

# OLD NORTH CHURCH

## DIVINE WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Marche Religieuse”  
“Hosanna”

Alexandre Guilmant  
Paul Wachs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

INTROIT

“The Palms”  
Women's Choir and Children

Jean Batiste Faure

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

LEADER: Sing for joy to God our strength;

**ALL: Shout aloud to the God of Jacob!**

LEADER: Begin the music, strike the tambourine!

**ALL: Play the melodious harp and lyre.**

\*HYMN #204

“All Glory Laud, and Honor”

St. Theodulph

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Seated)

Psalm 77

LEADER: The Psalmist calls us to confession this morning.

“I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.”

Let us pray.

**ALL: Radiant God, who can tolerate no sin, no injustice, whose purity is unblemished. You have called us to righteousness, but we have gone our own way. We are like wandering sheep, straying from your paths and teachings. Forgive us, Lord, and make us conscious of our sin such that we may be rid of untruth, selfishness, anger, injustice, and all that might separate us from you. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

(sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

## PALM SUNDAY

9:30 A.M.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 99

LEADER: Hear God's merciful words of forgiveness.

“O Lord our God, you answered us; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished our misdeeds. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.”

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI #805

*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, Amen.*

\*SALUTATION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

LEADER: Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

\*HYMN #229

“Lift High the Cross”

Crucifer

A TIME FOR OUR YOUTH

*Children proceed to Sunday School following the message.*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Matthew 21: 1-11

SERMON HYMN #203

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Ellecombe

PRAYER FOR THE INSPIRATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

“Who Will You Follow?”

\*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And 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 hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence He shall 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.

## THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

**OFFERTORY** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" arr. G. Winston Cassler

### \*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."*

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*

**\*HYMN #205** "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty" Truro

### \*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

**\*PARTING SONG** Eidelweiss

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

**POSTLUDE** "March Triumphant into Jerusalem" Robert Thygeron

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\*Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

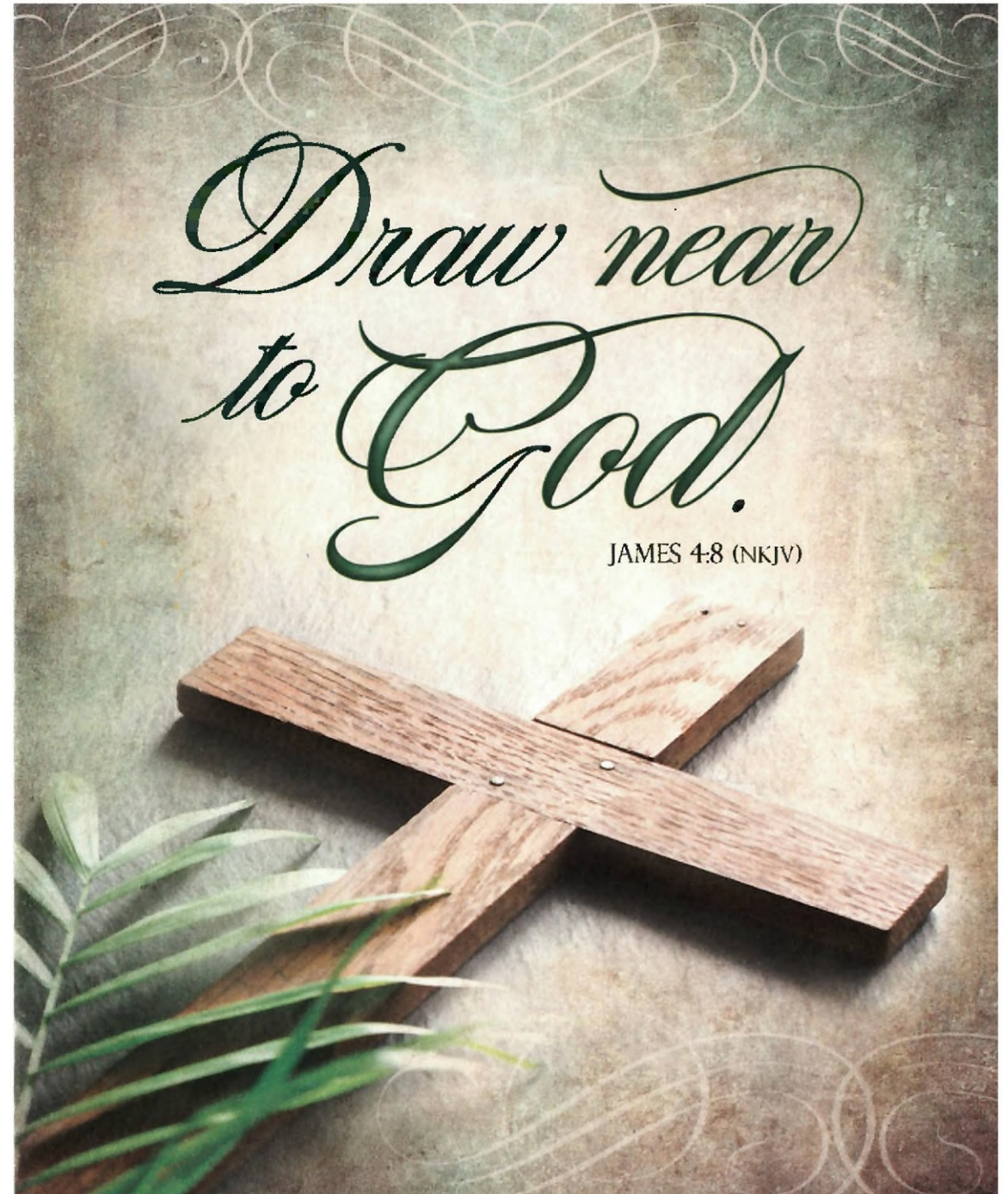
**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

#### THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

ELDERS: Jon Babicz, Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Carol Sushko,

DEACONS: Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher Brianna Polbos, Richard Schmude,

Interim Minister: The Rev. Linden DeBie † Classis supervising minister The Rev. Rob Miller



**Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!**

*We are pleased you chose to worship with us today!*

*Please fill out a welcome card and sign the guest book in the entrance to the sanctuary.*

*If you would like more information visit our website. <https://oldnorth.church>*



In most Christian rites, Palm Sunday is celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palm branches (or the branches of other, native trees), representing the palm branches that the crowd scattered before Christ as he rode into Jerusalem. These palms are sometimes woven into crosses. The difficulty of procuring palms in unfavorable climates led to the substitution of branches of native trees, including box, olive, willow, and yew.

**Prayer Chain:** If you wish to add the power of prayer in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456.

Your prayer requests are uplifted by our prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.



**Church Family Prayer List:**

- Diana
- Katie
- Michael
- Search Committee

Uplift those undergoing medical procedures and thanksgiving for those who are recovering, comfort for those in mourning, strength for those fighting cancer and for all caregivers, and those seeking spiritual and emotional well-being.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

**Ushers & Greeters:** Maureen Van Buren, Steven Cordova

**JOIN US FOR THE PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY!**

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
3/31	Jena & Jon Babicz	Easter
4/7	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Nancy Gorman	Leslie Maro
4/14	Gail McNeill & Kathleen West	Nancy Gorman



**Congratulations to all of our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!  
Happy Birthday!**



3/9 Henry Gorman - 3/9 Russel Suson - 3/11 Shirley Newman  
3/13 Jonathan Kenny - 3/15 Allison Kenny  
3/18 Sandy Schwarz - 3/26 Erin Polbos

**Bible Study:** Join Pastor Linden in the Lounge on Tuesdays from 12 – 1 p.m.

**Thrift Shoppe:** Donations are accepted on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Consider donating when you start your spring cleaning! Our next sale is on 4/13. Thank you to all of our shoppers and volunteers!

**Lenten Offering Coin Folders:** Lenten Coin Folders are available in the library if you would like to participate.

**Choir Practice:** All women are invited to join us in preparation for the special music on Easter. We will hold a short rehearsal in the Chapel after church this morning. Come join us!



**PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY!**  
Receive your palms and stay for pancakes.



**Holy Week and Easter Services**



*Come Worship With Us!*

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Service in the Chapel 12:00 p.m. for Litany and Prayer.**

**Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.**

**Join us at the cross on the front lawn and enjoy the sounds of the bagpipes!**

**Family Easter Service begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.**