

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

March 4, 2007

The Lord's Day'

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 "Grave/Presto" *A. Corelli*²

***Call to Worship** Psalm 95:1-3 Rev. Almquist

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

***Hymn of Exultation** (345) "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" *Haydn*

Prayer of Adoration (concluded by praying together): Mr. Doug Tedder

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 Isaiah 30:15-18 Rev. Stewart

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

Song of Preparation (Insert) "My Goal is God Himself" *Giacobbe*³

Corporate Confession⁴

I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before you, my God and Creator, that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, my Lord and God, know well, and I cannot deeply enough deplore. But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them, I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before you, my God and Creator, that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, my Lord and God, know well, and I cannot deeply enough deplore. But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them, and heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Hebrews 2:18 Rev. Stewart

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

***Song of Renewal** "You Are My All in All" *Jernigan*⁵

You are my strength when I am weak. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
You are the treasure that I seek. Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All. You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jew'l When I fall down You pick me up,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my All in All. You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. (2X)

***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 Rev. Stewart

Praise Requests

Greeting and Announcements Mrs. Terry Cosgrove

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (insert) Acts 11:19-26 Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon "Faithful to the Lord" Rev. Almquist

The Essence of the Church

Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

The Offertory "Adagio" *A. Corelli*⁶

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed⁷

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic⁸ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Doxology** *OLD HUNDREDTH*

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

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: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: **Have mercy upon us!**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: **Grant us your peace!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Approaching the King's Feast

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) "Through All the World" *Liljestrand*⁹

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Almquist

***The Benediction** Revelation 1:4-6 Rev. Almquist

Minister: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude "Allegro" *A. Corelli*¹⁰

¹ Each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection from the dead by Jesus. His triumph over death is the basis for our hope. The first day of the week now points us forward to the certainty of His return.

² From Trio Sonata XI, op. 3.11.

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

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⁴ From the 1585 Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate

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⁶ From Trio sonata XI, op. 3.11.

⁷ The Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles. Originally used as a baptismal confession in the second century, it was developed into its current form by the sixth or seventh century.

⁸ The term "catholic" is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

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¹⁰ From Trio Sonata XI, op. 3.11.

Reflections

Millions long for immortality who don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

Susan Ertz
Anger in the Sky

Our work creates neither life nor righteousness. Relentless, compulsive work habits...which our society rewards and admires are seen by the psalmist [in Psalm 127] as a sign of weak faith and assertive pride, as if God could not be trusted to accomplish his will, as if we could rearrange the universe by our own effort.

— Eugene H. Peterson
A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

*If you would like to use this time to speak silently to God,
we hope that the prayers below will be a help to you.*

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the Life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

**Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to
Worship Christ in Community,
As We Celebrate and Extend His Grace
to Portland, New England, and the world.**

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination committed to the historic Christian faith.

Musicians: Evan Pillsbury, vocalist; Kathryn Pillsbury, violin; Beth Almquist, viola; Evan Pillsbury, violoncello; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.

Serving Communion: Per Almquist and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....March 4, 2007

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer	Fridays at 6:30 AM
Sunday Morning Prayer	Sundays at 8:30 AM
Women's Bible Study	Thursdays at 5:00 PM
Home Fellowship Groups	
Casco, Windham, Gray Region	Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
South Portland	Sundays at 5:30 PM
Gorham	Sundays at 5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today!

Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, March 11, 2007, we will have a congregational meeting to elect officers for the legal corporation of the church and to make a change in Per Almquist's call as pastor for the church plant in Lewiston. This is an important meeting for our church and we need all members to attend if at all possible. The meeting will follow the worship service that morning.

The Root Cellar

On March 15th we will be hosting the neighborhood dinner for the Root Cellar. If you would like to donate food, cook food or help serve it please indicate this on the sign up sheets on the back table. If you would like to help with the music for the evening indicate this also. We will need musicians and singers to help with a sing-along time. If you have any questions speak to Joanne Crosby.

Family Builders Ministries

You are invited to a Gala Fundraising Celebration on Friday March 23, 2007. It will be at the Marriott in New Castle, NH. Dr. Gary Chapman is the speaker; he is the author of 15 books including "The Five Love Languages". For more information visit their website: www.familybuilders.net.

Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings	Fridays at 6:30 AM
Session Meetings	First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 PM
Vacation Bible School	July 23-27, 2007
Church Retreat	September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward	Guliani
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid's Q	Linda & Dan Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,957.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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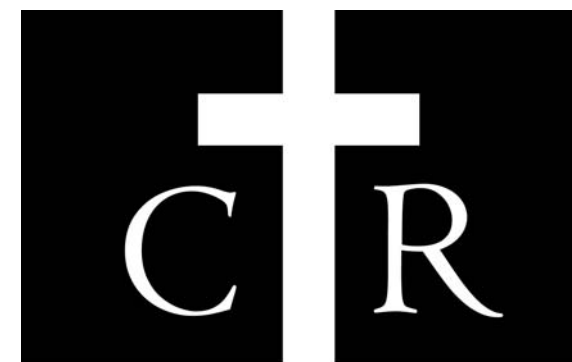
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Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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