



# The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of  
The Redeemer  
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 18, 2025

8:00 AM

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

## Worship at The Redeemer

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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org).

**Sunday  
8:00am-Rite I**  
Holy Eucharist: without music  
9:30am-Holy Eucharist-Rite II  
last Sunday Choral Matins  
& via Livestream

**5:00pm**  
1st & 3rd Sundays  
Evensong  
during the academic year

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
9:00pm-Compline via Zoom

*The congregation stands as the clergy enter.*

## 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

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*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.**

## GLORIA, said by all

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward all.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away  
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*



**READING** from the Revelation to John 21:1-6

*Following the reading:*

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

**PSALM** 148:1-5, 8-11

*Laudate Dominum*

*Said by all*

**1 Hallelujah!**

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \***  
praise him, all his host.

**3 Praise him, sun and moon; \***  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \***  
and you waters above the heavens.

**5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \***  
for he commanded, and they were created.

**8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \***  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

**9 Mountains and all hills, \***  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \***  
creeping things and winged birds;

**11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \***

princes and all rulers of the world;

*The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL** from The Gospel According to John 13:31-35

*Priest*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.  
*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. Peter T. Vanderveen

**NICENE CREED, said by all, standing**

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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.

#### CONFSSION OF SIN, *all kneeling*

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*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 congregation is seated.*

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

Eucharistic Prayer II  
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*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**

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*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Communion. Please proceed by way of the center aisle and return to your seat 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.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, said by all, kneeling

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*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.*

*People Thanks be to God.*

## GRACE NOTES. . .

*small things that herald greater ones.*

*All by Eberhard Jüngel*

*Compiled by the Rector*

Wherever God is a word which instead of spreading freedom and joy merely disperses boredom, then there is no proper talk of God.

A God whom one can only fear but cannot love cannot be endured by any half-way healthy human being.

The truth is being lived wherever people love one another.

“God is love” means: God does not want to be God without us.

*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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/give), text TheRedeemer to 73256, Venmo (@TheRedeemer), or PayPal (Church of the Redeemer).*



**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Rite I - Traditional*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Rite II - Contemporary*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**READING from the Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from

Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**PSALM 148:1-5, 8-11**

1. O praise the Lord of heaven  
praise him in the height.
2. Praise him, all ye angels of his  
praise him, all his host.
3. Praise him, sun and moon  
praise him, all ye stars and light.
4. Praise him, all ye heavens  
and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the Name of the Lord  
for he spake the word, and they were made;

*Laudate Dominum*

Henry Smart

- he commanded, and they were created.
8. Fire and hail, snow and vapours  
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9. Mountains and all hills  
fruitful trees and all cedars;
10. Beasts and all cattle  
worms and feathered fowls;
11. Kings of the earth and all people  
princes and all judges of the world;

**READING from the Revelation to John 21:1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

## GOSPEL from *The Gospel According to John 13:31-35*

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the

Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## ANTHEM TEXTS

*And I saw a new heaven* Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.  
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying,  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.  
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away.

*Revelation 21*

*A new commandment* Thomas Tallis

A new commandment give I unto you,  
saith the Lord, that ye love together,  
as I have loved you,  
that e'en so ye love one another.  
By this shall ev'ry man know  
that ye are my disciples,  
if ye have love one to another.

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, although the active phase of the 2025 Stewardship Campaign ended in early February, The Redeemer is still receiving Stewardship pledges? Currently, we have a 9% increase in pledges over the previous year and an 11% increase in dollars. The significant increase in pledges shows a growth in the Church and the increase in dollars means a little less spending of interest from the endowment. Thank you to all who continue to identify their membership to the Redeemer with their generous financial support.

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

## SERVING THE PARISH

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Eric Rabe

**Eucharistic Minister:** Arden Saligman

**Altar Guild Team:** Betsy Crowell, Barbara Hobbs

**Clergy:** Peter Vanderveen-*Preacher*, Jo Ann Jones-*Officiant/Celebrant*

**Flower Guild:** Jan Clark, Ginny Williams, Sue Denious, Jeanne Holeman,

Joanna Johnson, Jennie Seward

**Ushers:** Julia and Darrell DeMoss

**9:30am**

**Lector:** Brook McCann

**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte MacLean

**Acolytes:** Grayson Steele, Caroline Stephan, Stanley Chojancki,

Caroline Pozos,

Keira McGinley, Sophia Scott

**Altar Guild Team:** Betsy Crowell, Barbara Hobbs

**Choir:** Redeemer Choir

**Children's Chapel:** Glenn Beamer, Jo Ann Jones

**Clergy:** Peter Vanderveen-*Preacher/Officiant*, Jo Ann Jones-*Celebrant*

**Eucharistic Visitor:** James Holman

**Flower Guild:** Jan Clark, Ginny Williams, Sue Denious, Jeanne Holeman,

Joanna Johnson, Jennie Seward

**Greeter:** Jamen Voss

**Director of Music & Organist:** Andrew Senn

**Organ Scholar:** Daniel Colaner

**Livestream Operator:** Emily Gibb Ciottoni

**Ushers:** Brook McCann

**Vergers:** Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger* Finn Manogue, Kate Stephan,

Grace Vauclain