whose love will never end.

2 From Olivet they followed,
a large exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
bright angels joined the chorus,
beyond the cloudless sky,
‘Hosanna in the highest!
Glory to God on high!’

3 ‘Hosanna in the highest!’
that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his living presence
eternally rejoice.

Benediction *followed by sung Amen*

Postlude *Toccata in G* - William Wallond

*This morning's service is conducted by the locum,
Rev Alan Sorensen
The reader is Valerie Robillard
The elders on duty are Andreas Decker and Jaap Maas*

Today

- **Crèche for infants and toddlers (0-4 years old) is available this morning and every Sunday worship service.** Care is provided by Nancy Sekyere and her team members. The crèche is located in a room on the left side of the building. If you need directions, please ask one of the elders on duty.
- **Junior Church (12-16 years old)** meets today during the latter half of the service. Visitors are welcome to join!

Upcoming events

- **The unveiling of a statue in honour of the Italian Baroque composer and violin prodigy, Pietro Antonio Locatelli (1695-1764) on Monday, 25 March, at 17:00.**
- **Women's Fellowship on Monday, 25 March, from 18:30 - 21:00.** For each gathering, we have a potluck dinner together. If you are interested, please contact the hostess, Je Hart, jecorro@hotmail.com.
- **Maundy Thursday Service on 28 March, 20:00** led by Rev Alan Sorensen.
- **Good Friday Service** including music and choir on **29 March, 20:00** led by Rev Alan Sorensen. **Devotional music from 19:30.**
- **Easter Sunday Service on 31 March, 10:30** led by Rev Alan Sorensen. Please note: In the night from Saturday 30 March to Easter Sunday 31 March, the **clock will be moved forward one hour.**

- **Night of The Refugee on 15-16 June.**

This year a group will again be walking 40/20/10 km through the night, raising money to support refugees all over the world. If you'd like to join our group and help refugees please get in touch with Gillian on gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com

Here are some links if you'd like to know more:

<https://www.nachtvande vluchteling.nl/>

<https://www.nachtvande vluchteling.nl/project/haarlem-amsterdam>

And if you don't feel like walking you could volunteer to help set up and/or support those with blisters and bags under their eyes.

<https://www.nachtvande vluchteling.nl/updates/7601-vrijwilligers-gezocht-en-handige-toolkits>

All are welcome to join in!

Other Notices

- **Prayer:** Those who feel especially **in need of prayer** either for themselves or for someone else or have a particular prayer request, please contact Peggy Krol, peggy.krol@planet.nl. She and the prayer team will pray accordingly.

- **Finance:** Please note that besides the weekly collection in church, you can also donate to the ERC's General Fund, Mulanje Mission Hospital and Maintenance Fund via bank transfer:

Maintenance Fund: *Stichting Friends of the English Reformed Church* NL90 ABNA 0624 1800 69

General Fund or Mulanje Mission Hospital: *English Reformed Church* NL44 ABNA 0547 6235 50

Alternatively, please feel free to use these QR codes for a Tikkie or to use PayPal:

Coming up

25 March: Women's Fellowship

28 March: Maundy Thursday

29 March: Good Friday Service

31 March: Easter Sunday Service



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