



The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

8:00 AM

Welcome to The Redeemer. We're glad you're here!

The order for worship is found within this leaflet. The Book of Common Prayer page numbers for the liturgy are indicated throughout. If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the guest book in the entrance or fill out one of the cards in the pew and make yourself known to those around you—parishioners and staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have about our liturgy, programs or facilities. Information on parish activities can be found in the enclosed *News from The Redeemer* and on www.TheRedeemer.org.

Worship at The Redeemer

**Sunday
8:00am-Rite I**

Holy Eucharist: without music

9:30am-Holy Eucharist

last Sunday of the month

Choral Matins with Communion

& via Livestream

5:00pm
1st & 3rd Sundays
Evensong

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00pm-Compline via Zoom

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP page 323

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

KYRIE

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The congregation is seated.



READING from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

Said by all

Laetatus sum (I was glad)

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

GOSPEL from *The Gospel According to Matthew 24:36-44*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Following the reading:

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Jo Ann B. Jones

NICENE CREED, said by all, standing

BCP page 649

**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, 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *all kneeling*

BCP page 331

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Presider **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**
People
Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation stands.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. Please proceed by way of the center aisle and return to your pew via the side aisles. To receive the bread, simply extend your hands. If you do not wish to take wine or you wish to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Infants and children may also receive Communion or a blessing, according to their or their parents' wishes. If you need a gluten free wafer, please ask for it from the person administering Communion.

The congregation is invited to stand.

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II
 BCP page 340

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**
Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. . .

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS, *said by all*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel.

The presider continues,

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *said by all*

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Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Presider

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP page 337

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

After Communion, the Presider says: Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

GRACE NOTES. . .

small things that herald greater ones.

All by Simone Weil: First and Last Notebooks

Compiled by the Rector

If you light an electronic torch at night out of doors, you don't judge its power by looking at the bulb, but by seeing how many objects it lights up.

The brightness of a source of light is appreciated by the illumination it projects upon non-luminous objects.

The value of a religious way of life is appreciated by the amount of illumination thrown upon the things of this world.

Earthly things are the criterion of spiritual things.

Thank you for worshiping with us in this service. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community. If you're giving cash, check or offering envelopes, please drop them in the offering plates at the back of the church. You can give online at www.TheRedeemer.org/give, text TheRedeemer to 73256, Venmo (@TheRedeemer), or PayPal (Church of the Redeemer).

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Traditional - Rite I

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Contemporary - Rite II

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

READING from the Book of Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion

shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

PSALM 122

1. I was glad when they said unto me
We will go into the house of the Lord.
2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates
O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
5. For there is the seat of judgement
even the seat of the house of David.

Laetatus sum (I was glad)

6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem
they shall prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls
and plenteousness within thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and companions' sakes
I will wish thee prosperity.
9. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God
I will seek to do thee good.

READING from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor

of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of

the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood

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came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But under-

stand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

ANTHEM TEXT

And the glory (from Messiah) G. F. Handel

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.
Isaiah 40:5

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, in this season of gratitude, we are grateful to all Redeemer members who support Stewardship? Thank you to all who have participated in Stewardship in the past, the 150 households which have already pledged for 2026 and those who plan on pledging over the next few weeks. Past generations supported, and created, our Church community, including its exquisite facilities and robust programs. It is the current members who will be thanked by future generations for their support.

Pledge Stats
11-25-25
150 Pledges
\$688,571.32
11.25% increase

Pledge online at: www.TheRedeemer.org/Pledge

... Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: given by Bill Wood in memory of: Mia Atherton Wood, William Philler Wood, Emily Chapman Wood, Marion Biddle Wood, Clement Biddle Wood, Jr.

SERVING THE PARISH

8:00am

Lector: Mary Hopkins

Eucharistic Minister: Arden Saligman

Altar Guild Team: Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean, Sook Hee Yoo

Clergy: Jo Ann Jones-Preacher, Jeremy O'Neill-Officiant / Celebrant

Eucharistic Visitor: Mike Thompson

Flower Guild: Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas

Usher: Lisa McLean

9:30am

Lector: Tracy Steele

Eucharistic Minister: Trish Bennett

Acolytes: Johathan Richter, Caroline Stephan, Sophia Scott, Wesley Scott

Altar Guild Team: Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean, Sook Hee Yoo

Choir: Chancel

Children's Chapel: Glenn Beamer, Peter Vanderveen

Clergy: Jo Ann Jones-Preacher, Jeremy O'Neill-Celebrant, Peter Vanderveen-Officiant

Flower Guild: Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas

Greeter: Kate Chojnacki

Director of Music & Organist: Andrew Senn

Organ Scholar: Daniel Colaner

Livestream Operator:

Ushers: TBD

Vergers: Bob Mikrut-Head Verger, Trish Bennett, Nick Zafiriou