

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

April 17, 2022
10:30 AM



Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Stated Supply

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

*** Hymn No. 254**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:

See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;

Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,

Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:

There in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;

Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;

Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!

Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!

Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!

Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all our wounds, make whole all that is broken in us, speak the truth to all our illusions, and shed light in every darkness so that all creation will see your glory through us and come to know Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

Festive Praise

Allen Pote

*Sing to the Lord a song of praise,
A wonderful, marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart,
A wonderful, marvelous song.
Alleluia, amen.*

*Come, come rejoice,
As you sing you will lift up your voices
in praise and thanksgiving to God.*

*Sing all of the heavens,
Sing of the glory of God
Sing all of the earth rejoice!
Sing of the glory
The marvelous glory of God.*

*Sing a new song
With the lute and the harp.
Make melody
With the sound of the lyre.*

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises,
Rejoice and be glad
For the Lord is our God.*

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

Ernest Mendler

1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Last Enemy”

Rev. Doug Estella

* **Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (*RCA contemporary version*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 word "catholic" means "universal,"
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.*

Anthem

Christ Our Passover

William Macfarlane

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Not with old leav'n, neither with
The leaven of malice and wickedness,
But with the unleavened bread*

Of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:

Death hath no more dominion over Him.

For in that He died, He died unto sin once:

But in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:

But alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen, is risen from the dead:

And become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man, for since by man came death:

By man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam, for as in Adam all die:

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.

*** 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.

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.**

Prayer Response

“Intermezzo” from Cavalleria Rusticana
Pietro Mascagni
Performed by Emily John

*** Hymn 234**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

*** Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)*

Hallelujah Chorus
(From "The Messiah") - G.F. Handel

Hallelujah!

*For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ!
And he shall reign for ever and ever!
King of kings and Lord of lords!
King of kings and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever!
Forever and ever!
Hallelujah!*

Postlude Finale from Symphony No 1 for Organ Vierne

Announcements

Music Notes

On Saturday, April 23rd, we will resume our **Community Concert Series**. This performance at 4:00pm in the COTH sanctuary, will focus on the musical form Theme and Variations. Pianist, Steve Max, will perform Rzewski's "The People United Will Never Be Defeated!," based on a popular Chilean song. Organist, Raphael Attila Vogl, will perform his own transcription of Reger's Variations on a Theme by Mozart. As always, performances are free and open to the public. The next concerts take place on Saturdays 5/21 and 6/4 in our sanctuary at 4:00pm.

The Queens Community Children's Choir will resume group instruction. This will be a short 5-week semester on Thursday afternoons from 5-6pm in the Music Room at COTH. This will run every Thursday from 4/28 to 5/26. Please contact Sean Cotty by email at sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org or call the church office at (718) 358-3671. All children are welcome. This program is free and open to the Queens community.

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter egg hunt following the Service on Easter Sunday in the church yard, for children up to 12 years old!



Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour after the service today. We invite everyone to watch the Easter egg hunt on the church lawn!

New Consistory Members

In May, church members in good standing will elect new Consistory members. The current members whose terms are ending are: Dana Chan, Dorien Day, Maureen Saepia-Chen and Jeanne Sarran.

Children at Worship — COTH's Children's Ministry has begun again!

Jeanne Sarran began a six-week program for children at worship, which runs to April 10, 2022. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children will be led to Room 2-E, where the focus for the lessons will be on the life of Jesus; his teaching and parables. Sharing the Good News with our children!

Join Our Email List!

Be sure to sign up for our email list to keep up with the latest Church on the Hill happenings through the weekly email and the Beacon. Send an email request to the church office at office@churchonthehill.org.

PRAYER LIST

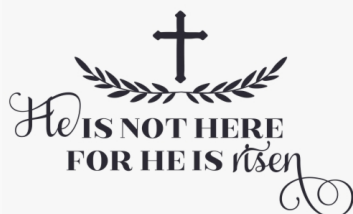
Please reach out to the church office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list. Email office@churchonthehill.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings at COTH!

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

The Bargain Boutique is closed for renovations and not accepting donations at this time.



Prayer Requests

If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list, or if your loved one no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Teresa

Diane Blagburn

Christina Boll

Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

Barbara Burns

Jack & Marie Collins

Evelyn dePalo

Lucas Ditta

Annie Jankowski

Betsy Mahowald

Connie McKinstry

The Family of

Charles Mendler

Joan Petigo

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

The Redfern family

Debi Romano

Kathleen & Robin Surujballi

Bernard & Eva Surujballi

Jennifer & Douglas Surujballi

Shelina Surujballi

Gerald Surujballi

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young



Buildings & Grounds

Consistory Reps.: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

Community, Mission & Outreach

Chair: Heather Allison

Community Nursery School Board

President: Ginny Chan

Consistory Rep: Rhoda Jabbour

Congregational Care

Chair: Angela Brunjes

Finance

Chair: Doris Krsnak

Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

Personnel

Chair: Dana Chan

Worship & Music

Chair: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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Consistory & Staff

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