

Church on the Hill

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

April 15, 2022

7:30 PM



Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Stated Supply

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

Good Friday

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude *Allemande from the D minor Partita* J.S. Bach
Soloist - Maxfield Parish

* **Processional Hymn, No. 221** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

*Oh sacred head, now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorn, thine only crown*

*O sacred head, what glory
What bliss 'till now was thine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.*

*What thou, my Lord, has suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.*

*Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor,
And grant to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?*

*O make me thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee*

* **Prayer of Invocation**

* **Call to Worship**

O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,
we worship you.

O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God,
dwelling place of the Most High,
gate of heaven, burning flame of love,
we worship you.

O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love,
full of kindness, source of all faithfulness,
we worship you.

O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart,
in you are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,
we worship you.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Anthem

O Vos Omnes

Pablo Casals

(Translation)

*O all you who walk on the road, pay attention and see:
If there be any sorrow like my sorrow.
Pay attention, all people, and look at my sorrow:
If there be any sorrow like my sorrow.*

The Passion of Our Lord

Scripture Reading

The Betrayal

Luke 22:47-53

Anthem

When You Prayed Beneath the Trees

Lloyd Larson

*When you prayed beneath the trees,
It was for me, O Lord;*

*When you cried upon your knees,
How could it be, O Lord?*

*When in blood and sweat and tears,
You dismissed your final fears,*

*When you faced the soldiers' spears,
You stood for me, O Lord.*

*When their triumph looked complete,
It was for me, O Lord;*

*When it seemed like your defeat,
They could not see, O Lord!*

*When you faced the mob along -
You were silent as a stone,*

*And a tree became your throne;
You came for me, O Lord.*

*When you stumbled up the road,
You walked for me, O Lord;*

*When you took your deadly load,
That heavy tree, O Lord;*

*When they lifted you on high,
And they nailed you up to die,*

*And when darkness filled the sky,
It was for me, O Lord.*

Scripture Reading

The Denial: Luke 22:54-62

p. 858

Choir

Ah, Holy Jesus

Craig Courtney

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended
That we to judge Thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!*

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee;
I crucified Thee.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.*

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.*

Scripture Reading: The Unjust Verdict: Luke 23:13-25 p. 859

Solo Sarabande Double from the B minor Partita J.S. Bach
Soloist - Maxfield Parish

Scripture Reading: The Death of Jesus: Luke 23:26-27, 32-49 p. 859

Hymn No: 218

Were You There?

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Scripture Reading: The Burial of Jesus Luke 23:50-56 p. 860

Homily

Rev. Doug Estella

Anthem

Cross-Cry
Solo: Emerson Chen, Baritone
Gilbert M. Martin

*I think I heard him say,
When he was strugglin' up the hill,
I think I heard him say,
"Take my mother home."*

*I think I heard him say
When they were rafflin' off his clothes,
I think I heard him say,
"Take my mother home.
Then I'll die easy, Take my mother home;
I'll die so easy, Take my mother home."*

*I think I heard him say
When they were liftin' up the cross,
I think I heard him say,
"Take my mother home."*

*I think I heard him cry
When they were nailin' in the nails,
I think I heard him cry,
"Take my mother home;
I'll die this death on Calvary,
Won't haf' to die no more.
I'll die on Calvary,
Won't haf' to die no more.
Then I'll die easy,
Take my mother home."*

*I think I heard him say
when he was givin' up the Ghost*

*I think I heard him say
"Take my mother home."*

Prayers of the People for the Suffering and the Lost

Congregational Prayer Response: Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

The 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.*

Blessing

Choir

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
(from The Seven Last Words)

Theodore Dubois

*Christ, we do all adore thee,
And we do praise thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore thee,
And we do praise thee forever,
For on the holy cross hast thou
The world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee,
And we do praise thee forever;*



(Please remain in your seat for a moment of silent meditation at the conclusion of this service.)



We depart in silence.

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.

Coffee Hour Has Returned

Following the service, **please join us downstairs in Gessner Hall** for a time of fellowship at Coffee Hour. Everyone is welcome!

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

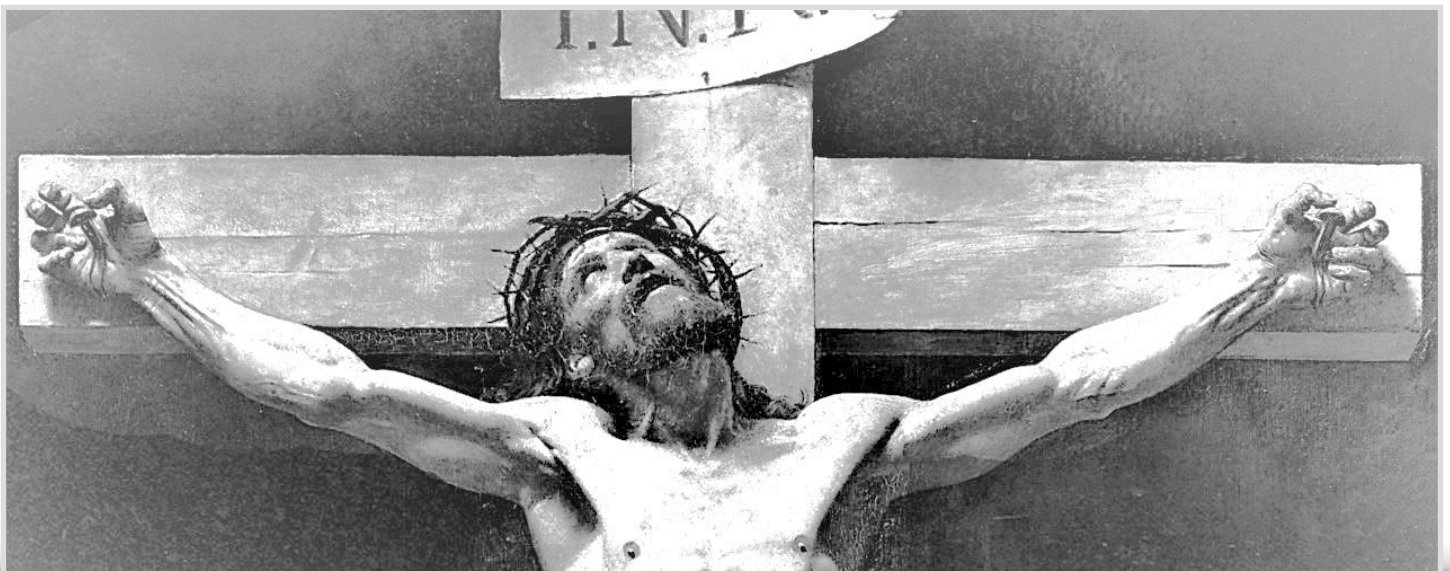
Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings at COTH!

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

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

Easter Egg Hunt

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



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 Mender

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.



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



Consistory & Staff

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