

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2006

*Palm Sunday*¹

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

“Study Number Two”

Brower

Call to Worship

Matthew 21

Rev. Almquist

Minister: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold your king is coming to you,”

All: Humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

Minister: And the crowds went before him and followed him shouting,

All: “Hosanna to the Son of David!

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest!”

***Songs of Exultation** (235) “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Teschner

Children with their parents' permission may come forward during the third verse to lay their palm fronds at the front.

“Majesty”

*Hayford*²

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory,
Honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high

The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

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

Matthew 21

The Reverend Doug Warren

He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

*S. Merkel*³

Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 118

Rev. Warren

Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free...The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation...I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

***Song of Renewal** (164) “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Glaser

*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

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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 27:11-61

Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“God Forsaken King”

Rev. Warren

The Gospel of Matthew—Jesus Is the Promised King

The Offertory

“Allamande”

Bach

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:6-11

We believe in Christ Jesus who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be
World without end.
Amen. Amen.

Greatorex

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: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁴
People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, hough its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”
People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution followed by saying together:

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,
People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.
People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

“We Bow Down”

*Paris*⁵

You are Lord of creation
And Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens
Before there was time,
And Lord of all lords You will be!
We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)
Lord of all lords You will be!

You are King of creation
And King of my life,
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens
Before there was time,
And King of all kings You will be!
We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)
King of all kings You will be!

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)
Lord of all lords you will be!

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

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

“Alegrias”

Pena

¹ 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. We will break the fast together with the Seder meal Friday here at Breakwater.

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

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⁴ This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God’s presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

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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

“Jesus came in the flesh not to bring the judgment, but to bear it; not to slay with the sword of his lips, but to receive the nails in his hands and the spear-thrust in his side. In no other way could his kingdom come and God's will be done in earth as in heaven. The kingdom established by grace must be advanced in grace, then consummated in glory. Not by political power, but by the power of the Spirit, is the gospel carried to the nations.”

— Edmund Clowney

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.

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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: Sharie and Matthew Pillsbury, vocalists; James Schram, guitar; Mike Marchand, bass; Sara Sturdivant, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....April 9, 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, 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** at 6:30 pm. 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

The Conference will be on April 21,22, 2006. It will be held at The Root Cellar. This will be a great time of learning and sharing with the folks from the other churches in the Presbytery. Richard Pratt will be speaking throughout the weekend as well as church planters and missionaries. **Please register as soon as possible. Childcare will be provided. A food sign up sheet is in the back should you be able to help with this need. Questions-call Joanne Crosby 878-1211.**

ABBA Annual Banquet

The annual fund-raising and awareness banquet for the women’s resource center is **May 11th** from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at Keely’s Banquet Center. **See Crystal Kepler to reserve a seat.**

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
Vacation Bible School August 7-11, 2006
Church Retreat September 22 & 23, 2006

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Boyer	Mansfield
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Steve & Kristine Geary	Doug & Gwen Tedder
Kid’s Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve & Katya Harmon
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Barth Boyer
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Jim Mansfield

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,124.20. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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Sunday School for all ages at 9:30



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