

**T H I R D   S U N D A Y   O F   E A S T E R**  
**April 26, 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.**

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| <b>PRELUDE</b> | 8:15 - <i>Christ ist erstanden</i> , BWV 627<br>( <i>Christ Has Risen</i> , ELW 372) | J. S. Bach<br>(1685-1750) |
|                | 11:00 – <i>Festive Intrada</i><br><i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i>                   |                           |
|                | The Redeemer Ringers Advanced Choir  |                           |

**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**

**11:00 - COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS**

*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

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**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**

- ☐ 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 377**

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

EARTHANDALLSTARS

## **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**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

*The Pastor will collect your prayer request cards.*

*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*

**11:00 - ANTHEM**

*Come One, Come All, Come Follow*  
The Cherub Choir

Philip Dietterich  
(b. 1931)

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 3:12–19

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?" <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

### *After the reading*

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

## THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

### *After the reading*

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

### *Standing*

## GOSPEL VERSE

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Luke 24:36b–48

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

"Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is

to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

*After the reading*

The gospel of the Lord.

*Seated*

**SERMON**

*God's DNA*

Pastor Brian Goke

*Standing*

**HYMN 522**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

IN BABILONE

**11:00 – NEW MEMBERS JOIN**

*Standing*

**8:15 - 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**

**8:15 - ANTHEM**

*Children of the heavenly father* Arranged by Robert Scholz  
The Redeemer Choir

**11:00 – ANTHEM**

*Easter Carol*  
The Redeemer Singers

Arlen Clarke

*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](mailto: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 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

### **HYMN 383**

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

TURNBULL

### **SENDING**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on 'Filii et Filiae'*  
(ELW 386)

Lynnwood Farnam  
(1885-1930)

**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.