

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 2009

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Lentamente

Sergei Rachmaninoff

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Give thanks to God with all your heart.

We come full of awe at God's marvelous works.

Give thanks to God with all your mind.

We come to learn God's wisdom and righteousness.

Give thanks to God with all your strength.

We come to live in God's mercy and grace.

Let us worship God with all that we are.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns Psalms & Spiritual Songs* 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Tune: RATISBON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION *(responsively)*

O Lord God of Israel,

there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath,

keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants

who walk before you with all their heart.

Blessed be the Lord,

who has given rest to his people Israel

according to all that he promised;

not one word has failed of all his good promise,

which he spoke through his servant Moses.

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors;

may he not leave us or abandon us,

but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways,

and to keep his commandments,

his statutes, and his ordinances,

which he commanded our ancestors.

—II Kings 8:23, 56-68, NRSV

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We confess that it is still all too easy for us

to sacrifice our convictions for convenience,

your standards for status, your principles for promotion,

your absolutes for our ambition,

our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.

How easily we are seduced

by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—

seduced into violating our integrity

or harming our fellowship with you.

From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfilled.

Forgive us our half-hearted devotion

**and our double-minded spirit.
In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 65

Listen, **listen God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE I Corinthians 8:1-3

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS (*responsive*)

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

The sun shall no longer be our light by day,

Nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

For the Lord will be our light, and God will be our glory.

The Lord will be our everlasting light,

And our days of sorrow will end.

Let us go out in the light of our God.

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 77 (verse 1)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 264

When a Prophet Sings of Justice

Tune: GENEVAN 42

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:21-28

p. 35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Carol Doran

"Silence, frenzied, unclean spirit!" cried God's healing Holy One.

"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it. Flee as night before the sun."

At Christ's words the demon trembled, from its victim madly rushed,

While the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.

Lord, the demons still are thriving in the gray cells of the mind:

Tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind,

Doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason's sight,

Guilt that makes our loving frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit in our mind and in our heart;

Speak your word that when we hear it, all our demons shall depart.

Clear our thought and calm our feeling; still the fractured, warring soul.

By the power of your healing make us faithful, true, and whole.

—Thomas H. Troeger

SERMON

"Authority"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed *(in unison)*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 on 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), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

*HYMN *Sing! A New Creation* 187

In God Alone

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Flute Solo

Thomas Arne

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Tune: HANOVER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro

John Stanley

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Dan Bolt, prayer for illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another.

Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in memory and celebration of the life of Harold John Ritsema by his family.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Wendell and Renske Karsen will be available to pray with you following today's worship services. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) Al and Jane Osman; (11:00) Katie, Craig, Josie, and Stella Kotowski, Harry and Mary Boersen, Bob and MaryAlice Ritsema; Ushers – Cal and Marilyn Rynbrandt; Deacons – (8:30) Rick Frens, Steve Bulthuis; (11:00) Jim Vander Meer, Andy Mulder, Laura Halsey, Scott Wolterink; Refreshment Servers – Katherine, John, and Jack Stack.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Adriann Divozzo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

3 year olds	nursery	4 & 5 year olds, K	room 15
1 st & 2 nd grades	room 6	3 rd grade	room 9
4 th grade	room 10	5 th grade	room 11
6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grade	room 22		

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 at 9:40 a.m.

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Christ in the Global Context: An Introduction to World Christianity" led by Mark Husbands in the chapel.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

CHAPEL ORGAN DEDICATION SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

Linda Strouf, Minister of Music

There will be a reception following the service.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
9:15 a.m. Reading and Drama Group
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. Chapel Organ Dedication
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (High School)

MONDAY

12:00-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
5:50 p.m. TASC Dinner
6:45 p.m. TASC Classes
6:45 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:45 p.m. Passage (High School)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Easter Egg Team
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. Playgroup
10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. 30-40s Euchre Night

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ethan and Amy Cronkite on the birth of a son, Henry Matthias, on January 27.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Marian Vande Bunte, Harold Van Dyke, Alma Van Lente, Earl Van Lente, Helen Voogd. Marilyn Helder has returned home from the hospital. Pray for – Bob Brinks. Lakeside Vista – Rosey Maatman, Roger Prins; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett; Appledorn Living Center – Louise Brackett. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

If you ordered a DVD copy of the Children's Christmas program they are now available in the church office.

REMINDER: If Holland Public Schools are cancelled due to weather there will be no TASC (Third's After Supper Club).

ATTENTION ALL THE TEACHING SAINTS AT THIRD: Sunday, February 15 at 9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. George Brown from Western Theological Seminary will offer a presentation on "Who are our learners...the image of our learner as magi." Substitutes will be found for our Sunday School teachers, and any other interested participants are welcome to come and explore the nature, learning styles, and gifts of our learners here at Third Reformed Church. Please RSVP to Marcia Floding at 392-1459 if you plan to attend.

YOUTH ROOM DEDICATION: A big thanks to all those that participated in the dedication of the new youth room. We especially appreciate the truly inter-generational nature of the event. We look forward to the many years of community that space will foster and always welcome you stopping in check it out. Thanks again for your continued support.

If you are interested in being on the planning team for the Easter Egg Hunt plan to attend the first team meeting on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the office. If you have questions please contact Pastor Kent.

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