

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 6, 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 116

Leader: I love the LORD, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because God inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

People: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD for all His bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

People: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His faithful ones. O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the child of Your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

Leader: I will offer to You a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

ALL: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

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 #346 (RIL) "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession Psalm 116

Loving Father, we praise Your holy name, and offer thanks for Your loving-kindness to us. Even when we feel overwhelmed, even when we feel anguish, You are present. You are our Rock and Redeemer, the source of our salvation. But too often we wander away, distracted by the demands of the world to value ourselves for what we have, and not who we are. We forget that we are created in Your image. We forget how important others are to You, and how we are to

care for them. We are sorry, Lord. Give us hearts to serve You, and in serving You, to serve others. In this way we can point the way to the salvation offered to all through Your Son, our Lord. We ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance Psalm 85:8-13

Summary of the Law Romans 13:8-10

*+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 Laura Fields

*+Hymn of Preparation #125 (RIL)
"O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace" MARTYRDOM

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons
Old Testament Jeremiah 29:10-14 p. 639
New Testament Matthew 28:1-10 p. 811

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made Man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the

Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Mission Minute

Ken Ciccotelli

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

Offertory "A Canticle of Praise"
The Readington Ringers

C. William Goff

*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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see insert)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication "Amazing Grace!" (see insert)
Verses 1-3

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Amazing Grace!" (see insert)
Verses 4-5

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



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