

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2007

*The Lord's Day*<sup>1</sup>

### Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Per Almquist

*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** "Be Thou My Vision" *trad. Irish melody*

**\*Call to Worship** *Psalm 22:26-28*

Minister: The meek shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

**All: May your hearts live forever!**

Minister: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**All: For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

**\*Song of Exultation** (Insert) "Lord Most High" *Harris*<sup>2</sup>

**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** Rev. Almquist

The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**Song of Preparation** "I Lift My Eyes Up" *Doerksen*<sup>3</sup>

I lift my eyes up to the mountains.	Oh, how I need You, Lord.
Where does my help come from?	You are my only hope.
My help comes from You,	You're my only prayer;
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.	So, I will wait for You To come and rescue me. Come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from?

**Corporate Confession** Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. Amen.

**Silent Reflection/Confession** *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

**Proclamation of Forgiveness** Psalm 130 Rev. Almquist

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**\*Song of Renewal** (Insert) "Be Thou My Vision" *Traditional Irish melody*

**\*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** Mr. Robert Crosby  
*Praise Requests*

**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) Acts 7:51-8:1a Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" Rev. Almquist  
*The Essence of the Church: A Study of Acts*

**The Offertory** "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide" *Pollock/C.Miner*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed<sup>4</sup>

Minister: Christian, what is it that we believe?

**People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;**

**and we believe in one holy catholic<sup>5</sup> and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*Creedal Song** "Holy, Holy, Holy" *NICAEA*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### 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 their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they 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: We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us.

**People: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life.**

Minister: The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

People: **Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

**People: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

Minister: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth

**People: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.** (1 John 1:1-7)

### 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** (Insert) "I Will Glory In My Redeemer" *Cook*<sup>6</sup>

### COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

**\*Concluding Prayer** Rev. Almquist

**\*The Benediction** Jude 24-25 Rev. Almquist

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** "Lord Most High" *Harris*

<sup>1</sup> 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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<sup>4</sup> The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (AD 325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

<sup>5</sup> The term "catholic" here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

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