

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

PALM SUNDAY  
March 16, 2008  
11:00 a.m.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude "O When the Saints Go Marching In" arr. B. Wayne Bisbee  
*The Cymbalum Ringers*

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm 118

Choir: Fling wide the gates!  
**Congregation: Fling wide the gates!**  
Choir: Welcome the King!  
**Congregation: Welcome the King!**  
Leader: Let the doors of righteousness be opened; we will go in and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; it is opened for the righteous. We will give praise, for God has heard us and has come to save us.

Choir: Fling wide the gates!  
**Congregation: Fling wide the gates!**  
Choir: Welcome the King!  
**Congregation: Welcome the King!**  
Leader: The stone which the builders rejected as worthless has become the cornerstone. This is Your work, O Lord, a marvel in our eyes. Lord, You have made this day; let us rejoice and be glad!

Choir: Fling wide the gates!  
**Congregation: Fling wide the gates!**  
Choir: Welcome the King!  
**Congregation: Welcome the King!**  
Leader: Send salvation, O Lord; Lord, grant us victory. Blessed be Your name, O Lord! We bless You from Your temple. Lord God, You have given us light; with waving branches we march around the altar.

Choir: Fling wide the gates!  
**Conregation: Fling wide the gates!**  
Choir: Welcome the King!  
**Congregation: Welcome the King!**

Leader: You are our God; we give You praise; we will proclaim Your greatness. We will offer thanks because of Your goodness; Your love endures forever.

Choir: Fling wide the gates!  
**Congregation: Fling wide the gates!**  
Choir: Welcome the King!  
**Congregation: Welcome the King!**

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 #279 (RIL) "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ST. THEODULPH

Prayer of Confession Psalm 118

**Loving God, You call us to be Your followers, Your chosen ones, Your children. But too often our sense of entitlement gets in the way of our common sense. We get our own desires fixed in our hearts, and those desires can blind us to Your wonderful plans for us. Just as the crowds in Jerusalem confused their desires with Your will, so too do we make the same mistake. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to give up our worldly visions, so that we can follow You more closely, working that which is pleasing in Your sight, until Your Son returns in glory. We ask this in His strong name. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance Luke 11:9-10

Summary of the Law Ephesians 4:29-32

\*+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

\*+Hymn of Preparation #205 (RIL)  
"A Stable Lamp is Lighted" ES IST EIIN' ROS'

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Jeremiah 11:18-20 p. 622  
New Testament Luke 19:29-44 p. 854

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon RETRIBUTION ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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. He will come again 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.**

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

Offertory "Regal Celebration" Cynthia Dobrinski  
*The Readington Ringers*

\*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 #282 (RIL) "Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!" ELLACOMBE  
*Verses 1 & 2*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!" ELLACOMBE  
*Verse 3*

Postlude

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\*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

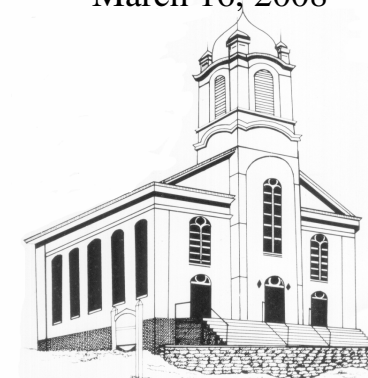
**Our Invitation**

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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**Organized 1719**

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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**