



Episcopal Church of  
**The Redeemer**

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 26, 2026

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

*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

*The congregation stands as the clergy enter.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**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 God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*



**READING** from *The First Letter of Peter 2:19-25*

Following the reading:

Lector        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23**

*Dominus regit me (The Lord is my shepherd)*

Said by all

**1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

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

**GOSPEL** from *The Gospel According to John 10:1-10*

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *all kneeling*

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*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
*Presider* **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.**  
*People*  
*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 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.**

## 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 from A Declaration of Duties Toward Humankind: Eric O. Springsted*

*Compiled by the Rector*

There is at the bottom of every human heart something that goes on expecting, from infancy to the grave, that good and not evil will be done to us... This, above all else, is what is sacred in every human being.

An encounter with another human being is *ipso facto* an encounter with a *soul*.

One cannot imagine St. Francis of Assisi talking about rights.

The preciousness of a human being easily evaporates when viewed as “an instance of humanity or rational nature.”

*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

### *Traditional - Rite I*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Contemporary - Rite II*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### READING from *The Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any

had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### PSALM 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd  
therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He shall feed me in a green pasture  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3. He shall convert my soul  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

### *Dominus regit me (The Lord is my shepherd)*

- I will fear no evil  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me  
against them that trouble me  
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
  6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### READING from *The First Letter of Peter 2:19-25*

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he

was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## GOSPEL from *The Gospel According to John 10:1-10*

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they

do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

## ANTHEM TEXT

*Gott ist mein Hirt* (Psalm 23) Franz Schubert

Gott ist mein Hirt,  
mir wird nichts mangeln.  
Er lagert mich auf grüne Weide,  
er leitet mich an stillen Bächen,  
er labt mein schmachtdendes Gemüt,  
er führt mich auf gerechtem Steige  
zu seines Namens Ruhm.  
Und wall' ich auch im Todesschatten Tale,  
so wall' ich ohne Furcht,  
denn du beschüttest mich,

dein Stab und deine Stütze  
sind mir immerdar mein Trost.  
Du richtest mir ein Freudenmahl  
im Angesicht der Feinde zu,  
du salbst mein Haupt mit Öle  
und schenkst mir volle Becher ein.  
Mir folget Heil und Seligkeit  
in diesem Leben nach;  
Einst ruh' ich ewge Zeit  
dort in des Ew'gen Haus.

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know The Redeemer has seen a steady increase in rentals for the new Parish House? These rentals include a wide range of organizations such as the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra PRYSM Strings, nonprofit fundraising dinners, funeral receptions, university students on alternative Spring Break trips, and private businesses hosting events. At the same time, The Redeemer offers the space for low cost to most nonprofit organizations or free to some community groups, such as 12-Step programs. Redeemer Members interested in using the exquisite space receive a discounted rate. Sharing the new Parish House with the community is an important way Redeemer engages with our neighbors as an anchor institution. For more information visit [www.TheRedeemer.org/rentals](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/rentals).

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

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: Elizabeth Van Dusen in memory of Duncan W. Van Dusen.

## SERVING THE PARISH

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Ginny Williams

**Eucharistic Minister:** Carter Williams

**Altar Guild Team:** Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean,  
Sook He Yoo

**Clergy:** Peter Vanderveen-*preacher*, Jo Ann Jones, *celebrant*

**Flower Guild:** Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast

**Ushers:** Kent Silvers, Lisa McLean

**9:30am**

**Lector:** Marshall Zafiriou, Tad Sperry

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Lee

**Acolytes:** Scott Carter, Stanley Chojnacki, Caroline Pozos

**Altar Guild Team:** Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean,  
Sook He Yoo

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

**Children's Chapel:** Glen Beamer,

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Jeanne Holeman

**Clergy:** Peter Vanderveen-*preacher/cantor*, Jo Ann Jones, *officiant*

**Flower Guild:** Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast

**Greeter:** Dan Helming

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

**Organ Scholar:** Daniel Colaner

**Livestream Operator:** David Woods

**Ushers:** TBD

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