

**April 9, 2009**

## 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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*April 9, 2009*

*Maundy Thursday*

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In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode.

Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the auditorium. The balcony is available for nursing mothers; you may enter the balcony through the side door upstairs. The service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

### **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**

Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!

1. Thee we a - dore, e - ter - nal Lord!  
 2. To thee a - loud all an - gels cry,  
 3. A - pos - tles join the glo - rious throng,  
 4. From day to day, O Lord, do we

We praise thy name with one ac - cord. Thy  
 the heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high: thee,  
 and proph - ets swell th'im - mor - tal song; thy  
 ex - alt and high - ly hon - or thee! Thy

saints, who here thy good - ness see,  
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly King,  
 mar - tyrs' no - ble ar - my raise  
 name we wor - ship and a - dore,

through all the world do wor - ship thee,  
 Lord God of Hosts, they ev - er sing,  
 e - ter - nal an - thems to thy praise,  
 world with - out end, for ev - er - more,

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*Words from the Moravian Collection; Music by Frederick M.A. Venua*

### 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.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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 discord, distance and bitterness;

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

Leader: 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

### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.  
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But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

*Words and music by Stuart Townend*

**\*Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hobbs

Isaiah 25:1-9

Luke 7:36-50

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**The Prayers**

Mr. Eggar

**\*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**

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

***"Setting the Table"***

*John 15:12-17*

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 refrain from partaking until doing so.

**Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 11:18-34

<sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. <sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. <sup>21</sup> For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> 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, <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> 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." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. <sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another- <sup>34</sup> 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

If seated in the front outer sections, please exit toward the center aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the outer aisles. If seated in the front center section, upon usher's direction starting from back row, exit to the aisle closest to you. Please use the outer aisles to return to your seats. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The inner circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

### 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

### Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my\_\_ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my\_\_ wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3. Rich - es I\_\_ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
4. High king of\_\_ heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me Lord;  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

thou my\_\_ best\_\_ thought by day or by night,\_\_\_\_  
thou my\_\_ great\_ Fa - ther, I thy true son;\_\_\_\_  
thou and\_\_ thou\_ on - ly, first in my heart,\_\_\_\_  
Heart of\_\_ my\_\_ own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,\_\_\_\_

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy\_\_ pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and\_\_ I with thee one.  
High King of heav - en, my\_\_ trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O\_\_ Rul - er of all.

*Words from and Ancient Irish Poem (ca. 8th cent.); Traditional Irish Melody*

## Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

*Chorus:* O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,  
The humble king they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (*chorus*)

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side,  
To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (*chorus 2x*)

*Words and music by Twila Paris*

## 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

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and\_ to my lis-t'ning ears, all  
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the\_ birds their car - ols raise, the  
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O\_\_ let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and\_ round me rings the mu sic of the\_ spheres. This  
morn-ing light, the\_ lil - y white, de - clare their Mak- er's\_ praise. This  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is\_\_ the Rul - er\_\_ yet. This

is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
is my Fa - ther's world: he\_\_ shines in all that's fair; in the  
is my Fa - ther's world: the\_\_ bat - tle is not done; Je\_\_

rocks and trees, of\_\_ skies and seas; his hand the won- ders wrought.  
rus-tling grass I\_\_ hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-erywhere.  
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be\_\_ one.

Words by Maltbie D. Babcock; Music by Franklin L. Sheppard

**\*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**

*Redeemer invites you to take home with you one of the many lilies to enjoy this Easter.*

*\* The Congregation Stands*

*Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs*

*Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar*

*Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez*

*Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins*

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

*Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone;*

*Music Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith*

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## The Sermon

### “Setting the Table”

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another." **John 15:12-17**