



CHORAL EVENSONG

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 2025

5:00PM

The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

230 Pennswood Road Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010
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Welcome to The Redeemer. We're glad you're here!

Sunday Worship at The Redeemer

8:00am-Rite I

Holy Eucharist: without music

9:30am-Holy Eucharist

last Sunday of the month Choral Matins with Communion

&via Livestream

5pm Monthly

1st & 3rd Sunday-Evensong

during the academic year

“Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: It is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the 24 in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong ... it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and [people] which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshiper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience.” *from Coventry Cathedral*

Offerings and pledge envelopes may be left in the alms basins at the back of the church.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The congregation stands at the ringing of the bells.

INTROIT

O Magnum Mysterium

Tomas Luis de Victoria

sung by the choir

Sung in Latin

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent
Dominum natum,
iacentem in praeseptio!
O beata virgo, cuius viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum.
Alleluia!

English translation

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see
the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
O blessed virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Other sentences added by the Officiant.



PRECES AND RESPONSES

Bryn Mawr Responses

Robert Lehman

sung by the officiant and choir

O Lord, open thou our lips,
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The congregation is seated.

PSALM 145:1-13

Exaltabo te, Deus (I will magnify thee)

sung by the choir

1. I will magnify thee, O God, my King
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised
there is no end of his greatness.
4. One generation shall praise thy works unto another
and declare thy power.
5. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
6. So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
8. The Lord is gracious and merciful
long-suffering and of great goodness.
9. The Lord is loving unto every man
and his mercy is over all his works.
10. All thy works praise thee, O Lord
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11. They shew the glory of thy kingdom
and talk of thy power;
12. That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom
might be known unto men.
13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

Gloria.

READING from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-20

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Following the reading:

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A time for meditation is provided here.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

READING *from The Gospel According to John 9:1-12, 35-38*

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Following the reading:

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A time for meditation is provided here.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

said by all, standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

Robert Lehman

sung by the choir

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
 Let us pray.

The congregation kneels.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

people and officiant

**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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

sung by the choir

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

*the Collect of the Day and others chosen by the officiant**The congregation sits.*

ANTHEM

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson

sung by the choir

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes,

To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:

Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part

Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

The congregation stands.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*said by all***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,****we thine unworthy servants****do give thee most humble and hearty thanks****for all thy goodness and loving-kindness****to us and to all.****We bless thee for our creation, preservation,****and all the blessings of this life;****but above all for thine inestimable love****in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;****for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.****And, we beseech thee,****give us that due sense of all thy mercies,****that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;****and that we show forth thy praise,****not only with our lips, but in our lives,****by giving up our selves to thy service,****and by walking before thee****in holiness and righteousness all our days;****through Jesus Christ our Lord,****to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,****be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

said by the officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VERSES

said by the officiant

HYMN 98

sung by all, standing

Unto us a boy is born!

Puer nobis nascitur

Please remain standing as the procession departs. Following their departure, the congregation may be seated for the postlude or depart in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation.

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen, *Officiant*

Andrew Senn, *Director of Music & Organist*

Daniel Colaner, *Michael Stairs Organ Scholar*

The Chancel Choir

Lectors

Bill Gross,

Crucifer

Hope Knight

Verger

Bob Mikrut

Livestream

David Woods

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