

Welcome to The Redeemer. We're glad you're here!

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PRELUDE *Bereite dich Zion (Make yourself ready) from Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248* J.S. Bach
sung by Laurie MacKenzie, mezzo-soprano

Please stand as the bells herald the start of the liturgy.

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP page 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

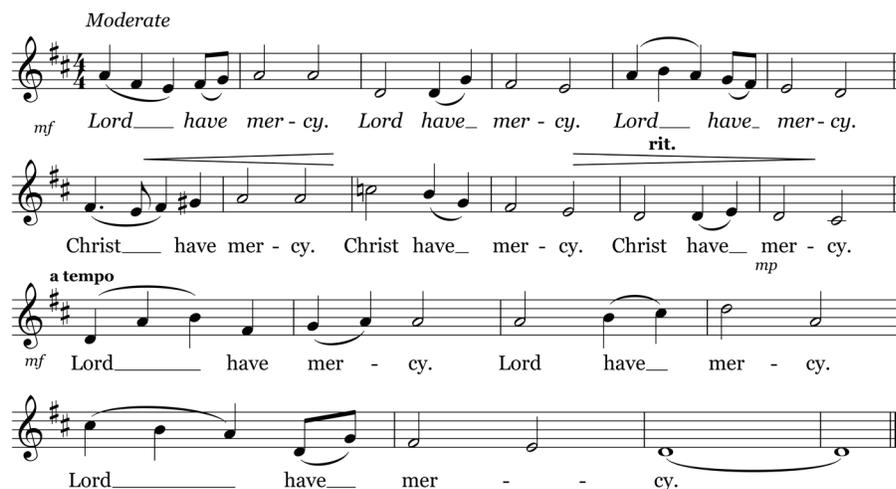
HYMN 72 *Hark! the glad sound!* *Richmond*
1st verse sung by the choir and then all join in during the procession

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP page 355

Presider Almighty God,
People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE *Bryn Mawr Communion Service* Michael Diorio
sung by all

Moderate



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Texts for the Collect, Readings, Psalm and Anthems can be found in the Worship Supplement.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Following the Collect, 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.**

**Worship at
The Redeemer
Sunday**

8:00am-Holy Eucharist
in Church

9:30am-Holy Eucharist
last Sunday of the month
Choral Matins with Communion
& via Livestream

5:00pm
1st & 3rd Sundays
Choral Evensong
during the academic year

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00pm-Compline via Zoom

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.

HYMN 76

sung by all, standing

On Jordan's Bank

Winchester New

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

Before the reading of the Gospel

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the reading of the Gospel

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

→ Following the reading of the Gospel, children follow the cross to Children's Chapel. They will return following The Peace.

SERMON

The Rev. Jeremy R. O'Neill

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, please continue to stand

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Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange The Peace.

HYMN 53

verses 1, 2 & 4, sung by all, standing

Once he came in blessing

Gottes sohn ist kommen

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The congregation is seated.

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.

PRESENTATION HYMN 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

verses 3 & 4 sung by all, standing

**3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367 Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . .

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS
sung by all

Bryn Mawr Communion Service

Michael Diorio

With movement



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in
creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be
incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have
delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given
thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body,
which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of
wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is
my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you,
from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the
Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in
his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the
fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly
country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

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.

During the Eucharistic prayer, it is traditional to ring bells after the words of institution. These bells signal that what we gather to do in worship is significant, not only for those within the church building, but for the entire community, and indeed for the entire world.

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *said by all*

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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 a Blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Infants and children may receive Communion or a Blessing. If needed, please ask for a gluten free wafer from the person administering Communion.

AGNUS DEI

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Michael Diorio

sung by all

Andante



Lamb_ of_God, you take a-way the sins of the world:___ have mer-cy on us:



Lamb of_God, you take a-way the sins of the world:___ have mer-cy on_ us:



Lamb_ of_God, you take a-way the sins of the world:___ grant_ us_peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God, for the people of God.

The congregation is seated and is invited to proceed to Communion.

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

ANTHEM

Ave Maria

Simon Lindley

sung by the choirs

HYMN 454 (*if needed*)

Jesus came, adored by angels

Lowry

sung by all, seated

FROM COMMUNION TO COMMUNITY

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, *standing*

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The Presider says: Let us pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN 615

Thy kingdom come

St Flavian

sung by all, standing

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on Wachtet auf

Emma Lou Diemer

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MUSIC NOTE

This spirited fantasy on the well-known Advent chorale "Sleepers wake" was written in 1979 by Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024). Her engaging and rhythmic style take the listener on an exciting musical journey.

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