

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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The Lord's Day¹

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Douglas D. Warren

A Word About Worship and this time of Preparation: We have the incredible privilege of coming into the presence of the living God. Please take a few moments now to silently prepare your heart. As others around you are in prayer and contemplation, please consider their need for quiet.

*A Note to Parents: There is a **nursery** available at your discretion throughout the service. Please ask one of the greeters if you need help finding your way. There is also a class called **Kids' Quest** for children (3 and up) during the sermon. Children are welcome to come forward during communion to be prayed for by the pastor, but should not partake of communion until they have professed their faith publicly and been approved by the session.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE REDEEMER

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 86

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

All: Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

All: Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.

*Songs of Exultation (Insert)

“Sing a New Song to the Lord”

Dudley-Smith²

“He is Exalted”

Paris³

He is exalted, The King is exalted on high; He is the Lord; Forever His truth shall reign.
I will praise Him. He is exalted, Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
Forever exalted, and I will praise His name! He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

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Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Mr. Robert Crosby

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

REPENTING TOGETHER BY GOD’S GRACE

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Deuteronomy 4, 14, 26

Rev. Warren

But as for you, the Lord took you and brought you out of the furnace, out of Egypt, to the be the people of His inheritance, as you now are. You are a people holy to the Lord your God. Be careful to observe all His commands with all your heart and soul.

¹ Sunday is more than just the first day of the week. Each Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' victory over death in His resurrection Easter Sunday. The Lord of Creation has entered our world and changed everything. Just as God's people rested from work on the last day of the week to commemorate God's creative work, we now rest from worldly concerns on the first day of the week to celebrate His redeeming work.

* **Please stand, if you are able. Thank you.**

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Song of Preparation (111)

“This Is My Father’s World”

Sheppard

Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Warren

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Rev. Warren

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Song of Renewal

“Isaiah 43”

1. When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name.
You are Mine.

2. When you pass through the fire,
You'll not be burned.
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name.
You are Mine.

Chorus Men:

For I am the Lord your God
I am the Lord your God
I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour.

I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.

(repeat)

(together) I am the Lord.

Women:

I am the Lord your God.

I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour

Do not fear.
Do not fear.
Do not fear.
Do not fear.

*The Peace of God

This is an opportunity to extend the grace of Christ to one another.

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

Children ages 3-9 are excused to **Kids’ Quest** at this time.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (insert)

Deuteronomy 4:15-24; 32-40

Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“The People Belong to the Lord”

Rev. Warren

God is our Covenant-Keeping King⁴

The Offertory

⁴ This is a new series in the book of *Deuteronomy*. Be sure to get your copy of *Taking Gathered Worship Home* at the back table or on-line.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Shema⁵

Minister: Hear, O people of God: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Minister: These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.

People: Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

*Gloria Patri

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, Is now and ever shall be
And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning World without end. Amen. Amen.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

A Word About Communion: This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, communion is a time to meet with Christ by faith for strength and renewal as we eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and are at peace with their fellow Christians are welcome to come forward. For those not taking communion, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁶

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Approaching the Lord’s Table

Please listen carefully to the minister's explanation of communion.

All those who are prepared to come to the Lord's table can come forward. If you are not yet prepared to come, with all the responsibilities that entails, this is a loving environment within which to consider your estate before a holy and merciful God. Please use the prayers below as an aid. Both wine and grape juice are available (juice is in the outer circle of the trays).

*Communion Song (642)

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional Irish melody

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

⁵ The Shema comes from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and has been used as a confession of faith by God's people for more than three thousand years.

⁶ This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. Let us look together to Him for our strength.

