

MAYFLOWER

Join us! Congregational Church

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023 - 10:30am



PALM SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates *please stand if you are able*.

Bolded text or music score indicates congregational response.

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to prepare your hearts for worship.

PRELUDE *The Royal Banners Forward Go (Vexilla Regis)* Dr. Julia Brown
by Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE* Rev. Dr. Shawn Bawulski

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rachael Cooley

INTROIT *Ingrediente Domino* Chancel Choir
by George Malcolm

When the Lord Jesus entered the holy city, all the Hebrew children declaring the resurrection of life, with branches and palm leaves, Hosanna crying in the highest.

CALL TO WORSHIP Anne Marie Church

Leader: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Leader: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 178* *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

OPENING PRAYER* Deb Larson

Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming in the name of the Lord. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus
Trad. Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

Ride on, King Jesus, the conquering king. I was but young when I begun. No man, can a-hinder thee. But now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross. He's the King and the Lord. He's the first and the last. Jesus is the Prince of peace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

HOMILY

Rev. Dr. Bawulski

PASSION NARRATIVE

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Readers: Scott Bosscher, Chauncey Burghart, Anne Marie Church and Deb Larson

HYMN*

We Sang Our Glad Hosannas

HOLY WEEK



1. We sang our glad ho - san - nas and waved our branch-es high, but
2. We heard an an - gry Je - sus in Tem - ple courts de - clare, "Be
3. We served him at the ta - ble with wine, un - leav-ened bread. "The
4. We saw a suf-fering Je - sus a - lone, with - out a friend, and



some were si - lent, frown - ing, as Je - sus rode on by. They
gone, you mon - ey chang - ers! This is a house of prayer." Though
one who will be - tray me now eats with me," he said. His
heard the voic - es shout - ing a - buse un - til the end. We



sought a roy - al Sav - ior, but did not un - der - stand a
man - y came for heal - ing and stayed to hear his word, still
friends would not be - lieve him, but one by one that night, as
wept as we stood watch - ing Love's light grow dim and die, and



king could rule by lov - ing in - stead of by com - mand.
oth - ers, hos - tile, plot - ted and thus his death as - sured.
sol - diers came to take him, they scur - ried out of sight.
cried, "Why did this hap - pen? God, tell us, tell us why."

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, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Bawulski

(The ushers will now be collecting prayer cards to be added to our Prayer List.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What Grace is This

Chancel Choir

by Larry Visser

What grace is this! My Lord and King has set his face to suffering.

The Song eternal dies to bring eternal life to me.

What grace is this that very God would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a road of rock and blood, a sinner's road for me.

What grace is this! Though Lord of all, he yields to Pontius Pilate's law, and lets the Roman hammers draw a rush of blood for me.

What grace is this! Rude agonies! With common thieves he hangs and bleeds, the sinless Son bears each misdeed. He pays for all, for me.

What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths and gently laid in manger through, he's taken, dead, from wretched cross and wrapped again for me.

What grace is this? How can it be? He wears this war humility to lift me to eternity. Such sweet grace for me.

DOXOLOGY*

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (The sacramental bread is gluten-free)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Thy Will Be Done

Chancel Choir

by Craig Courtenay

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself.

My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane. Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day.

Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree; and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again!

(based on Matt 26:36-42)

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 183* vs. 1 & 3 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

BENEDICTION* Rev. Dr. Bawulski

DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Bawulski

Go now from this place into Holy Week with repentance, hope, and prayer,
walking with the Lord on the path towards the cross.

POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* BWV 727 Dr. Julia Brown
by J. S. Bach

**that is, the church universal, in all times and all places

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Music Notes

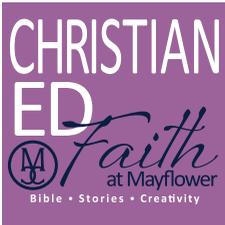
Today's service begins with the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem, musically depicted by the Introit by George Malcolm, the processional hymn and the traditional Spiritual *Ride On, King Jesus*. Following the homily and passion narrative, we sing the hymn *We Sang our Glad Hosannas* as a bridge from the excitement of Palm Sunday to the somber events of Holy Week. Mary Keithahn, author of this text, seeks to capture eyewitness experiences, emphasizing the tension that built as opposition to Jesus grew stronger as even his own disciples began to desert him. As the verses in this hymn move from Christ's triumphal entry to cleansing in the temple, the Last Supper, Christ's betrayal and his crucifixion, we move to a more somber mood. The final two anthems take us into the events of Holy Week.

As we travel through Holy Week, you are invited to join us for a meal on Maundy Thursday at 6pm, a musical depiction of Mary's grief at the foot of the cross through Giovanni Pergolesi's beautiful *Stabat Mater* on Good Friday, and a celebration of the resurrection on Easter morning at 10:30 with choir, brass and singing of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Welcome!

We are so glad you joined us today!

Hearing assistance is available on the main floor by using the T-switch on your hearing aid. Handheld receivers with earphones are also available from the ushers.



Nursery is available for children birth through 1 year.

Little Lambs is available for ages 2 and 3 in Room 115.

You are welcome to sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

Bible Beginnings & Bible Alive are in lower level Youth Room A/B for 4-year-olds through 4th graders. Children in Bible Beginnings and Bible Alive can be picked up after the service on our lower level in Youth Room A.

Bridge for 5th-6th graders meets in the library twice a month during worship as a transition between Sunday school and worship, equipping students with the skills, knowledge, and understanding they need to participate in worship.

~ **Andrea Koster**, CE Director - Bible Beginnings

~ **Allison Houlihan**, Bridge Leader

~ **Rachael Cooley**, Director of Ministries

MAYFLOWER HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday Meal

Maundy Thursday
April 6 - 6:00pm

Join us at the table as we remember the events in the upper room



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Good Friday Music Meditation

Good Friday
April 7 - 6:00pm

A performance of *Stabat Mater* by G. Pergolesi

Join us for a musical depiction of Mary's grief at the foot of the cross

Howell Petty, soprano
Brennen Kartes, alto
L'Invenzione Baroque Ensemble

MAYFLOWER HOLY WEEK

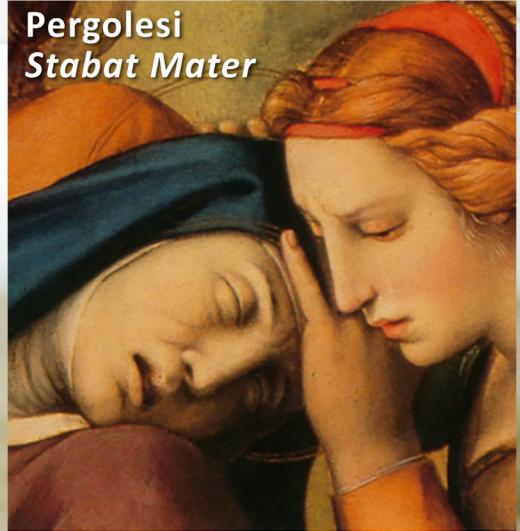
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Pergolesi
Stabat Mater



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Join Us!

EASTER MORNING

10:30 am

Please bring fresh flowers
to adorn the wooden cross on
Easter morning! This Mayflower
tradition captures the new life that
Easter Sunday brings.

MAYFLOWER

Prays

Week of April 2, 2023

Mayflower weekly prayer list includes members and loved ones of members for up to a month-long duration unless an update is provided for extension.

Please remember the following:

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO STRUGGLE WITH CHALLENGES

Joan Buchanan, as she transitions to her new home in Lake Orion to be near one of her sons. (3/28)

Mary Crane, and her husband, Frank, both are dealing with health issues. (3/17)

Eric Britcher is at St. Mary's with sciatica pain. He is meeting with Doctors to develop a treatment plan. (3/28)

PRAY FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF MAYFLOWER

Fred Bogaert, a frequent visitor, is now in Porter Hills Rehab. (3/7)

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY & THE WORLD

Those who suffered the devastation of tornados in the south. Pray for the families who lost loved ones or are displaced and for the rescue teams at work there. (3/28)

The community near Nashville, TN where another school shooting took place at the Covenant School killing 3 students and 3 adults. (3/28)

Peace in Ukraine.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE

Lawrence Heath Colwell, born March 2, 2023, to Mayflower's childrens and youth choir accompanist, Melia, and husband, Justin, and big sister, Margot. (3/7)

Please pray for Nina and her parents Tamera and David who are close friends of the Oostermans. Nina is home now and doing well. (3/17)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

The Jungblut family on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Gisela Jungblut, who was a close friend of Steve and Kim Waltman. (3/28)

Jane Hesselschwerdt, died on March 17, 2023 at the age of 97. The family greeted friends on March 22nd at the Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Please keep her family in your prayers. (3/21)

Julie Mulnix Wolf died March 9, 2023. A memorial service was held at Mayflower on March 17. Julie was a charter member of Mayflower and her family are legacy members who were founders of the church in 1958. Please keep her family in your prayers. (3/17)

Joyce VanArtsen's family. Joyce passed away on January 29, Her memorial service was held at Mayflower on March 18. Please keep her family in your prayers. (3/17)

As a congregation, there is nothing more powerful that we can do for one another, than to lift up cares, concerns and praises in prayer. Here at Mayflower, our Prayer List is emailed weekly along with the worship bulletin.

If you would like to receive, or make note of someone to be added to the weekly Prayer List, please reach out to the office to be included on the list.

Prayer Cards are also in the pews and collected during Sunday morning services.



APRIL / MAY Greeters and Treats

Mayflower invites you to support our hospitality efforts by joining us to greet on Sundays before the service or provide treats for the coffee hour following the service.

Please Sign up in the Atrium or visit [MayflowerChurch.org/join-us](https://www.MayflowerChurch.org/join-us) and click the link at the bottom of the page.

Thank you!

Join us!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Sundays - 9-10am - Chapel

Child care available

April 16, 23, 30, and May 7

Celebrating New Members on May 21



Please contact the office to register:

Office@MayflowerChurch.org

DONATE YOUR MATTRESS

Bethany Christian Services needs mattresses.
Many people throughout the Grand Rapids community are in need of gently used mattresses.

Please reach out to Brian of BCS at bjschafer@bethany.org to arrange a pickup.

Questions? Contact Rachael Cooley, Director of Ministries at rachael@mayflowerchurch.org



Tuesdays
10:30-12:30pm
In the Atrium



Friends share techniques and teach anyone new who is interested in the craft. Projects are available. If you are interested in more information, please contact Andrea Koster.

The advertisement is divided into three main sections. On the left, a red vertical banner contains the text 'MUSIC at Mayflower' in white, with 'MUSIC' in a large, bold font and 'at Mayflower' in a smaller font. Below this, it lists 'Choir • Handbells • Organ'. The middle section features a large, dark blue background with a faint, repeating image of a choir. The right section has a dark blue background with white text that reads 'CALVIN ALUMNI CHOIR comes to Mayflower'. Below this, it says 'Hear them on Sunday morning, APRIL 23 at our 10:30am worship service.' At the bottom left, there is a photograph of the Calvin Alumni Choir, a group of men and women in formal black attire, standing in a field. A small logo for the Calvin Alumni Choir is positioned at the bottom center of the photograph.

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Mayflower
Priscilla
Circle

*Supporting the
church and our
community
through gifts of
fundraising and
hospitality.*

To learn more contact
Shari Graham at
shari.graham@comcast.net



Priscilla Circle is a women's group that formed when Mayflower Church was founded. The group supports our church in a variety of ways including:

- hosting bake sale fundraisers
- providing snacks during Art Camp
- decorating for Christmas and Easter
- setting beautiful tables for the Youth Group Christmas Dinner
- organizing the Mitten Tree



MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Shawn Bawulski, Senior Pastor

Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music and Organist

Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director | Abby Brooks, Director of Children's Choirs

Rachael Cooley, Director of Ministries | Andrea Koster, Christian Education Director

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THE TRIUNE GOD

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760–ca. 821
Trans. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went; Our
To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise; To
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King, To

praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - men.

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Latin, 12th C.

German, Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

Trans. by James W. Alexander, 1804-1859, alt.

Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612

Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With
 2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To

grief and shame weighed down, Now scorn - ful - ly sur -
 all for sin - ners' gain; Mine, mine was the trans -
 thank Thee, dear - est friend; For this Thy dy - ing

round - ed With thorns, Thy on - ly crown, How
 gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain. Lo,
 sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end? O

art Thou pale with an - guish, With
 here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis
 make me Thine for - ev - er; And,

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sore a - buse and scorn! How does that vis - age
I de - serve Thy place; Look on me with Thy
should I faint - ing be, Lord, let me nev - er,

lan - guish Which once was bright as morn!
fa - vor, Vouch - safe to me Thy grace.
nev - er, Out - live my love to Thee! A - men.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your cross brings healing,
it brings life,
it brings victory,
and it brings joy.

Draw me to You and lift me up to Your presence,
Where I may see the wounds of the crown,
I may see Your pierced hands,
See the wound in Your side,
See the stripes on Your back,
And see Your pierced feet.

Sorrowing Christ, You wept over Jerusalem.
Patient Christ, You were condemned to death.
Forgiving Christ, You were beaten.
Suffering Christ, You carried the cross.
Saving Christ, You died on the cross.

Jesus my Savior, You are the Lamb of God;
You willingly suffered pain and sorrow for my sinfulness;
You died in my place and forgiveness is mine;
My life may be lived with purpose,
And I will join You and all others in eternity.

Lord Jesus, with the help of the Holy Spirit, inspire me
to take up my cross each day and follow You with confidence
and with a desire to live in Your image.
Amen.

Rev. Gregory E. Ellcey