

P A L M S U N D A Y
MARCH 16, 2008

The Order of Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at Redeemer today. Please enter the Sanctuary quietly for the sake of those who are in prayer. Following the service, please join us for coffee in the Sims Atrium. May this time of worship encourage, inspire, and strengthen you for the days ahead. Additional information about worship at Redeemer is included on the back of the service folder. A Nursery that welcomes children ages 6 weeks- 4 years is available during Worship today. You can find Little Blessings Nursery at the end of the hall on the first floor, near the restrooms.

Words to be spoken or sung by the congregation are indicated in bold type or marked with a **☑**; text marked with **P** or **A** is spoken or sung by a pastor or an assisting minister. Please stand or kneel as you are able for the indicated portions of the service. Please lower your kneelers quietly during prayer.

PRELUDE

Concerto in D
Allegro; Adagio; Allegro

Giuseppe Torelli

G A T H E R I N G

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week,
the day of Christ's resurrection.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

☑ Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11 (Page 21)

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

☑ And also with you.

The pastor continues with the prayer of blessing, to which the people respond:

☑ Amen.

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,

☑ in the name of Christ. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Standing

HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☛ **And also with you.**

KYRIE

☞ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SALUTATION

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☛ Amen

The Pastor will collect your prayer request cards as the children are invited to come forward for the children's sermon.

Please let us know you worshiped with us today by signing the attendance register pad as it is passed down your row. As you return it, take a moment to read the names of those seated around you so you can greet them after the service.

W O R D

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Seated

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son

Jody W. Lindh

8:15 The Redeemer Singers

11:00 The Cherub Choir and the Redeemer Singers

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Mike Foss

THE READING

After the reading

Philippians 2:5-11 (Page 186)

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Standing

GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:12-17 (Page 22)

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

SERMON

The Point of No Return

Pastor Mike Foss

Standing

HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

THE KING'S MAJESTY

Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

☒ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

P R A Y E R S

Your prayer card petitions are offered today in worship and included on The Weekly Prayer List found at the Member Care table. Through the week you may submit prayer requests to cmayfield@redeemer.org Individuals with special on-going prayer needs are continuously included on The Weekly Prayer List unless otherwise advised. Please pick up your Weekly Prayer List and offer your prayers of joy, thanksgiving and concern for one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

☒ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

Kneeling or seated

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

☒ Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

T H A N K S G I V I N G

God's grace and mercy summon us to give thanks.

Seated

GATHERING OF GIFTS

ANTHEM

The Tree of Life

K. Lee Scott

Standing

OFFERTORY

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P It is indeed right, ...and join their unending hymn:

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek to meet the Risen Christ in the bread and wine
are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction. There are four stations: two at the altar rail and two by the chancel steps. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

To receive the wafer extend your hand, palm up, and then lightly touch the wafer to the burgundy wine, or the white colored grape juice held by the assistant. If you would like the pastor to place the elements on your tongue, fold your hands and keep them folded in front of you.

Children who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing, folding their arms across their chests as a signal to the pastor.

Communion will be served in the pews to those who cannot come forward; please inform an usher. Gluten free wafers are available.

Seated

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Standing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

S E N D I N G

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor ✝ and give you peace.

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary no. 1 in D

William Boyce
(1711-1779)