

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

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PRELUDE

Das alte jahr vergangen ist

J. S. Bach

Please stand as the bells herald the start of the liturgy.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

HYMN 109

sung by all during the procession

The first Nowell

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider 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

verses 1 & 2, sung by all

Gloria

**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.**

Texts for the Collect, Readings, Psalm and Anthems can be found in the Worship Supplement.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Following the Collect, the congregation is seated.

READING from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Following the reading:

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

**Worship at
The Redeemer
Sunday**

8:00am-Holy Eucharist
in Church

9:30am-Holy Eucharist
last Sunday of the month
Choral Matins with Communion
& via Livestream

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

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00pm-Compline via Zoom

GRACE NOTES. . .

*small things
that herald greater ones.*

*All by George Pattison:
[Conversations with Dostoevsky](#)
Compiled by the Rector*

There is more to life than the
sum of facts about the world.

HYMN 84

sung by all, standing

Love came down at Christmas

Gartan

GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

*Before the reading of the Gospel**Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***Following the reading of the Gospel**Priest* The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord 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**CONFESSION, *please continue to stand*

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Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*Presider* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
and in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
People and by what we have left undone.****We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.****We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.****For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.*****You are invited to exchange The Peace.***

HYMN 115

sung by all, standing

What child is this

Greensleeves

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The congregation is seated.

ANTHEM

sung by the choir

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

There are always some people
who imagine that they're
closer to being gods than the
rest.

3 Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved
with a kiss.

4 What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

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.**

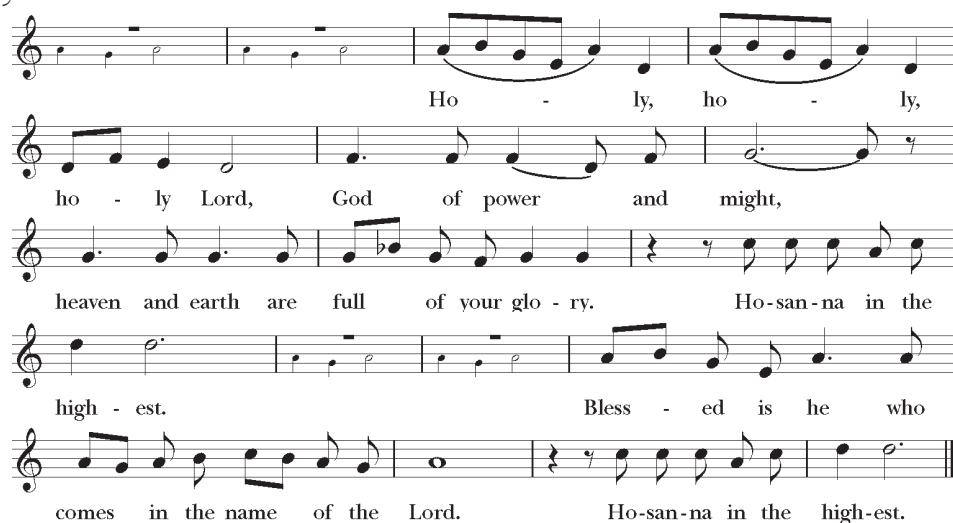
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . .

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
sung by all

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Mathias



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,

Celebrant 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

Christmas isn't about a Man
become God; it's about God
become Man.

*During the Eucharistic prayer, it
is traditional to ring bells after
the words of institution. These bells
signal that what we gather to do in
worship is significant, not only for
those within the church building,
but for the entire community, and
indeed for the entire world.*

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, said by all

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

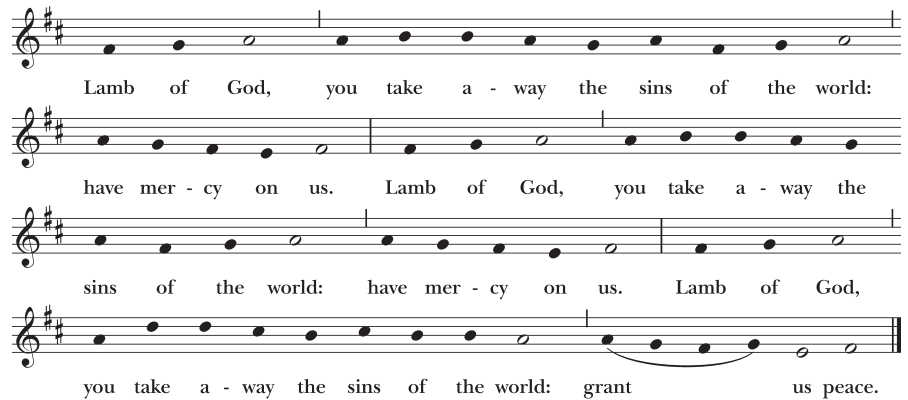
All are welcome to receive Communion. Please proceed by way of the center aisle and return to your pew via the side aisles. To receive a Blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Infants and children may receive Communion or a Blessing. If needed, please ask for a gluten free wafer from the person administering Communion.

AGNUS DEI Hymnal S161

Lamb of God

David Hurd

sung by all



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

The congregation is seated and is invited to proceed to Communion.

ANTHEM

O Magnum Mysterium

Tomas Luis de Victoria

sung by the choirs

HYMN 318 (if needed)

Here, O my Lord

Nyack

sung by all, seated

FROM COMMUNION TO COMMUNITY

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, standing

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The Presider 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.

SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR, standing

BLESSING

HYMN 497

How bright appears the morning star

Wie schön leuchtet

sung by all, standing

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Noel Suisse

Louis Claude d'Aquin

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Love is much harder than
atheism.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Traditional - Rite I

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemporary - Rite II

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; 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 Book of Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered

Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

PSALM 84:1-8

Quam dilecta! (O how amiable)

Hubert Parry

1. O how amiable are thy dwellings
thou Lord of hosts!
2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter
into the courts of the Lord
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house
they will be always praising thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee
in whose heart are thy ways.
6. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well
and the pools are filled with water.
7. They will go from strength to strength
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer
hearken, O God of Jacob.

READING from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all

the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

ANTHEM TEXT

<i>Nativity Carol</i>	John Rutter	<i>O Magnum Mysterium</i>	Tomas Luis de Victoria
Born in a stable so bare Born so long ago Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so	Wise men from distant far land Sheperds from starry hills Worship this babe so rare Hearts with his warmth he fills	<i>Sung in Latin</i> O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio! O beata virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!	<i>English translation</i> 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!
Far away, silent he lay Born today, your homage pay For Christ is born for aye Born on Christmas Day	Love in that stable was born Into our hearts to flow Innocent dreaming babe		
Cradled by mother so fair Tender her lullaby Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky			

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12-22-25
24 Pledges
\$1,072,245.52
8.8% increase

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SERVING THE PARISH

8:00am Lector: Ginny Williams Eucharistic Minister: Carter Williams Altar Guild Team: Ann Strong, Mary Hopkins Clergy: Peter Vanderveen, <i>preacher</i> Flower Guild: Jenny Kirkpatrick, Chris Chojnacki Ushers: Mary Hopkins, Lisa McLean	9:30am Lector: Cannie Shafer Eucharistic Minister: Sam Chew Acolytes: Caroline Stephan, Catherine Zafiriou, Stanley Chojnacki, Keira McGinley, Sophia Scott, Henry Winfield. Altar Guild Team: Ann Strong, Mary Hopkins Choir: Redeemer and Choristers Children’s Chapel: Glenn Beamer, Clergy: Peter Vanderveen, <i>preacher</i> Eucharistic Visitors: James Holeman Flower Guild: Jenny Kirkpatrick, Chris Chojnacki Greeter: TBD Director of Music & Organist: Andrew Senn Organ Scholar: Daniel Colaner Livestream Operator: Eric Rabe Ushers: TBD Vergers: Bob Mikrut- <i>Head Verger</i> , Ananda Leahy, Grayson Steele, Kay Stephan
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