



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Episcopal Church of

The Redeemer

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HOLY EUCHARIST

OCTOBER 26, 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

BCP page 323

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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 Second Letter of Paul to Timothy* 4:6-8, 16-18

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-6

Said by all

Quam dilecta! (how amiable are thy dwellings)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

GOSPEL from *The Gospel According to Luke* 18:9-14

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

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*

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*

BCP page 331

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

BCP page 337

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 Paul Holmer: Thinking the Faith with Passion

Compiled by the Rector

Existing is momentous partly because so much depends on “how” we do it, not simply “that” we do it.

Most of us do not understand ourselves because there is nothing much to understand. We get a self and something to understand only by constituting it ourselves.

Even if one should become a virtuoso of science and scholarship, this is not to become all that a human being should be and can be.

One gains an identity, first, by wanting, by being obligated, and by wishing with all one’s heart.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the

Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

READING from the Book of Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely

rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

PSALM 84:1-6

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.

Quam dilecta! (how amiable are thy dwellings)

4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house
they will be alway 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.
Gloria.

READING from The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted

against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice

a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

ANTHEM TEXT

Here, O my Lord Percy Whitlock

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
Here would I grasp with firmer hand Thy grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know Charlie Merwin, Rector's Warden and Stewardship Committee member, addressed both services this past Sunday with a thoughtful message about the Redeemer's Stewardship?

"We sent our first Stewardship appeal and hope that you'll open it and consider a pledge for the year ahead. It is quite a year, 2026, the 175th anniversary of Church of the Redeemer. 1851 – now 2026 – in another 175 years it will be 2201. Those spans of time aren't sustained by fund raising events, or capital campaigns. Getting through the past 175 years, and to 2201, is a journey with no easily-seen tangible goals or accomplishments.

Think about the charity of the men and women of 1851, and 1861, and 1901, 1941, 2001. Their names are all but forgotten and we don't hear their tinkling cymbals or sounding brass of their gifts to Redeemer.

Instead the residue of their charity are these stone walls that wouldn't burn down. It's the hard pews we're sitting on. It's generations of Prayer Books and Hymnals that fall apart and have to be replaced. It's lightbulbs, and regularly repointed masonry, and cleaning and pruning.....

The quiet eternal accounting of Christian charity.

In an anniversary year, like any year, we ask you to consider that accounting – your pledge - and what it means to the men and women of 2035, 2055 and even 2201. Consider your pledge, and perhaps an increase to mark the occasion if you haven't done that recently.

Because the fruit of that charity surrounds us this morning. Thank you."

Pledge online at: www.TheRedeeme.org/Pledge

Pledge Stats
10-23-25
57 Pledges
\$324,116.20
15.47% increase

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

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Anne Ward, in memory of Anne Curtis and by Arden Saligman, in memory of Thomas A. Williams.

SERVING THE PARISH

8:00am

Lector: Blair Stambaugh

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Strong

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

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

Flower Guild: Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast

Ushers: Julia and Darrell DeMoss

9:30am

Lector: Marshall Zafiriou

Eucharistic Minister: Jeanne Holman

Acolytes: William O'Neill, Lori Chojnacki, Sophia Scott

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

Choir: Chancel Choir

Children's Chapel: Glenn Beamer,

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

Flower Guild: Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast

Greeter: Sally Moser

Director of Music & Organist: Andrew Senn

Organ Scholar: Daniel Colaner

Livestream Operator: Caroline Manogue

Ushers: Win Schaffer, Brook McCann

Vergers: Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger*, Trish Bennett, Marshall Zafiriou