

F I F T H S U N D A Y I N L E N T
March 29, 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 **C**; 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

*Chorale prelude and fugue on
"O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid"*

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

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.

C 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.

C 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,

C 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of

Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen

Standing

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN 339

Christ, the Life of All the Living JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

GREETING

ℙ 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

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.

☩ And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ℙ Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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 Debra Samuelson

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51

The congregation will sing the refrain where indicated.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5–10

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Standing

GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL

John 12:20–33

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir,

we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip

went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of

Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the

earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will

keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am,

there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — "Father, save me from this

hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your

name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it

again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others

said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for

your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

After the reading

The gospel of the Lord.

Seated

SERMON

The Days Are Surely Coming

Pastor Debra Samuelson

Standing

HYMN 328

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

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

Wash me thoroughly
The Redeemer Choir

Samuel S. Wesley

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 807

Lead on, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

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.