

FESTIVAL WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION EASTER 2008

WELCOME TO REDEEMER

The members of Redeemer extend a warm and cordial greeting to our guests on this Easter Sunday. We pray the worship today will be a source of spiritual strength for our life and faith.

Child Care is available during the service.
Ushers will be happy to direct you to the Nursery area.

Please join us for coffee in the Sims Atrium following the worship service.

Bulletin Cover

The bulletin cover is the Victorious Lamb of God, a symbol of the risen Christ, from the center of the rose window in the upper portion of the Great Redemption window above the Redeemer altar.

Worship at Redeemer

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.

Please Visit Redeemer Again

We hope you will return to Redeemer often and consider us as your church home and family! Join our television congregation by watching "Redeemer's Music and Message" on the AIB (Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters) local cable network. Check your local cable system for the channel number. Times are, Wednesday at 6:30 a.m., Thursday at 11:00 p.m., and Sunday at 3:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

You will also find helpful information about Redeemer's ministries through our website at www.redeemer.org.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

March 23, 2008

The Order of Worship at 7:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

PRELUDE	<i>Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals</i>	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
	Brass, Organ and Percussion	
	<i>The Joyful Eastertide</i>	Alec Wyton
	Organ	
	<i>Entrata Festiva</i>	Flor Peeters
	Brass, Organ and Percussion	

Standing

HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today* EASTER HYMN

GREETING

- P** He is Risen!
- C** He is Risen, indeed!
- 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
HYMN OF PRAISE
SALUTATION
PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen**

Standing

GOSPEL PROCESSION

HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

*Please turn to face the Bible as it is carried in procession into the midst of the people.
Please feel free to take a Pew Bible if you, or someone you know, needs one.*

GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10 (Page 32)

☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

After the reading

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

SERMON Pastor Michael Foss

Standing

HYMN *Rise, Shine You People* WOJTKIEWIECZ

Standing

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☞ We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

SHARING THE PEACE

Seated

GATHERING OF GIFTS

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.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah from Messiah

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Standing

HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and

all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

**☩ 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**

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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Seated

HYMN

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

VICTORY

HYMN

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

HYMN *He is Arisen! Glorious Word!* WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTIET

HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

Standing

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

C Amen

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

BLESSING

HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* MORGENLIED

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

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