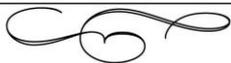


The Church in Brielle

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America



Center for Spiritual Wellness



*Seven Last Words of the Crucifixion:
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

April 7, 2019

WELCOME!

Please accept a special welcome to this service of worship. God has gathered us as his people and we pray the worship hour will bring refreshment, renewal and inspiration. Guests are encouraged to fill out the *Welcome cards* found in the pew racks. Prayer requests can be written on the flip side of those cards and placed in the collection plate. We will include your prayers in today's service. Please join us for fellowship at our coffee hour following the service. Nursery care (up to 3 yrs. old) and Sunday School are offered during the worship hour. If you are not sure where to find these services, please speak with the usher.

Please silence your cell phone when entering the sanctuary
Large Print Bulletins Are Available From The Ushers

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcoming, Announcements & Greeting

Introit

Call to Worship: James, son of Zebedee Austin Ensor

♪ **Hymn #3:** *(please stand)* **“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”** verses 1,2,4

The Sacrament of Baptism Dane Thomas Riley

Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s promises to this covenant people.

In baptism God promises by grace alone:

**to forgive our sins; to adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church;
to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us;
and to resurrect us to eternal life.**

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

(Water is poured into the fount at this time.)

Water cleanses; purifies; refreshes; sustains: Jesus Christ is living water.

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:

**to love and trust God completely; to forsake the evil of the world;
and to live a new and holy life.**

Yet, when we fall into sin, we must not despair of God’s mercy,
nor continue in sin,

**for baptism is the sign and seal of God’s eternal covenant of grace
with us.**

The Baptismal Covenant

The Welcome:

Let us welcome our new brother in Christ.

**Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as we
give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in
Christ Jesus. Alleluia.**

♪ **Hymn #470:** *(please stand)* **“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”**

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God of Mercy and Love, you forgive the things we have done that harm ourselves and others, destroy your creation, and dishonor your holiness.

And you forgive the things we leave undone: missed opportunities to help another, or to speak out against injustice.

But here in this sacred moment, we see that even though we fall short, you forgive us and give us more opportunities to be who we are, your beloved children and disciples of your Son.

As we give these tithes and offerings, O God of Grace, we give you our lives, to become who you created us to truly be.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

♪Doxology: #809 (please stand

Prayer of Illumination

The Gospel Reading: Luke 23:26-38 Jayne Linfante
(Page 90 in the New Testament section of your pew Bible.)

Response to the Lesson: Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Seven Last Words of the Crucifixion: 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'" Reverend Louis J. LaFazia

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

♪Hymn #502: (please stand) **"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"**
verses 1,2,4

Benediction (please remain standing)

Postlude

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Our Kingdom Goals

Maximizing the use of our Church Facility

Stephen Husarik and Ken Olenyik

Youth, Young Adults and Families

Don Van Antwerpen, John Linfante, Allison Devereux, Pam Bachler,
Shannon Nish and Tamara Christiani

Expand our Mission and Outreach

Mission and Outreach Ministry under the leadership of Candace Moose

**Provide Support and Counseling Opportunities for our Congregation
and our Community**

Candace Moose

**Offer Opportunities to Grow the Spiritual and Physical Health of our
Congregation and our Community**

Lisa Clark and Allison Devereux

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