



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 02/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
 Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

LUYH 145

**Call to Worship*

King Jesus comes, King Jesus,
 Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Recall the words of the Scriptures:

"A great crowd who had come to the feast
 heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
 So they took branches of palm trees
 and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna!
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 even the King of Israel!'"

In praise we adore you, King Jesus.

Enter our hearts today

as you entered Jerusalem long ago,

and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen. —based on John 12:13

**God's Greeting*

Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.** —2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

***Singing: I am not my own** (J. Benjamin)

Welcoming of new Members

James and **Aerie K.** and their children **Dream** and **Shine**

Children's Time - Children's Message

Singing: Hosanna

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

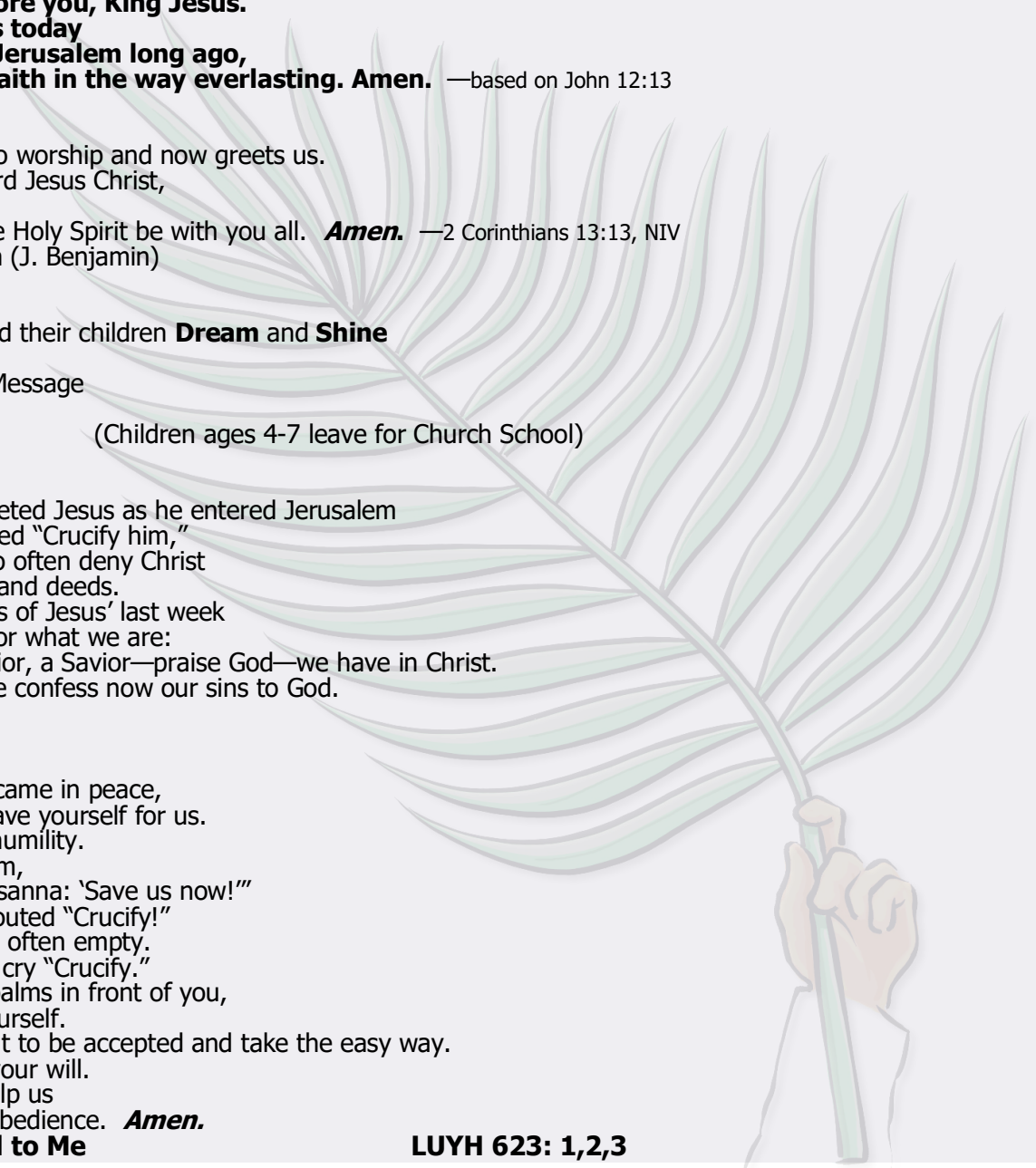
Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem
 and then later pronounced "Crucify him,"
 we are fickle people who often deny Christ
 in our thoughts, words, and deeds.
 Remembering the events of Jesus' last week
 helps us see ourselves for what we are:
 sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—we have in Christ.
 In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
 you rode a donkey and came in peace,
 humbled yourself and gave yourself for us.
 We confess our lack of humility.
 As you entered Jerusalem,
 the crowds shouted "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'"
 On Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!"
 We confess our praise is often empty.
 We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify."
 As the crowd laid their palms in front of you,
 you took no glory for yourself.
 We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way.
 We do not stay true to your will.
 Forgive us, Lord, and help us
 to follow in the way of obedience. **Amen.**

Singing: God, Be Merciful to Me

LUYH 623: 1,2,3



Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the Lord say,

"His steadfast love endures for ever."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. —based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

Singing: Will You Come and Follow Me

LUYH 742

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 12: 12-19, Revelation 7: 9-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Oh! To See Jesus...

Thanksgiving

***Singing: All Glory, Laud, and Honour**

LUYH 146

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer (elder)

Offerings: First: World Renew – Refugee Sunday

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

If any want to become my followers,

let them deny themselves

and take up their cross daily and follow me. —Luke 9:23, NRSV

***Singing: To God be the Glory**

LUYH 956

*God's Parting Blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

remain with you always. **Amen.** —based on Philippians 4:7, NRSV

(Children ages 12-14 leave for catechism)

WELCOME to Calvary Church. This morning we welcome **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** to our pulpit.

We extend a special welcome to all visitors. *Please* join the congregation for a time of 'coffee' fellowship after church this morning in the church hall.


CHURCH FAMILY: We extend our love and sympathies to **Anne Bouwers and Family** at the unexpected death of their husband and Father, **John**. John died this past week at the age of 78, after a period of increasing frailty. The funeral was held this past Thursday, here at Calvary, with **Pastor Piet Heerema** officiating. We ask God to comfort all those who mourn.

Trudy Heerema returned home from hospital this past Wednesday. **Trudy** and **Piet** are thankful to God for his goodness and to the congregation for your love and prayerful support. Trudy is expecting a 10 week recovery period. Please pray for all who are sick or undergoing treatments. Let us **remember** each other in **prayer**.


Council Meeting Highlights

1. A report was received summarizing the Classis meeting highlights. Classis approved sending two overtures to Synod regarding the Human Sexuality Report. The first requested that a Classis of the C.R.C.N.A., in response to local needs and circumstances, be able to declare that Article 65, Item 21 of the Acts of Synod 20221 (p.922) be considered inoperative. (This would enable council members to continue to serve even if they disagree with the above-mentioned item.)
2. The Financial Statement was reviewed and accepted.
3. **Ryan Farrell**, Ottawa Campus Chaplain passed his ordination examination at Classis. He will be ordained in our church on Friday, May 12th at 7 PM and the congregation is encouraged to attend.
4. The congregational meeting will be held on April 16, after the service. **Beth** will be giving a presentation on children at the Lord's Supper.
5. Two Calvary membership cancellations were received.
6. It is with joy that we will be celebrating the affirmation of faith of **James** and **Aerie Kang** on Sunday April 2nd.
7. Council will be reviewing the protocol for canceling worship services due to inclement weather.

OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - World Renew - Refugee Sunday. *From Heartbreak to Hope: Changing Refugee Stories*
 Today is Refugee Sunday. As conflict, violence, and persecution drive people from their homelands in search of safety, many wander from country to country never finding welcome. Compelled by refugee families' stories of heartbreak, churches across Canada open their hearts and share God's love through sponsorship – offering refugees the opportunity to find safety and welcome here in Canada. Through your gifts to World Renew's Refugee and Resettlement Sponsorship program you can help share God's love and hope with refugees as they journey to rebuild their lives in Canada. Prayerfully consider giving to World Renew's Refugee and Resettlement Sponsorship program.
For more information, visit: worldrenew.ca/refugeesunday.

April 07 - Multifaith Housing Initiative The MultiFaith Housing Initiative of Ottawa was established as a Canadian nonprofit charitable organization in 2002, which has grown into a coalition of over 80 faith communities including Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindu, Unitarians, Baha'i and other faiths from across the city of Ottawa. These members are dedicated to achieving MHI's goal to create more affordable housing in Ottawa while promoting tolerance and respect among residents of all faiths. Currently, MHI owns a total of 139 units, housing between 300 and 400 people, at five different property sites: *Blake House, the Haven, Kent House, Somerset Gardens, and Veterans' House: the Andy Carswell Building.*


 The Multifaith Housing Initiative exists for one purpose, and it's as simple as our name: we want all people to have safe, continuous affordable housing, and when they do, our job will be done. We want housing to be affordable in Ottawa — for everyone.

The current story in Ottawa is that thousands of individuals and families are without permanent homes or adequate temporary living facilities. How do we #MakeADifference? We're looking beyond city shelters, and into the future. We're talking to people to find out how they live and what they need to feel healthy, safe, empowered, and successful. We're designing solutions based on long-term needs — and long lives. We don't want to be around forever, but we want affordable housing to be. Check out their website at www.multifaithhousing.ca to find ways you can help out! If you are looking for direct feedback about this great initiative, **Bob Proper** is currently a volunteer with MHI and would love to share his experiences. An upcoming event on May 29th is **Multifaith's Tulipathon**, check out www.multifaithhousing.ca/tulipathon.html for more details.

Website: <https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/>

EASTER SUNDAY - April 09 - Resonate Global Mission (Cambodia – Navy Chann and Ly Chhay)
 Global and Home Missions Serves the churches, ministries and members of the Christian Reformed Church of North America through partnerships that fulfil Christ's mission. In past years, Calvary has supported **Kathy VanderKloet** through a special collection via Resonate Global Mission. As Kathy has retired, Calvary will now be supporting missionaries **Navy Chann-Chhay** and **Ly Chhay** and their work in Cambodia.

Navy and Ly have been serving since 2013. To read their story, go to their Resonate Global Mission website: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries/navy-chann-and-ly-chhay>

Camp Adonai - For over 50 years, our campers have made memories that last a lifetime. At Camp Adonai, we provide a natural environment that encourages spiritual growth and community in young people. We do this through worship and small group discussion, along with building relationships in large and small group activities. Camp Adonai is located at Christie Lake near Maberly, Ontario, at the Scouts Canada Camp Opemikon campsite. Camp Adonai is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization. Camp runs for two, one-week periods. The camp's purpose is to provide an environment that encourages spiritual growth and fellowship amongst young people: a balance of light Christian study, lively discussion and of course the fun and games expected at any well-run summer camp. Established in 1962 by members of the Christian Reformed Churches of Eastern Ontario, Camp Adonai continues to provide young people a rich source of spiritual growth and enjoyment.
 Website: <https://campadonai.ca/>

Please pray for God's blessings on: First C.R.C., Montreal, Pastor James Kraht

Kanata Community C.R.C. (46 Castlefrank Road, Kanata) invites you to their **Speaker Series on Human Sexuality**. We are excited and deeply honoured to have these two guest speakers come to KCCRC. Please join us. You won't want to miss this series on Human Sexuality:

Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat: *Thursday, April 13th* at 7 pm. — Dr. Keesmaat grew up in the C.R.C., graduated from Redeemer University, and later obtained her PhD under the world-renowned theologian N.T. Wright. Sylvia's deep roots and love of Scripture come through in her teaching, her books on Colossians and Romans, and the farm community she leads with her husband, dedicated to care for God's creation. Sylvia is familiar with the C.R.C., taught at the Institute for Christian Studies, and preaches in CRC churches. She also brings ecumenical experience and work with churches experiencing disagreement about human sexuality.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Jesus' Palm Sunday - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How do you picture Jesus' entry into Jerusalem? No marching band. No banners waving. Doesn't sound like how Aladdin arrived in that popular Disney movie, does it? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "Palm Sunday and the Arrest."

Dear Friends at Calvary CRC,

Thank you so much for your generosity in contributing so many "Emergency Food for a Month" baskets from the World Renew Gift Catalogue! What a blessing!

Each \$60 food basket that you purchased provided a 4-week supply of beans, rice, cooking oil, and other staples to feed and nourish a family in urgent need because of natural disasters or violence -and your gifts were matched up to 4x by the government through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank!

Please find enclosed a Fact Sheet about the "Emergency Food for a Month" baskets, as well as the latest CFB update, so you can read about how your generosity is making a real impact!

Thank you from your friends at World Renew!



PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Luke 19:38



CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, MARCH 20 - SUNDAY, MARCH 26/2023		
MONDAY, APRIL 03	CADETS & GEMS	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05	HANDS ON	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, APRIL 06	MEN'S BOWLING YOUTH GROUP	9:30-11:30 AM 7:30 PM
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 09	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 02	GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 07	EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 09	SUNDAY, APRIL 16
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR PIET HEEREMA	PASTOR PIET HEEREMA	CHAPLAIN MICHELLE DEPOOTER MONTREAL MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS
OFFIC./ ELDER	GRAHAM	JESSICA TRUDY, KRISTY, BART	TRUDY HYUNG, CATHY, JAKE	KRISTY
DEACON	CHRIS F.	CORA	KYLE	HARRY
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	WORLD RENEW - REFUGEE SUNDAY CALVARY C.R.C.	MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE OF OTTAWA CALVARY C.R.C.	RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION CALVARY C.R.C.	CAMP ADONAI CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	KATHRYN / CHLOE	TIM / LEAH H.	BARB / LEAH F.	STEPH/DENISE
COFFEE CLEANUP	JOEY & SYLVIA RICHARDSON		GRAHAM & LAURIE JOHNSON	HUB & GRACE STAPPER
GREETERS	HOOPLE FAMILY		BOB AND ALICE PROPER	MAXIME GRENDON

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