



“The King’s Triumphal Entry”

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

**REFORMED CHURCH
OF METHUCHEN**



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We welcome Everyone with Gratitude and
Love because you are precious and
honored In God’s eyes.

”Because you are precious in my eyes, and
honored, and I love you, I give men in
return for you, peoples in exchange for
your life.” Isaiah 43:4 ESV

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY LITURGY

March 24, 2024

Theme : The King's Triumphal Entry
Scripture Reading : Matthew 21:1-11
Minister : Rev. A. Fransisca Rumokoy

GATHERING MUSIC

(Procession – Lighting of the candles)

WELCOME PRELUDE: Music (instrumental)
(Choir prepare themselves in front)

Franky Runtuwene

OPENING HYMN *(stand up)*

HYMN 173 “All Glory, Laud and Honor /Segala Kemuliaan”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:1-2,19-29)

P1: “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
“Bersyukurlah kepada Tuhan, sebab Ia baik! Bahwasanya untuk selama-lamanya kasih setia-Nya. Biarlah Israel berkata: “Bahwasanya untuk selama-lamanya kasih setia-Nya!”

ALL: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”
Bersyukurlah kepada Tuhan, sebab Ia baik! Bahwasanya untuk selama-lamanya kasih setia-Nya.”

P1: “Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”
“Bukakanlah aku pintu gerbang kebenaran, aku hendak masuk ke dalamnya, hendak mengucap syukur kepada Tuhan. Inilah pintu gerbang Tuhan, orang-orang

benar akan masuk ke dalamnya. Aku bersyukur kepada-Mu, sebab Engkau telah menjawab aku dan telah menjadi keselamatanku. Batu yang dibuang oleh tukang-tukang bangunan telah menjadi batu penjuru.”

ALL: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”

Bersyukurlah kepada Tuhan, sebab Ia baik! Bahwasanya untuk selama-lamanya kasih setia-Nya.”

P1: “This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

ALL: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!” ***Bersyukurlah kepada Tuhan, sebab Ia baik! Bahwasanya untuk selama-lamanya kasih setia-Nya.”***

P1: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!”

“Diberkatilah dia yang datang dalam nama Tuhan! Kami memberkati kamu dari dalam rumah Tuhan. Tuhanlah Allah, Dia menerangi kita. Ikatkanlah korban hari raya itu dengan tali, pada tanduk-tanduk mezbah.”

All: “You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”

“Allahku Engkau, aku hendak bersyukur kepada-Mu, Allahku, aku hendak meninggikan Engkau. Bersyukurlah kepada Tuhan, sebab Ia baik! Bahwasanya untuk selama-lamanya kasih setia-Nya.”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Worship Team

“Forever”

“Holy Forever”

A PALM SUNDAY MEDITATION

“Look, your king is coming to you...” there is one unalloyed, unchanging truth here: Your King is Coming. Prepare your heart, mind, and soul. Whether you’re looking forward to reliving the journey of Holy Week yet again or are new to the faith, your king is coming to you. Whether you be ready or not, whether you follow him or not he is the King. he is still waiting for you and wants to give you his salvation. All you need to do is look. For Jesus is coming to you: whoever you are, wherever you are, however you respond to the religion that has grown up in his name. Your King is Coming.

"Libat, rajamu akan datang kepadamu ..." disini ada satu kebenaran yang tidak berubah dan tidak pernah berubah : RajaMu Akan Datang. Siapkan hati, pikiran, dan jiwamu. Apakah engkau menantikan untuk menghidupkan kembali perjalanan Pekan Suci ini atau baru saja mulai beriman, rajamu akan datang kepadamu. Apakah engkau siap atau tidak, apakah engkau mengikutinya atau tidak, Dia adalah Raja. Dia masih menunggumu dan ingin memberimu keselamatan dari pada-Nya. Yang perlu Engkau lakukan adalah melihat. Karena Yesus akan datang kepadamu: siapa pun engkau, di mana pun engkau berada, bagaimanapun engkau menanggapi agama yang bertumbuh di dalam nama-Nya. Rajamu Akan Datang.

Silent Meditation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(sit down)*

For all I have failed to do in word, thought, spirit, and deed, forgive me Lord: Restore my soul to wholeness and holiness. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Untuk semua yang telah gagal saya lakukan dalam kata, pikiran, roh dan perbuatan, ampuni aku Tuhan: Pulihkan jiwaku kepada keutuhan dan kesucian. Kiranya Allah Yang Mahakuasa berbelas kasih kepada kita, mengampuni dosa-dosa kita, dan membawa kita ke kehidupan abadi. Dalam nama Yesus, kami berdoa. Amin

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Tuhan, kasihanilah. Tuhan, kasihanilah. Tuhan, kasihanilah.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” (Ephesians 1:7 NIV)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(stand up)*

GLORIA PATRI

(Sunday School preparation – Ready to enter to the Sanctuary)

ACCLAMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE’S CREED

TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leo Poluan

**Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders
(Please see insert for liturgy)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

Rev. A. Fransisca Rumokoy

OFFERTORY

**“For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the
glory forever! Amen.” Romans 11:36 NIV**

OFFERTORY SONG

“Hosanna”

DOXOLOGY

All: 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon

PRAYER FOR WORLD & COMMUNITY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN (*stand up*)

“Praise is Rising (Hosanna)”

BENEDICTION (*stand up*)

LITURGY FOR THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Presentation of the Elected Candidates

The Ministry of Deacons and Elders

The Questions for the Candidates:

Do you confess together with us and the church throughout the ages your faith in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's church, and therefore by God, to this office?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Do you believe in the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the perfect doctrine of salvation, rejecting all contrary beliefs?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you accept the church's order and governance, submitting to ecclesiastical discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be loyal to the witness and work of the Reformed Church in America, using all your abilities to further its Christian mission here and throughout the world?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

You deacons, will you faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully manifest Christ's love and care, gather and distribute the offerings of God's people, visit and comfort the distressed, minister to the poor and needy, and strive to advance the reign of justice and peace?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

You elders, will you faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully study God's Word, oversee the household of faith, encourage spiritual growth, maintain loving discipline, and provide for the proclamation of the gospel and the celebration of the sacraments?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Ordination

Installation

*Questions for the Congregation:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, these deacons and elders as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the offices for which they have been chosen and ordained?

We do.

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together in obedience to the gospel for unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ?

We do.

Beloved people of God, receive these deacons and elders as Christ's own servants. Support them in love, that their work may bear fruit. In the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that they are duly installed deacons and elders of this church.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, as you are able.

This morning, our newly elected deacons and elders are being ordained and installed as follows:

- Vera Kotel, Junita Politon and Dewi Tjung are being ordained and installed to the office of deacon.
- Bill William Kinzel and Lucky Golioth are being ordained and installed to the office of elder.

SONG LYRICS

“All Glory, Laud and Honor / Segala Kemuliaan”

1 All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

1 Segala kemuliaan bagiMu, Penebus!
Pun suara anak-anak memuji Dikau
t’rus.
“Hosana, Raja kami! Hosana, Anak
Daud!
Utusan Tuhan Allah, mubarakah
Engkau!”

2 The company of angels
is praising you on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

“Forever”

[Verse 1]

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King

His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

[Verse 2]

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that’s been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

[Chorus]

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

[Verse 3]

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

“Holy Forever”

A thousand generations falling down in worship

To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

(Pre-Chorus:)

Your name is the highest

Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions

Your name stands above them all

(Half-Chorus:)

And the angels cry, Holy

All creation cries, Holy

You are lifted high, Holy

Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

We'll sing the song forever and amen

(Chorus:)

Hear your people sing, Holy

To the King of Kings, Holy

You will always be, Holy

Holy forever

“Hosanna”

I see the King of glory

Coming on the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes

The whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy

Washing over all our sin

The people sing

The people sing

[Chorus]

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest [x2]

I see a generation

Rising up to take their place

With selfless faith

With selfless faith

I see a near revival

Stirring as we pray and seek

We're on our knees

We're on our knees

[Chorus]

(Bridge)

Heal my heart and make it clean

Open up my eyes to the things unseen

Show me how to love like You have loved me

Break my heart for what breaks Yours

Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause

As I walk from earth into eternity

“Hosanna - Praise is Rising”

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, [Chorus]
we turn to You

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for [Pre-Chorus]
You, we long for You

[Pre-Chorus]

‘Cause when we see You, we find
strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are
washed away, washed away

[Chorus]

Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God Who saves us, worthy
of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to
You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are
made new, You make us new
‘Cause when we see You, we find
strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are
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[Repeat]

Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna, hosanna

ANNOUNCEMENT



Youth Bible Study: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday (after service) at 1.00 P.M.
Sem. Leo Poluan leads the Youth Bible Study every Sunday at 1.00 P.M.
Please speak to Sem. Leo or email to: leopoluan@gmail.com for details.



Youth Catechism Class: Every Saturday at 10.00 A.M.
Sem. Leo Poluan leads a Youth Catechism Class every Sunday at 9.30 A.M.
in the chapel. Please speak to Sem. Leo or email to:
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Bible Studies - Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. (English) & 8:00 P.M. (Indonesian)
Please call Rev. Fransisca at 732-781-6411 or email to:
a.fransisca82@gmail.com for more information.
The Zoom link for all Bible Study Group is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7442398528>pwd=cGlzTURHck5oN3M5ZXIwVFlVVVhGQT0
Meeting ID: 744 239 8528; Passcode: RCM2024

We Pray

Note: This prayer list is reviewed each week by the Pastor.
Generally, names remain on the list for two or three weeks and may be added back later to reflect changes in circumstances. To request that a name be added or removed, please call or email the church office at 732-548-2463 or rcmetuchen@msn.com.

For Our RCM Commissions:

- Commission of Care; Commission of Fellowship & Worship; Commission of Building & Grounds; Commission of Faith Formation; Commission of Nominations; Commission of Finance

To Continue to Intercede for:
For all who need prayers but are not listed

Men and Women Who Serve in the Military and Their Families
We pray for our soldiers as they serve and protect.

In the World for:
We pray for this world and for all whom suffering, loss, homelessness, hunger, and lack of basic freedoms are unrelenting.

- We pray for refugees throughout the world.
- We pray for the immigrants and the Dreamers.
- We pray for all who seek sanctuary. We pray for peace.
- We pray that we treat one another with respect and kindness.



In Thanksgiving for:
All the Essential Workers who provide services to their communities throughout the world; We also give thanks for all community volunteers who give their time freely and are always available and willing to help. God bless them all.

Suggested Scripture Readings for the Coming Week:

Sun., Mar. 24

***Sixth Sunday in Lent Passion Sunday
or Palm Sunday***

Palms:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11 or
John 12:12-16

Passion:

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

Mon., Mar. 25

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews
9:11-15 John 12:1-11

Tues., Mar. 26

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14;
1 Corinthians 1:31; John 12:20-36

Wed., Mar. 27

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70;
Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thurs., Mar. 28

Maundy Thursday Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10]
11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,
31b-35

Fri., Mar. 29

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews
10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John
18:1-19:42

Sat., Mar. 30

Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-
24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8;
Exodus 19:1-9a; Matthew 27:57-66 or
John 19:38-42

Sun., Mar. 31

Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm
118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18
or Mark 16:1-8

time ^{OF} meeting

08:00 AM SUNDAY	MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10:30 AM SUNDAY	ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORSHIP SERVICE
2.00 PM SUNDAY	INDONESIAN LANGUAGE WORSHIP SERVICE
2.30 PM SUNDAY	SUNDAY SCHOOL
6.00 PM THURSDAY	ADULT BIBLE STUDY (ENGLISH LANGUAGE)
8:00 PM THURSDAY	ADULT BIBLE STUDY (INDONESIAN LANGUAGE)
1.30 PM SUNDAY	YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (SANCTUARY)
10:30 AM SATURDAY	YOUTH CATECHISM CLASS (CHAPEL ROOM)
7.00 PM SATURDAY	WORSHIP PRACTICE (SANCTUARY)
12.00 PM 2ND TUE	OZANAM SHELTER OUTREACH (CHURCH KITCHEN)
8AM-6PM DAILY	EDGAR EARLY LEARNING CENTER

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, Mar 28

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM at the Sanctuary

Friday, Mar 29

Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM at the Sanctuary

Saturday, Mar 30

Worship Team Practice at 7:00 PM at the Sanctuary.

Sunday, Mar 31

- Easter Sunrise Service at 06:30 AM
- Easter Sunday Service at 10.30 AM
- Easter Celebration Games after Sunday Service:
 - Vocal Group (per sector)
 - Karaoke (individual)
 - Line Dance (per sector)
 - Bible Quiz (per sector)
 - Fashion Show (couple)
 - Drawing, Egg Hunt, Lari Kelereng (for kids)

All are welcome!

INSTALATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

At the Annual Congregation Meeting held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, the following members were elected and approved for the Consistory Offices and will be installed today:

Office of Elder:

- Bill Kinzel
- Lucky Golioth

Office of Deacon:

- Vera Kotel
- Junita Politon
- Dewi Tjung

First time officers will be ordained for their office and then installed.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMING WEEK

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BIRTHDAYS OF THE COMING WEEK

- Alfons Pauner: Mar 27
- Gerry Kandou: Mar 29

FINANCIAL REPORT

Incomes:

- Plate Offering	\$	190.00
- Weekly Offering Pledge	\$	1,120.00
- Sondakh Frans' Wedding Anniversary	\$	50.00
- Poluan Pangalila Fam (Thanksgiving)	\$	100.00
- Ervina Frans' Birthday	\$	50.00
- Ozanam	\$	360.00
- Men's Fellowship offering	\$	127.00
Total:		\$ 1,997.00

Expenses:

- Middlesex water Company (parsonage)	\$	749.34
- Ozanam	\$	160.74
- Verizon	\$	216.31
Total	\$	1,126.39

Here are ways to give your offerings.

Direct Cash or check on the plate are always welcome.

Online From our website remetuchen.org/give, click on the Give Online button. This will redirect you to the app to set up your donation.

Thank you all for your contribution. May God bless you and multiply what you had given

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Minister:

Rev. Ancela F. Rumokoy, Pastor

Associate Pastor (Under Contract):

Rev. Ferani Wongkar

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Joseph Hall (*Vice President*), Bevi Sandag (*Alternate Vice President*) & *Elder Delegate*,
Marcel Aseng, Grandy Oley, Alt. *Elder Delegate*; Dyane Christie Poluan, Isabel
Torres-Rivera

Deacons:

Iwan Frederik, Ryan Kuswadi, Martine Parengkuan, Melani Situmorang (*Clerk*),
Cherry Ante

Young Adult Ministry:

Seminarian Leo Poluan

Education Ministry:

Seminarian Leo Poluan, Director, Faith Formation of Children and Youth

Worship Director:

Dyane Christie Poluan

Music Director:

Franky Runtuwene