# The Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 27, 2011



The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, Bishop The Rev. Canon Ann D. Normand, Celebrant The People of Redeemer, Ministers Pat Farra, Minister of Music Mark Ball, Youth Minister



## The Holy Eucharist Rite II

#### Prelude: Cello and Organ Improvisation on Redeemer Themes

#### **Procession: Jesus Is Our King**

Sherrell Prebble

**Chorus 1** Alleluia alleluia Opening our hearts to Him Singing alleluia alleluia Jesus is our King

#### Verse 1

Create in us O God A humble heart that sets us free To proclaim the wondrous majesty Of our Father in heaven

#### Verse 2

We bear the name of Christ Justified we meet with Him His words and presence calm our fear Revealing God our Father here

#### Verse 3

Let kindred voices join Honoring the Lamb of God Who teaches us by bread and wine The mystery of His body

#### Verse 4

Pour out Your Spirit on us Empowering us to live as one To carry Your redeeming love To a world enslaved by sin

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Songs of Praise

#### In the Presence of Your People

**Brent Chambers** 

Lai-lai-lai-lai-lai-lai.....

In the presence of your people I will praise your name, For alone you are holy, Enthroned on the praises of Israel. Let us celebrate your goodness And your steadfast love. May your name be exalted Here on earth and in heav'n above.

#### God Make Us Your Family

#### Chorus 1

Your kingdom come Your will be done Now that we are Your daughters and sons Let the prayer of our hearts daily be God make us Your family God make us Your family

#### Verse 1

The eyes of the blind will be opened The ears of the deaf will hear The chains of the lame will be broken Streams will flow in deserts of fear

#### Let Our Praise to Your Be as Incense

#### Chorus 1

Let our praise to You be as incense Let our praise to You Be as pillars of Your throne Let our praise to You be as incense As we come before You And worship You alone As we see You in Your splendor As we gaze upon Your majesty As we join the hosts of angels And proclaim together Your holiness Holy holy holy Holy is the Lord Holy holy holy Holy is the Lord

## The Collect of the Day

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

#### People And also with you.

#### Bishop Let us pray

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### Verse 2

The ransomed of the Lord will return The islands will sing God's song at last The chaff from the wheat will be burned God's kingdom on earth it will come to pass

#### Verse 3

The nations will see their shame The one true God will be adored They'll turn from their fortune and fame God's holy mountain will be restored

Brent Chambers

## The Liturgy of the Word

#### *Lector* A Reading from Isaiah 49:8-16a.

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

#### After the reading

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Psalm 66:1-11

1 O LORD, I am not proud; \*

I have no haughty looks.

2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, \*

#### or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; \*

#### my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the LORD, \*

#### from this time forth for evermore.

#### *Lector* A Reading from 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

#### After the reading

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## The Sequence Anthem

(Please remain seated)

#### The Love of God

Allen James

## The Gospel

Then, all standing,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *People Glory to you, Lord Christ.* 

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or `What will we drink?' or `What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord. People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

#### **The Sermon**

Mark Ball

#### The Nicene Creed (sung)

Betty Pulkingham

On all Major Feasts we affirm the foundational truths of the Christian faith:

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 heav'n: 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.

## **Prayers of the People**

- *Leader* Our all-powerful God calls us to be stewards of the mysteries of God's dominion. That we may enjoy the blessings God has promised, let us offer to God our prayers.
- *Leader* For all Christians, that they not fear to be despised for the love of Christ,

#### People and for adherence to God's commands.

- *People* that they will be faithful guardians of all that God has revealed and willing servants to their people.
- *Leader* For elected officials especially Barak Obama,
- People that they work for the good of their people.
- *Leader* For those who suffer in any way,
- *People* especially the innocent, that they may experience the tender care of God.
- *Leader* For the courage to accept the challenges of the day,
- *People* not avoiding them for the illusory promises of tomorrow.
- *Leader* For our own needs, that the bread we share and the wine we drink may strengthen us to build up the body of Christ,
- *People* so that one day from east to west and north to south all God's people will converge on the city of God, the heavenly Jerusalem.
- *Leader* Please add your intercessions.
- *Leader* For those who have died,
- *People* that in passing beyond the cares of this world they may no longer be in want for any good thing.
- *Leader* God of majesty, you have called us to serve you alone. Hear our prayers, and enable us to avoid worry about our own needs, that we may always be sensitive to the needs of others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### Confession

The Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Priest and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader* For those who minister to the people of God,

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

#### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

## The Offertory Anthem

Jerusalem is Fair

#### Doxology

Betty Pulkingham & George Mims sung to Duke Street; descant by Betty Pulkingham

## The Holy Communion

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

#### Sanctus

Betty Pulkingham

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Celebrant and People (sung)

#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

#### **Our Father**

Betty Pulkingham

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(sung)	
Men	Alleluia!
Women	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Men	Therefore let us celebrate the feast.
Women	Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
All	but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Bread and Wine

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Betty Pulkingham

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### **Communion Music**

#### Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

#### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#### Great and Wonderful

Chorus 1 Great and wonderful are Your deeds Great and wonderful Oh Lord God the Almighty

#### Verse 1 Who shall not fear And glorify Your name For You alone are holy

#### Verse 2

All nations shall come Shall come and worship You For Your judgments Your judgments have been revealed Oh Misc 1 (ENDING) You alone are holy

#### Glory Be to Jesus

Hymnal 479

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Please stand Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

## The Processional into the World

#### Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

## The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. People

## We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after the service for a Fellowship Meal.

Hymnal 178

Hymnal 490

Wiley Beveridge

Hymnal 410

## Those Assisting in This Week's Service — February 27, 2011

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Ann D. Normand<br/>Canon to the OrdinaryPrea<br/>FlowVestry: Linda MyersSourLay Worship Leader: Dick BirdAcolytes: Louis Byron, Kohlton Fry<br/>Jonathan BarkerUshe<br/>Donathan BarkerLectors: Mitzi Coleman, David Carlson,<br/>Alison Barker,Pray<br/>Gues<br/>Gues<br/>Laura WilliamsGues<br/>GuesChalice: Dick & Ivis Bird, Anita Delafield<br/>Kathy LeGros, Janet TroyGues<br/>GuesVideographers: Tom Geistert, Matthew Hornbostel,

Preacher: Mark Ball Flowers: Evelyn Broussard, Maria Devlin Sound Booth: Ami Gilliam, Jon Austin, Bob Jarvis, Taft Metcalf Ushers & Greeters: Steve Troy, Ralph Neal Marvin McLennan, Clinton Rodgers Prayer Team: Owen Barker, Evelyn Broussard

Guest Conductor: Mimi Farra Guest Organist: George Mims Guest Cellist: Max Dyer Guest Pianist: Wiley Beveridge

**Dance and Flag Ministry:** Heather Cour-Palais, Kimberley Gantz, Bethany Geistert, Rebekah Geistert, Tom Geistert, Kristi Olsen, Lee Myers, Linda Myers, Carolyn Shaver, Autumn Troy

## **Church of the Redeemer's New Home**

We will be meeting next Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 5700 Lawndale, Houston, Texas 77023

We will be joining them as visitors at 10:30 am. Pot-Luck Meal to follow. Please bring a dish to share!

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## **Choir and Instrumentalists**

Diane Andrew, soprano, djembe Cherie Binns, soprano, flute Jackie Davis, soprano Kim Gantz, soprano Kiara Jimenez, soprano Mary Micheletti, soprano Elizabeth Ringo, soprano Bonnie Telge, soprano Ann Wafer, soprano Eileen Wallace, soprano Sylvia Wilkes, soprano Topsy Woodson, soprano

Kate Balzar Moore, alto and violin Susan Bell, alto Ivis Bird, alto Peggy Campbell, alto Mitzi Coleman, alto Mimi Farra, alto Lois Ham, alto Debbie Milner, alto Elaine O'Rourke, alto Brooke Wallace, alto Beth Woodson, alto Wiley Beveridge, tenor, piano David Binns, tenor Daniel Coleman, tenor Sam Doerr, tenor, bass Max Dyer, cello David Farra, tenor Gil Micheletti, tenor Tom Milner, tenor Tim Telge, tenor, trumpet Jon Austin, bass and sound Robert Burlingame, bass David Carlson, bass Bill Farra, bass Scott Hornbostel, bass, trumpet and accordion Taft Metcalf, bass George Mims, organ, baritone Ray Smith, baritone, trombone James Von Minden, bass Keever Wallace, bass, guitar Bob Woodson, baritone

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