

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

Worship is our response to God, "the Holy One who creates us, who loves us into freedom, and who knows the pathos of our lives." We do not gather merely to talk about God. Worship is our being present before God, who invites our participation—whether you are a visitor or a parishioner, whether you have come to affirm your faith or to explore something about Christian belief and practice.

This service is a communal event that will be made more beautiful and inspiring by your involvement in singing, in responding, and in attentive listening. Your active engagement will help us all realize anew the faith and hope that is the essence of Christianity.

FESTIVAL SERVICE OF CAROLS AT 9:30 PM *Anthem texts for music throughout can be found on the Worship Supplement insert.*

Sussex Carol

arr. David Willcocks

Torches

John Joubert

Whence is that goodly fragrance

arr. David Willcocks

The Infant King

arr. David Willcocks

HYMN 79

O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

Please join in the singing of this carol found in the hymnal.

Sans Day Carol

arr. John Rutter

See amid the winter's snow

arr. Barry Rose

HOLY EUCHARIST

All stand as the bells peal.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN 83

O Come All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

verse 1 sung by the choir, then congregation joins for verses 2, 3 & 6, during the procession

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Priest Almighty God,
People **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.**

GLORIA Hymn 96

Gloria

verses 1 & 2, sung by all

**1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP page 212

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

LESSON *from the Book of Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 100

Psalm 96

Antioch

verses 1, 2 & 4, sung by all, standing

Joy to the world is a paraphrase of Psalm 96 by Isaac Watts

The congregation is seated.

LESSON *from the Book of Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN 96

verses 3 & 4, sung by all, standing

Gloria

**3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

**4 See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

GOSPEL *from the Holy Gospel According to Luke 2:1–20 (Oxford English Revised Standard Version)*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

The congregation remains standing.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Break forth of beauteous heavenly light

J. S. Bach

sung by the choir

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning.
O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning:
this child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
the pow'r of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

HYMN 111

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

sung by all, kneeling

After the hymn, the congregation stands.

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

The congregation exchanges The Peace.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Priest O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

The congregation is seated.

Text for the Anthem can be found in the Worship Supplement.

ANTHEM

sung by the choir

O Magnum Mysterium

Craig Phillips

PRESENTATION HYMN 90

It came upon the midnight clear

Noel

sung by all, standing

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367, Prayer B

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 Hymnal S128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Mathias

sung by all



Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The choir sits and then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Priest and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI Hymnal S161 *sung by all*

Lamb of God

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God, for the people of God.

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.

Texts for the Anthems can be found in the Worship Supplement.

ANTHEM

sung by the choir

Here is the little door

Herbert Howells

ANTHEM

sung by the choir

Infant Holy

arr. David Willcocks

HYMN 81

sung by all, seated (if needed)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

said by all, standing

The Celebrant says: Let us pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

HYMN 87

sung by all, standing

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

POSTLUDE

Suite of Dances

arr. Andrew Senn - Michael Praetorius

SERVING THE PARISH

Lectors: Ginny Williams, Trish Bennett

Eucharistic Minister: Carter Williams, Sam Chew

Altar Guild Team: Ann Strong, Mary Hopkins,

Pam McMullin, Nancy Sharp,

Presley Schwinn, Betsy Crowell, Barbara Hobbs,

Min Hwa Kupfer, Jane Hastings,

Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean, Sook Hee Yoo

Clergy: Peter Vanderveen-*Preacher / Celebrant*, Jo Ann Jones, Jeremy O'Neill-*Officiants*

Flower Guild: : Jan Clarke, Jenny Kirkpatrick, Chris Chojnacki, Marby Sparkman, Nadia Jannetta, Leslie Boris, Babs Camerota, Lynne Chapman, Jane Hastings, Mary Ellen Partel, Ginny Williams, Sue Denious,

Jeanne Holeman, Joanna Johnson, Jennie Seward, Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast, Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas, Barbara Hobbs, Fran Northrup, Gretchen Riley, Al Greenough, Bill Gross, John Herzog.

Crucifers: Ryan Masterman, Grayson Steele, Nick Zafirou

Choir: Redeemer Choir

Director of Music & Organist: Andrew Senn

Organ Scholar: Daniel Colaner

Livestream Operator: Caroline Manogue

Ushers: Rodger McKinney, Andrew McKinney, Brook McCann, Sean McCauley

Vergers: Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger*, Conor Beamer, Natalie Miller, Marshal Zafirou

Timberdale Brass

Eric Schweingruber, *trumpet*

Darin Kelly, *trumpet*

Karen Schubert, *horn*

Jason Stein, *trombone*

Brian Brown, *tuba*

Thank you for worshipping with us in this service. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community. Please drop your offering in the plates at the back of the church or mail your offering envelope. There are many additional ways to give at www.TheRedeemer.org/give.

As you leave the Church this Christmas Eve, be aware of the candlelit churchyard. The Redeemer Youth Group placed the candles to remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS
The flower arrangements for our Christmas celebration
are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

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