

**March 20, 2008**

## For Your Information ...

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**Guests!** We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

**Welcome Station:** Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the purple guest packets, the Kerygma, our newsletter pronounced ke-rîg'me, and other materials.

**Redeemer Presbyterian Church** is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: [www.redeemersa.org](http://www.redeemersa.org). For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org).

**Community Groups:** Community Groups are small fellowships of six to twelve people meeting every other week in homes, apartments and restaurants throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find out how you can join a community group, please contact the church office at 930-4480 or a community group leader identified on the Making Contact page in the bulletin.

**Book Table:** The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life. If you want to purchase a book, please fill out the appropriate form with money enclosed. Sermon CDs are also available; simply sign up at the table. Make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

## Easter Schedule

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9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**  
9:30-10:45 a.m. **Worship**  
11:00 a.m. **No CE**

## Nurseries

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Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

**Infants I:** newborn – 9 months

**Infants II:** 10 – 18 months

**Toddlers:** 19 months – 3 years

**Training the Pews:** 3 - 5 years

## Christian Education

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**Toddler I** (age 2)

**Toddler II** (age 3)

**Preschool I** (age 4)

**Preschool II** (age 5)

**Primary I** (ages 6-7)

**Primary II** (ages 8-9)

**Junior** (ages 10-11)

**Youth** (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Pastor's Forum** (All ages)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Maundy Thursday

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### Reflection & Preparation

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week. On this day Jesus celebrated the Passover Feast with his disciples, sharing a meal with them which we now call the Last Supper. At that time it was usual for a servant to wash the feet of guests upon arrival. On this occasion there was no servant present and none of the disciples volunteered to do the menial task. Instead, Jesus got up and washed his disciples' feet, giving them an object lesson in humility and service. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin for 'command' (*mandatum*). It refers to the command given by Jesus at the Last Supper, which requires disciples to love one another. Jesus' great illustration of love is the offering of his body on behalf of his wayward people. Therefore, as we partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of him, we celebrate and receive his grace by faith and pledge ourselves to exhibit his love to one another in the community of Christ.

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, and by your Spirit work in our community a desire and commitment to serve each other and a hurting world. When we were absent in our sin, you became present in your grace. As we prepare to celebrate the gift of the Supper, might you deepen our love for you, strengthen our bonds with one another and increase our longing for the fulfillment of your Kingdom on this earth. In the name of Jesus, Amen. **Prayer of preparation**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Mr. Eggar

Minister: What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits to us?

**People:** We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Minister: We will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Eggar

**\*Hymn of Adoration**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sup - port me in the  
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.

rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*Words by Edward Mote; Music by William B. Bradbury*

### Scripture Warning

Mr. Eggar

Minister: If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:6, 8, 10

### Litany of Confession

**All: Almighty and merciful god, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

Minister: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven;

**People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: We confess to you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, revenge, and to ambition, selfishness and pride. We have too much loved worldly goods and comforts. These things give rise to the discord, distance and bitterness;

**People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: We confess to you that we have entered your presence with countless prayers, but our hearts have been closed to grace. We have lifted our hands in praise, but our feet have remained turned away. Our ears have been have been open, but our hearts have not listened.

**People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon & Comfort

Romans 5:8-9

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

## \*Song of Renewal

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free;  
Fixed on His own eternally;  
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;  
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be  
Their everlasting Surety;  
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,  
And love maintains it to the end.

*Chorus:* Love cannot from its post withdraw;  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,  
Can turn the Surety's heart away;  
He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;  
And love will bring them safe to God;  
Love calls them all from death to life;  
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,  
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean;  
Not all the wanderings of her heart  
Can make His love for her depart.

*(Repeat chorus)*

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;  
In endless bliss, His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love  
Which never could from them remove.  
Which never could from them remove.

*Words by William Gadsby; Music by Sandra McCracken*

**\*Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Fishero

Isaiah 25  
John 13:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**The Prayers**

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Jesus has given us a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

**The Sermon**

Mr. Gibbs

**"Jesus' Present"**

*Continuing the Series on the Gospel of Matthew: Thy Kingdom Come  
Matthew 26:17-46*

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ to refrain from partaking until doing so.

**Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 11:18-34

For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another- if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home- so that when you come together it will not be for judgment.

## Prayer of Consecration

### Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Holy Communion

Starting with the two front outer sections by rows, please form one line on the outer half of each center aisle. Upon approaching the front, please form a line in front of the first row of chairs of each outer section. After the two outer sections have partaken, the front center section should proceed. If seated in the back center section, please exit your row toward the left, form a line in front of the first row of chairs in the back center section, partake from those serving in the center cross-aisle, and then return to your row from the right side. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The center cup and inner circle of the tray contain grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles and return to your seat. Please use the remaining time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

### Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

## Songs of Communion

### Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?  
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,  
5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord  
the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -  
thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of  
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy  
rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
tone - ment, while he noth ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

*Words by Johann Heermann; Music by Johann Cruger*

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens. The lyrics are as follows:

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,  
on which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
save in the death of Christ my God:  
sor - row and love flow min - gled down:  
that were a pres - ent far too small;  
my rich - est gain I count but loss,  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
love so a - maz - ing so di - vine,  
and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*Words by Isaac Watts; Music by Lowell Mason*

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land.  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way.  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

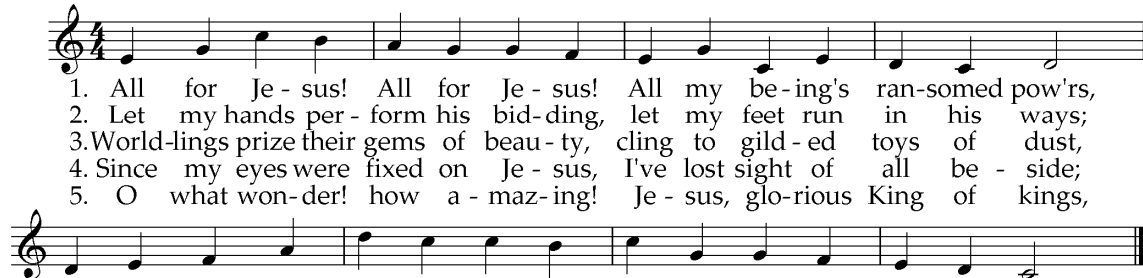
Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.  
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess.  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place.  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face.  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss.  
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

*Words by Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music by Christopher Miner*

Hymn of Blessing

All for Jesus!



1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - sored pow'rs,  
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;  
3. World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,  
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;  
5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,  
all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.  
let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.  
boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.  
so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.  
deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Words by Mary D. James; Music by John Stainer

**\*Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and before all ages now and forevermore!

**Postlude**

*\* The Congregation Stands*

*Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs*

*Assistant Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar*

*Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone*

*Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Judy Dominick*

*(Music printed by permission: CCLI # 2357621)*

# The Sermon

## "Jesus' Present"

<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." <sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." <sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" <sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." **Matthew 26:17-46**