Episcopal Church of
The Redeemer
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The First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist
November 29, 2026
8:00 am

Worship is our effort of praise and thanksgiving for what God has done that we cannot do for ourselves.

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
Choral Evensong
8:00pm-Compline via Zoom
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.

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

Reading *from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9*

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7 *Qui regis Israel (Hear, O Shepherd of Israel)*

Said by all

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Gospel *from The Gospel According to Mark 13:24-37*

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

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 and People **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.**

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* BCP page 336

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.**

Post–Communion Prayer, *said by all, kneeling* BCP page 339

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.

Sending Out of the Eucharistic Visitor

Blessing

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Grace Notes. . .

small things that herald greater ones.

All by Byung-Chul Han: Speaking About God: A Dialogue with Simone Weil
Compiled by the Rector

The crisis of religion is a crisis of attention, a crisis of seeing and hearing. It is not God that is dead. The human to whom God revealed himself is dead.

The current crisis of attention comes from the fact that we only want to eat, to consume, instead of looking.

Contemplative attention is crucial for looking. It observes things without wanting to appropriate or absorb them.

Religion presupposes an attention to the things that elude availability, elude consumption, elude 'eating'. Unavailability is precisely what constitutes the Other, the object of our contemplative attention. [Contemplative attention] does not seek or hunt, but rather listens and lingers.

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).

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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 64:1-9*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7

Qui regis Israel (Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel)

1. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
   thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep
   shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses
   stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
3. Turn us again, O God
   shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
4. O Lord God of hosts
   how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
5. Thou feedest them with the bread of tears
   and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
6. Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours
   and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7. Turn us again, thou God of hosts
   shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Reading *from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel *from The Gospel According to Mark 13:24-37*

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Anthem Texts

E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming,
is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Advent Service Music

John Merbecke's *Communion Service* was originally published in his 1550 *'Booke of Common Praier Noted,'* and is a landmark musical setting of the early English liturgy. Commissioned to provide musical uniformity for the first (1549) Book of Common Prayer, it pairs simple melodies - adapted partly from traditional Gregorian chant, and partly newly composed - with the then new English texts. Following Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's desire for clarity, Merbecke generally set one note per syllable so congregations could easily sing and understand the words.

Did You Know

Did you know, next week, the Stewardship 2027 campaign will begin mailing letters to households that have not yet submitted a pledge? This will be followed by personalized outreach from Redeemer volunteers. Submitting your pledge now helps us be good stewards of our resources by saving staff time, mailing expenses, and valuable volunteer time. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has already submitted a pledge! If you haven't yet pledged, please help us save time and resources by making your pledge online today. www.theredeemer/pledge

Memorial Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God 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: Blair Stambaugh
Eucharistic Minister: Arden Saligman
Altar Guild Team: Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean, Sook He Yoo
Clergy: Jo Ann Jones-*Preacher*, Peter Vanderveen-*Officiant / Celebrant*
Flower Guild: Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas
Ushers: Kent Silvers, Lisa McLean

9:30am
Lector: Jessica Harper, Bill Gross
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Lee
Acolytes: Johnathan Richter, Kieron Richter, Ollie Ravenscroft, Sophia Scott
Altar Guild Team: Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean, Sook He Yoo
Choir: Chancel Choir
Children's Chapel: Glenn Beamer
Clergy: Jo Ann Jones-*Preacher / Officiant,* Peter Vanderveen-*Celebrant*
Flower Guild: Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas
Greeter: Sally Moser
Director of Music & Organist: Andrew Senn
Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt
Livestream Operator: Jayden Thomas
Ushers: TBD
Vergers: Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger,* Liam Ravenscroft, Kay Stephan, Nick Zafiriou