

F O U R T H S U N D A Y I N L E N T
March 22, 2009

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. A Nursery that welcomes children ages 6 weeks- 4 years is available during Worship today. 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.

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.

If you are in need of an Assistive Hearing Device please ask an usher for help.

PRELUDE

Meditation on the Cross

arr. Linda McKechnie

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Carillon Ringers

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☪ Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☪ Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling or seated

P Most merciful God,

☪ we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus

Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen

Standing

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN 660

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

P 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.

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 completing the blue sheet enclosed in your bulletin. You may also indicate your time and talent interest on this enclosure as well.

W O R D

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

Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor John Weber

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1–10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ¹in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ²All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ³But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁴even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁵and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁶so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁷For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — ⁸not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ⁹For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Standing

GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL

John 3:14–21

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their

deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

After the reading

The gospel of the Lord.

Seated

SERMON

Night Lite

Pastor John Weber

Standing

HYMN 323

God Loved the World

ROCKINGHAM OLD

Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

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

God so loved the world
The Redeemer Choir

Bob Chilcott

Standing

OFFERTORY

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 kmedford@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,
☛ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- ☞ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
☛ **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

- ☛ **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

S E N D I N G

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

BLESSING

- ☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

HYMN 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
☛ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Kyrie, God Holy Ghost, BWV 671

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

Communion at spoken services in the upstairs chapel following today's worship service.
Please indicate in the attendance register pad your intention to receive communion.