



The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 14, 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

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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.**

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.

Traditional - Rite I

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.



READING from the Book of Isaiah 35:1-10

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:4-9

Lauda, anima mea

Said by all

- 4 **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**
- 5 **Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;**
- 6 **Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**
- 7 **The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**
- 8 **The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
- 9 **The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL from *The Gospel According to Matthew 11:2-11*

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

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. Jeremy R. O'Neill

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*

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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 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

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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.**

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. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GRACE NOTES. . .

small things that herald greater ones.

All by Hans Mikkelsen: Reconciled Humanity

Compiled by the Rector

All sin has its origin in the fact that human beings want to be their own judge.

For where does our own judgment always lead? To the place where we pronounce ourselves innocent. . . and we pronounce others guilty. That is how we live.

Judgment belongs to God only. By judging, human beings have taken the place of God. God takes this place back, which belonged to him from eternity, by judging human judgment in Jesus Christ.

The judgment of God is the judgment of our judgment, which unites all human beings before God.

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

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Contemporary - Rite II

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

READING from the Book of Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

PSALM 146:4-9

4. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
5. Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is
who keepeth his promise for ever;
6. Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong
who feedeth the hungry.
7. The Lord looseth men out of prison
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

Lauda, anima mea

8. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen
the Lord careth for the righteous.
9. The Lord careth for the strangers,
he defendeth the fatherless and widow
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
10. The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore
and throughout all generations.

READING from James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is

near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the

dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the

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wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' 'Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

ANTHEM TEXT

Keep your lamps Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

Ave Maria Simon Lindley

Sung in Latin
Ave Maria, gratia plena
Dominus tecum;
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

English translation
Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, each year, the Stewardship process uses dedicated volunteers to contact fellow parishioners who have not yet pledged to gently remind them to submit a pledge? The volunteers receive a random list of names, addresses and emails so they may personally reach out to encourage participation in Stewardship. These personal contacts are a very important, and effective, component of the Stewardship campaign.

Thank you to the following Stewardship Volunteers for their time and effort to help ensure the annual success of Redeemer's Stewardship: Arden Saligman, Charlie Merwin, Danielle Trucksess, David Woods, Eric Rabe, Hope Knight, Jim Jordan, John Black, Sally Moser, Stephen Baker, Tiffany O'Neill, Tracy Steele, and Win Shafer.

Pledge Stats
12-11-25
220 Pledges
\$970,060.52
9.78% increase

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

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: Catherinie Powell in memory of Graham Powell.

SERVING THE PARISH

8:00am

Lector: Maria Thompson

Eucharistic Minister: Mike Thompson

Altar Guild Team: Pam McMullin, Nancy Sharp, Presley Schwinn

Clergy: Jeremy O'Neill-*Preacher*, Peter Vanderveen-*Officiant / Celebrant*

Flower Guild: Marby Sparkman, Nadia Jannetta, Leslie Boris,

Babs Camerota, Lynne Chapman, Jane Hastings, Mary Ellen Partel

Ushers: Gloria dePasquale, Sook Hee Yoo

9:30am

Lector: Jim Holman

Eucharistic Minister: Ken Schwenke

Acolytes: Liam Ravenscroft, June Winfield, Lori Chojnacki,

Stanley Chojnacki,

Kiera McGinley, Henry Winfield

Altar Guild Team: Pam McMullin, Nancy Sharp, Presley Schwinn

Choir: Redeemer Choir & Choristers

Children's Chapel: Glenn Beamer, Peter Vanderveen

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

Peter Vanderveen-*Celebrant*

Eucharistic Visitors: Mike Thompson, Marian Lockett Egan

Flower Guild: Marby Sparkman, Nadia Jannetta, Leslie Boris,

Babs Camerota, Lynne Chapman, Jane Hastings, Mary Ellen Partel

Greeter: Kate Chojnacki

Director of Music & Organist: Andrew Senn

Organ Scholar: Daniel Colaner

Livestream Operator: Eric Rabe

Ushers: TBD

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