

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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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 "Come, Thou Almighty King" *Arr. Rene Frank*

***Call to Worship** Revelation 4-5 Rev. Warren

Minister: You, our Lord and God, are worthy to receive glory and honor and power,

Women: For You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being

All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

Men: To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Children: To our Lord and King who sits on the throne,

All: And to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! Amen.

***Song of Exultation** (101) "Come Thou Almighty King" *Giardini*

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

Song of Preparation (Insert) "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul" *Steele/Twit*¹

Scriptural Call to Repentance Hebrews 4:14-16 Rev. Warren

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

Corporate Confession Rev. Warren

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. Turning our faces from You, Lord, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Romans 8:1 Rev. Warren

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

***Song of Renewal** (Insert) "We Will Glorify" *T. Paris*²

***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. Warren

Praise

Requests

Greeting and Announcements Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Psalm 94** (310) "O Lord, Thou Judge of All the Earth" *Graham*

***Scripture Reading** (insert) John 16:25-33 Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "Overcoming the World" Rev. Warren
Overcoming the World through Prayer

The Offertory "A Mighty Fortress" *Arr. Rene Frank*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed³

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 catholic⁴ 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! Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
in earth and sky and sea.

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: Behold, the Lamb of God⁵

People: Who takes away the sin of the world!

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!

People: Lord Christ, help us to believe in You and always give You thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

People: This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.

Minister: Christ said, "I am the bread of life."

People: He is our portion and our life.

Approaching Christ's Communion Together

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** (310) "Rejoice the Lord is King" *Darwall*

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***The Benediction** Second Corinthians 13:14 Rev. Warren

Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

HISTORICAL NOTE



Charles Wesley wrote the text of *Rejoice The Lord Is King* to celebrate Easter. Wesley was one of the most prolific English hymn writers credited with some 6500 hymns. His brother, John, was the leader of Bible societies in Britain often derided for their "methodism" or organization that eventually became the Methodist Church.

This particular song grounds our need to rejoice in Christ's sovereign rule as King over all the earth. As we see in today's Scripture the source of our hope is that Christ has indeed overcome the world. As we sing, let us enter into this reality with all of our hearts, minds, and souls.

God greatly used Wesley's hymns in the Great Awakening of the Eighteenth Century. George Whitefield, who was very close to the Wesley's, preached in York as part of revival meetings at the time of Jonathan Edwards. The pastor of First Parish here in Portland led an effort to disallow Whitefield from preaching and when that failed went down to oppose him in person. Hearing the gospel through Whitefield's preaching, the pastor came to Christ and upon returning to Portland was driven from his pulpit, but not before converting others.

⁵ This communion litany is based on the one used in Strassburg, Switzerland in the dawning of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptural quotations are from Hebrews and the Gospel of John.

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³ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

⁴ The term "catholic" here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

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

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