

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 9, 2008
11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude "Bring Forth the Kingdom" Marty Haugen
The Cherub Choir

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm 130 *Susan Lelah, Cantor*

Choir: In You, O Lord, there is mercy.
Congregation: In You, O Lord, there is mercy.
Cantor: Out of the depths I call to You, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive; Lord, hear my plea!

Congregation: In You, O Lord, there is mercy.
Cantor: Should You, O Lord, remember all our sins, Lord, who could stand? But with You we are forgiven; for this we worship You.

Congregation: In You, O Lord, there is mercy.
Cantor: My soul waits for You, O Lord; in Your word I hope. My soul waits for You, O Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Congregation: In You, O Lord, there is mercy.
Cantor: May Israel wait for You, O Lord, for with You there is mercy. With You there is full salvation; You will redeem Israel from all its sins.

Congregation: In You, O Lord, there is mercy.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*+Hymn of Praise #10 (RIL) "I Sing th' Almighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession Psalm 130

Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, sometimes we feel so far away from You. You are so awesome and majestic, and we are so small and prone to failure. We are sorry that we fall away from Your way. And yet there is forgiveness in You. Because of that, we have hope. Strengthen us, encourage us, lead us, so that we can do Your will here on earth, as Your will is already done in heaven. In this way we can be signposts, pointing the way to You, bringing

help and comfort to this lost and broken world that You love so much. We ask this in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Psalm 121:1-8

Summary of the Law

Galatians 6:9-10

*+Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon Sandy Vitez

*+Hymn of Preparation #295 (RIL)
"Nature with Open Volume Stands" GERMANY

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament	Jeremiah 4:1-8	p. 613
New Testament	Luke 19:11-28	p. 854

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon GETTING STUCK ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering (Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)

Offertory

“Jesu, dein’ Seel’ lass heilig’n mich”
(Jesu, by Thee I would be Blessed)
The Chancel Choir
Helga Nashed, soprano

Melchior Franck

Jesu, by Thee I would be blessed; Jesu, pray give my spirit rest;
The springs of life I fain would know that from Thy pierced side do flow.

Jesu, when foes encompass me, Jesu, be near to comfort me;
Protect me with Thy grace divine; no help avails save only Thine.

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below,
praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication #68 (RIL) “Lord of Creation, to You Be All Praise!” SLANE
Verses 1-4

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Lord of Creation, to You Be All Praise!” SLANE
Verse 5

Postlude

*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.
+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.
Hymns this morning are from “Rejoice in the Lord”.

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM (10:00 A.M. Father’s Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M. Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

Our Invitation

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!

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Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor
The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus