



Episcopal Church of  
**The Redeemer**

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**The Sunday of the Passion**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**The Holy Eucharist**  
**March 29, 2026**  
**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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org).

**Sunday Worship**  
**at The Redeemer**

**8:00am-Rite I**

Holy Eucharist: without music

9:30am-Holy Eucharist

*(last Sunday of the month Choral Matins)*

& via Livestream

4:00pm

Monthly

1st Sunday

3rd Sunday

Evensong

Vespers

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9:00pm-Compline via Zoom

**THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

*As the procession enters from the High Altar, the congregation stands.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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*Presider* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

**COLLECT**

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*Presider* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**LESSON** *from The Gospel of Matthew 21:1-11*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*All raise palm branches to be blessed.*

*Presider* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**



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

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

**HOMILY**

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen

**PSALM 31:9-16**

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*Said by all*

- 9 **Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.**
- 10 **For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**
- 11 **I have become a reproach to all my enemies and  
even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.**
- 12 **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- 13 **For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.**
- 14 **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.**
- 15 **My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 **Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

READING OF THE PASSION

I. THE TRIAL *The congregation remains seated.*

PASSION NARRATIVE FROM MATTHEW (*Trial Portion 26:57-27:26*)

COLLECT

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

II. THE CRUCIFIXION *The congregation stands.*

PASSION NARRATIVE FROM MATTHEW (*Crucifixion Portion 27:27-66*)

COLLECT

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

CONFESSION

*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 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  
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*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.**

*People kneel as they are able.*

*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 all, 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 com

manded 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 hath 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*

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted.*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**AGNUS DEI**

*People and Presider*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

*Said by all*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great  
mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under  
thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have  
mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear  
Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in  
him, and he in us. Amen.**

*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

*The congregation leaves the church in silence.*

*Thank you for worshiping with us in this service and although you may not be here with us, our hearts are open, our church and campus are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community. It is a beautiful way to reach out in the midst of pandemic. Please mail your offering envelope, 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

### *Traditional - Rite I*

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Contemporary - Rite II*

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### LESSON from *The Gospel of Matthew 21:1-11*

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went

and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### PSALM 31:9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.  
10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.  
11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to  
my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.  
12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

### *In te, Domine, speravi*

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.  
14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God."  
15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.  
16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

### LESSON from *the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient

to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

While we normally print the Scriptures that are read each Sunday, today, for the reading of Jesus' Passion, we have chosen not to do so because this portion of the Gospels is not meant to be informative — providing wisdom or insight for our lives. It is, rather, profoundly personal, public, and human. When read within the liturgical context, our eyes should not be turned to the printed page. They should be trained, instead, on the face of the reader and the faces gathered all around. This is about us and, in many respects, the violence we do when we do not see the persons all around us, and when we choose to shout rather than listen. For today, we ask that you listen with your eyes and, possibly then, see with your heart. It may not be easy or comfortable in contrast to your usual habits, but nothing could be more important.

## ANTHEM TEXTS

*Hosanna to the Son of David* Arthur Hutchings

Hosanna to the Son of David, to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,  
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus*, from *Mass in E* Harold Darke

*Sung in Latin*  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis

*English Translation*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

## COMMUNION HYMN TEXT

There is an intrinsic relationship between the resurrection and the incarnation - it's put most bluntly in *Hark! The herald angels sing*, with the line "born that we no more may die." Richard Wilbur's astonishing and heart-rending text, "*A stable lamp is lighted*," set to David Hurd's iconic music, takes us fully on the journey from birth to death and back to life again.

A stable-lamp is lighted Whose glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voices, And every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall harbor heaven, A stall become a shrine.	This child through David's city Shall ride in triumph by; The palm shall strew its branches, And every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, Though heavy, dull, and dumb, And lie within the roadway To pave his kingdom come.	Yet he shall be forsaken, And yielded up to die; The sky shall groan and darken, And every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry For stony hearts of men: God's blood upon the spear- head, God's love refused again.	But now, as at the ending, The low is lifted high; The stars shall bend their voices, And every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, In praises of the Child By whose descent among us The worlds are reconciled.
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## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know prayers for those who are sick or have any kind of pastoral need are offered at our Sunday services and, during the week, and even on-line service of Compline? Names can be submitted either by calling the office, or by filling out a pastoral care form on our website [www.thereedeemer.org/pastoral\\_care](http://www.thereedeemer.org/pastoral_care). For any names we gather, we use only each person's given name. There is no limit to the number of persons we remember, nor is there a limit for the length of time persons can be included in the prayers. Some have been very grateful to have been on the prayer list for several years. We keep an internal list that often includes added information about those in the prayers, most importantly family contacts who can help us determine when someone's name can be removed.

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

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mary Hopkins and in memory of Anita P. Montgomery and Archibald R. Montgomery, III.

## SERVING THE PARISH

8:00 am

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mike Thompson

**Altar Guild Team:** Ann Strong, Mary Thompson

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

**Flower Guild:** Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas

**Ushers:** Lisa McLean

9:30am

**Eucharistic Minister:** Cannie Shafer

**Eucharistic Visitor:** James Holeman

**Acolytes:** William O'Neill, Liam Ravenscroft, Keira McGinley, Isabel Reyf-  
man, Sophia Scott, Henry Winfield.

**Altar Guild Team:** Ann Strong, Mary Thompson

**Choir:** Redeemer Choir, Choristers, Cherub Choir

**Children's Chapel:** Glen Beamer, Jeremy O'Neill

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

**Flower Guild:** Cecy Keller, Liz Nicholas

**Greeter:** Kate Chojnaki

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

**Organ Scholar:** Daniel Colaner

**Livestream Operator:** David Woods

**Ushers:** TBD

**Vergers:** Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger*, Kay Stephan, Grace Vaclair