



The Redeemer

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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHRIST THE KING

HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 23, 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

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.



READING from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians 1:11-20

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

Deus noster refugium (God is our refuge)

Said by all

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Luke 23:33-43

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*

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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*

BCP page 336

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.

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 Leszek Kolakowski: Is God Happy?

Compiled by the Rector

What does it mean to worship someone or something?

It seems reasonable to say that if God... the infinitely good Creator of heaven and earth does not deserve our worship, then nothing does. Without God, the concept of idolatry makes no sense.

There is a mass phenomenon today which really does seem to deserve the name [idolatry]. It is the worship of celebrities... What kind of deep, innate human need explains the phenomenon of modern idolatry?

Secular substitutes [for God] are so much more powerful than what the church can offer. [But they] cannot satisfy the needs which religion answers: the everlasting need to live in a universe that is not devoid of meaning, a purpose-endowing universe itself endowed with purpose.

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, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Contemporary - Rite II

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

READING from the Book of Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who

will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

PSALM 46

1. God is our hope and strength
a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
4. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed
God shall help her, and that right early.
6. The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

Deus noster refugium (God is our refuge)

7. The Lord of hosts is with us
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8. O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
9. He maketh wars to cease in all the world
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,
and burneth the chariots in the fire.
10. Be still then, and know that I am God
I will be exalted among the heathen,
and I will be exalted in the earth.
11. The Lord of hosts is with us
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

READING from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do

not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save

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himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the

other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

ANTHEM TEXTS

Alleluia Thomas LaVoy
Alleluia (*God be praised*)

Ave verum William Byrd

Sung in Latin

Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu,
Fili Mariae
Tu nobis miserere, O Jesu.

English translation

Hail the true body, born
of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were
sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O merciful Jesus,
O Jesus, Son of Mary
Have mercy, O Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, in this season of gratitude, Redeemer is so fortunate to so many households for their wonderful generosity that sustains our collective church community? Redeemer is fortunate to have a strong base of support from many households, rather than extreme generosity of a few. The challenge of this widespread support is obtaining pledges. Stewardship 2026 numbers are slightly down from this time last year due to a slow response. The pledges to date show an overall increase, although the decrease in the number of households has brought down the total dollars, as well as the average and median pledge. Please take a few minutes to show your gratitude for The Redeemer and submit your pledge online at www.theredeemer.org/pledge. If you have been remiss in pledging for a year or so, please help strengthen, and broaden, our base by participating in Stewardship 2026. A mailing went out on Friday to all who pledged last year, but from whom we have not yet heard.

Pledge Stats
11-20-25
138 Pledges
\$636,771.32
12% increase

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

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: Dr. Sook He Yoo, in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. D. and S. Lee

SERVING THE PARISH

8:00am

Lector: Darrel DeMoss

Eucharistic Minister: Maria Thompson

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

Clergy: Peter Vanderveen-*Preacher*, Jeremy O'Neill-*Officiant / Celebrant*

Flower Guild: Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast

Ushers: Julia and Darrell DeMoss

9:30am

Lector: Jim Buck

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Lee

Acolytes: June Winfield, William O'Neill, Lori Chojnacki,
Henry Winfield

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

Choir: Redeemer Choir

Children's Chapel: Glenn Beamer, Jeremy O'Neill

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

Eucharistic Visitor: Barbara Billings

Flower Guild: Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast

Greeters: Jamen Voss, Madison Fradley-Voss

Director of Music & Organist: Andrew Senn

Organ Scholar: Daniel Colaner

Livestream Operator: Jayden Thomas

Ushers: TBD

Vergers: Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger*, Conor Beamer, Kate Stephan,
Marshall Zafiriou