

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 1, 2007

*Palm Sunday*<sup>1</sup>

### 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** “Sonate in B KV68” *W. A. Mozart*<sup>2</sup>

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 2:11-12 Rev. Warren

Minister: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**\*Hymn of Exultation** (235) “All Glory Laud and Honor” *ST. THEODULPH*  
*Children with their parents’ permission may come forward during the third verse to lay their palm fronds at the front.*

**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 The Reverend David 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** (251) “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *F. Maker*

**Corporate Confession** Rev. Stewart

Holy Father, we long to have you change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We love little, speak not the truth, harbor resentment, and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law, leave undone what You command, and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

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

**Proclamation of Forgiveness** 2 Corinthians 5:21 Rev. Stewart

For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**\*Song of Renewal** “There is a Redeemer” *Green*<sup>3</sup>

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Chorus*

Thank You, oh my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
’Til the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain. *chorus*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever,  
In that holy place. *chorus*

**\*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

**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) Luke 19:28-44 Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** “The King’s Peace” Rev. Warren

#### The Essence of the Church

*Sermon Series on the Book of Acts*

**The Offertory** “Sonate in E KV67” *W. A. Mozart*

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

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 catholic<sup>5</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

### \* 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  
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 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: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

**People:** **And as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

Minister: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

**People:** **Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

Minister: But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

**People:** **Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.**

#### 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** (246) “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” *Bliss*

### COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

**\*Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

**\*The Benediction** Romans 11:33, 36 Rev. Warren

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.

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

**Postlude** “Sonate in F KV145” *W. A. Mozart*

<sup>1</sup> The observance of Palm Sunday originated in the fourth century based on the Scriptural account of the gospels regarding the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. This begins what has been historically called Holy Week. We encourage all followers of Christ to join with us in a special time of prayer and fasting this week and especially on Good Friday.

<sup>2</sup> These brief, one movement sonatas dated 1772 were written by Mozart for Christian Worship. They are referred to as “Epistle Sonatas” as they were performed near the reading of the Epistle. The earlier selection was Sonate in F KV145.

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

## Reflections

If the crowds' identification of Jesus as the Davidic king was correct, they missed the paradoxical character of that kingship. The irony was that the king, who really was the promised Messiah, came to Jerusalem not as a warrior upon a stallion but humbly as a servant – indeed, as the servant who had come to die. The goal was a more fundamental salvation and a kingdom that was universal in scope, one that far transcended the limited horizon of the crowds.

— Donald Hagner

The church is to be a new society in which the world can see what family dynamics, business practices, race relations, and all of life can be under the kingship of Jesus Christ. God is out to heal all the effects of sin: psychological, social, and physical.

— Timothy J. Keller, *Ministries of Mercy*

### 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: Eric Mathis, vocalist; Anthony Allen, violin; Kathryn Pillsbury, violin; Evan Pillsbury, violoncello; Chiharu Naruse, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Doug Tedder.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....April 1, 2007

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer-*Park Ave Church of God-Portland* Fridays at 6:30 AM  
 Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School* Sundays at 8:30 AM  
 Women's Bible Study-*Margaret Pearson-774-0524* *twice monthly* Thursdays at 5:00 PM  
**Home Fellowship Groups**  
 Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* *weekly* Wednesdays at 6:30 PM  
 South Portland-@ *Ballada home-767-6002-teacher Dave Stewart 221-2784* *1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>* Sundays at 5:30 PM  
 Gorham-@ *Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 221-2784* *2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>* Sundays at 5:30 PM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

We will be serving a lunch after the worship service today. Everyone is invited to stay. During this time Pastor Warren will be talking to us about what he experienced while on his sabbatical. Please stay and share in this special time.

#### Tenebrae Service

There will be an American Tenebrae Service here at Breakwater on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This will be a service of scripture and song based on the passion according to St. Luke. There are postcards on the welcome table available for you to take and give out to those you want to invite.

#### Easter Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

There will be **no Sunday School** on Easter Sunday. This is not more time for us to primp in front of the mirror that morning but a time to encourage us to take the extra time to remember that we are people broken by our sin and in need of the promise of God guaranteed by the resurrection of Christ. Our friends, family, and neighbors around us are also broken and need to hear the good news of Easter-so invite someone to celebrate with us that morning.

#### Weekend to Remember

There will be a Family Life weekend to remember conference on May 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2007. It will be at the South Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks. This conference can benefit couples at all stages from being engaged to celebrating 50 years or more together. Brochures are available on the greeter table. A group of 5 couples or more can receive special discounts.

#### Dates to Remember

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 \$4,017.25. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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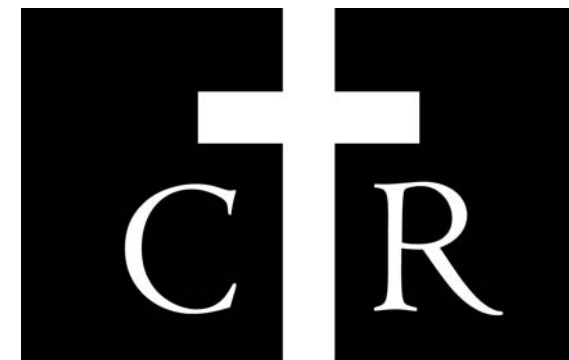
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Douglas Warren  
 Per Almquist  
 Evan Pillsbury  
 Joanne Crosby

Pastor  
 Associate Pastor  
 Musician-in-Residence  
 Office Manager

**Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM**

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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