

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY
March 23, 2008
11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude "Christ is Risen! Alleluia" Robert Lau
The Chancel & Youth Choirs

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.

People: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

People: The LORD has punished me severely, but He did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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 #312 (RIL) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession Psalm 118

Almighty and merciful God, we gather together to give thanks to You, and to praise Your holy name! Your steadfast love endures forever, protecting us, redeeming us, giving us salvation, not because we are so good, but because You are so good. Your steadfast love does endure forever. Thank You for that,

because we can be so careless in our response. We forget to love You with all of our hearts and minds and souls and strength. We forget to love our neighbors as ourselves. The world crowds in and we are overwhelmed. We are sorry. Thank You for giving us a strong Rock to plant our feet on. Hold us in the palm of Your hand, even as You send us out into this lost and broken world to do Your will here, on earth, just as it already is in heaven. In this way, we can further Your kingdom, until Jesus comes again. 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 Jeremiah 36:24-28

Summary of the Law John 15:12-18

*+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 #618 (RIL) "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons
Old Testament Jeremiah 23:1-8 p. 633
New Testament Luke 24:1-12 p. 860

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon THE ROAD GOES EVER EVER ON

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 "Polish Easter Carol" arr. Mary E. Caldwell
The Chancel Choir

*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 #317 (RIL) "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE
Verses 1 & 2

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE
Verse 3

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!