



# The Redeemer

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

8:00 AM

*Worship is our effort of praise and thanksgiving for what God has done that we cannot do for ourselves.*

**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

## 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.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through 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.*



**READING** from *The Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2:1-13*

*Following the reading:*

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25:1-8**

*Ad te, Domine, levavi (To you O Lord, lift my soul)*

*Said by all*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

**GOSPEL** from *The Gospel According to Matthew 20:1-16*

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

*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. Jo Ann B. Jones

**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 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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GRACE NOTES. . .

*small things that herald greater ones.*

*All by Janet Soskice: Naming God*

*Compiled by the Rector*

The primary mode for the naming of God is the vocative — calling, invoking, beseeching, praising.

There is no time at which God is not, no place in which God is not, no secret center to the soul where God is not. The God of these perfections is not remote but near, very near.

I AM WHO I AM is not, in Exodus, a timeless abstraction . . . but the God who Israel meets in her moment of need.

[YHWH] emphasizes the actuality of God so that we might translate it as “I am there, wherever it may be — I am really there.”

*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, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Contemporary - Rite II*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### READING from *The Book of Ezekiel* 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save

their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

### PSALM 25:1-8

1. Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul;  
my God, I have put my trust in thee  
O let me not be confounded,  
neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
2. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed  
but such as transgress without a cause  
shall be put to confusion.
3. Shew me thy ways, O Lord  
and teach me thy paths.
4. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me  
for thou art the God of my salvation;  
in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

*Ad te, Domine, levavi (Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift my soul)*

5. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies  
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
6. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth  
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me,  
O Lord, for thy goodness.
7. Gracious and righteous is the Lord  
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
8. Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement  
and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

### READING from *The Letter of Paul to the Philippians* 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 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. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do

you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

## ANTHEM TEXTS

*O sacrum convivium* Thomas Tallis

*Sung in Latin*

O sacrum convivium! in quo Christus sumitur:  
recolitur memoria passionis eius: mens impletur gratia:  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

*English translation*

O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received,  
the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, as we approach the 175th Anniversary of Church of The Redeemer, it is important to reflect on the importance of Stewardship over the history of the church and imagine where Stewardship can propel the church in years ahead? The generosity of many has enabled the beautiful worship space, serene campus and the exquisite New Parish House; Stewardship provided generations of maintenance, programing, staffing and outreach. The Redeemer is blessed with strong support for Stewardship and we look forward to another successful campaign this fall as we partake in the Episcopal tradition of sustaining our shared community for the year ahead, and the generations to come. Thank you to all who participated in Stewardship this past year and to those who will mark this milestone 175th Anniversary with a pledge for 2027.

## SERVING THE PARISH

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Bill Gross

**Eucharistic Minister:** Maria Thompson

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

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

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Mike Thompson

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

**Ushers:** Arden Saligman, Lisa McLean

**9:30am**

**Lectors:** Bill Gross, Wilson Jeffreys

**Eucharistic Minister:** Sam Chew

**Acolytes:** Evie Silio, Keira McGinley, June Winfield, Isabel Reyfman  
**Altar Guild Team:** Jane Hastings, Carol Harris, Charlotte MacLean,  
Sook He Yoo

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

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

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

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

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

**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt

**Livestream Operator:** David Woods

**Ushers:** TBD

**Vergers:** Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger*, Conor Beamer, Natalie Miller,  
Liam Ravenscroft, Caroline Stephan, Catherine Zafirou