

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2006

*The Lord's Day*¹

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 "Grave/Vivace" *A. Corelli*²

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 6 Rev. Warren

Minister: I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted,

All: And the train of his robe filled the temple.

Minister: Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

All: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

***Hymn of Exultation** (76) "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven" *LAUDA ANIMA*

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 55:6-7 Rev. Warren

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Song of Preparation (251) "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *E. Clephane*

Corporate Confession Rev. Warren

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 Hebrews 2:18 Rev. Warren

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

***Song of Renewal** (457) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *NETTLETON*

***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

Pastor's prayer for the Church

Minister: Lord, hear our prayer

People: And have mercy on us for the sake of Your holy Son.

Pastor's prayer for Portland, New England, and the world

Minister: Lord, hear our prayer

People: And have mercy on us for the sake of Your holy Son.

Greeting and Announcements Mrs. Terry Cosgrove

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Scripture Song** (Insert) "Ancient Words" *L. Deshazo*

***Scripture Reading** (insert) Matthew 26:69-27:10 Mrs. Gwen Tedder

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "What is that to us?" Responding to Jesus Rev. Almquist
The Gospel of Matthew—Jesus Is the Promised King

The Offertory "Adagio" *A. Corelli*³

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed⁴

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 catholic⁵ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Doxology** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Alleluia, alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution (*followed by saying together*):

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.

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** "At the Cross" *Butler*⁶

I know a place, a wonderful place

Where accused and condemned

Find mercy and grace,

Where the wrongs we have done

And the wrongs done to us

Were nailed there with Him,

There on the cross.

At the cross, (at the cross)

He died for our sin.

At the cross, (at the cross)

He gave us life again.

(repeat)

(repeat all)

I know a place, a wonderful place.

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** Hebrews 13:20-21 Rev. Warren

Minister: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude "Allegro" *A. Corelli*⁷

Please stay for some refreshments and to get to know some folks.

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 in E minor, Op. 1, No. 2. The previous selection was "Allegro" from the same sonata.

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

³ From Trio Sonata in E minor, Op. 1, no. 2.

⁴ 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.

⁵ The term "catholic" is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

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⁷ From Trio Sonata in E minor, Op. 1, no. 2.

Reflections

"I expect more goodness from Kate my wife, from Philip Melancthon, and from other friends, than from my sweet and blessed Savior Jesus Christ, and yet I know for certain that neither she nor any other person on earth will or can suffer that for me which he has suffered; why then should I be afraid of him?! This—my foolish weakness—grieves me very much....Fie on our unbelieving hearts, that we should be afraid of this man, who is more loving, friendly, gentle, and compassionate towards us than are our kindred, our brothers and sisters, yea, than parents themselves are towards their own children."

— Martin Luther

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: Maria Williams and Eric Mathis, vocalists; Kathryn Pillsbury & Beth Almquist, violinists; Evan Pillsbury, cellist; Sara Sturdivant, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....April 2, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Choir

We will be having an Easter Choir at CTR on Easter Sunday, April 16th. Rehearsals will be held at 7:30 pm at the Pillsbury Residence (77 Grant St., Portland) on Wed., April 5th and Tuesday, April 11th. If you would like to participate, please contact Evan at Evan.Pillsbury@MainePCA.org or 775.0138.

Good Friday Seder Meal

Mark your calendar now to attend this special service on **Friday, April 14th**. This service will be led by Rev. David Stewart and will take us through the tradition of the Jewish Seder Meal and how that relates to the gospel. This will be a special service for the whole family. The children will be able to participate and learn from this experience. Dinner is included.

Missions Conference

On April 21 and 22 we will host the first ever Northern New England Presbytery Missions Conference. The featured speaker will be Dr. Richard Pratt from Third Millennium Ministries. There will be a variety of mission works and church planters presenting. This will be a good time of fellowship and learning with the others from the churches in the Presbytery from NH and VT.

Please register using the brochure you will find on the greeter table or register using Joanne Crosby's e-mail (Joanne.Crosby@mainepca.org). We need to get a count to prepare for food and childcare. A food sign up sheet is in the back should you be able to help with this need.

Weekend to Remember

FamilyLife, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ, is holding a FamilyLife weekend conference for married or engaged couples. It will be on May 5-7, 2006 and will be held at the Portland Marriott in South Portland. Brochures are available on the back table.

Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings	Fridays at 6:30 am
Session Meetings (monthly)	First Tuesday night 6:00-9:00, Third Friday morning 6:30-9:00
NNE Presbytery Missions Conference	April 21 & 22, 2006
Vacation Bible School	August 7-11, 2006
Church Retreat	September 22 & 23, 2006

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward	Boyer
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Ruth & Hannah Welch	Steve & Kristine Geary
Kid's Q	Linda & Dan Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
Sound	Eric Scribilleto	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby

Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,345.20. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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Sunday School for all ages at 9:30



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