



Episcopal Church of
The Redeemer

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CHORAL EVENSONG
THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
OCTOBER 4, 2026
5:00PM

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!

Sunday Worship at The Redeemer

8am-Rite I

Holy Eucharist: without music

9:30am-Holy Eucharist

last Sunday of the month Choral Matins with Communion

&via Livestream

5pm Monthly

1st & 3rd Sunday-Choral Evensong

during the academic year

8pm Compline - via Zoom

“Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: It is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the 24 in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong ... it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and [people] which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshiper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience.” *from Coventry Cathedral*

Offerings and pledge envelopes may be left in the alms basins at the back of the church.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The congregation stands at the ringing of the bells.

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Other sentences added by the Officiant.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Antony Baldwin

sung by the officiant and choir

O Lord, open thou our lips,

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.



*sung by all**The congregation is seated.*

PSALM 57

Miserere mei, Deus

Robert Clark & Walter Parratt

sung by the choir

1. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee
and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be over-past.
2. I will call unto the most high God
even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.
3. He shall send from heaven
and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.
4. God shall send forth his mercy and truth
my soul is among lions.
5. And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire
whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword
6. Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens
and thy glory above all the earth.
7. They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul
they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.
8. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed
I will sing, and give praise.
9. Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp
I myself will awake right early.
10. I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people
and I will sing unto thee among the nations.
11. For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens
and thy truth unto the clouds.
12. Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens
and thy glory above all the earth.

*Gloria*READING from *The Book of Job* 39:1–18

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. “Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. “Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? “The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.***A time for meditation is provided here.*

sung by the choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth
 all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
 and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him
 throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed for ever.

*Gloria***READING** *from The Gospel According to Luke 12:13-21*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A time for meditation is provided here.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

said by all, standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

Antony Baldwin

sung by the choir

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
 Let us pray.

The congregation kneels.

*Lord have mercy upon us.
 Christ have mercy upon us.
 Lord have mercy upon us.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

sung by all

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.

SUFFRAGES

Antony Baldwin

sung by the choir

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

the Collect of the Day and others chosen by the officiant

The congregation sits.

ANTHEM

Keep watch, dear Lord

Craig Phillips

sung by the choir

Keep watch, dear Lord.

Keep watch with those who work,
or watch, or weep this night,

and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, Lord Christ;

give rest to the weary, bless the dying,

soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted,

shield the joyous, and all for your love's sake.

Keep watch, dear Lord, keep watch. Amen.

The congregation stands.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

said by all

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we thine unworthy servants

do give thee most humble and hearty thanks

for all thy goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,

give us that due sense of all thy mercies,

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;

and that we show forth thy praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to thy service,

and by walking before thee

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

said by the officiant
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VERSES

said by the officiant

HYMN 24 The day thou gavest *St. Clement*
sung by all, standing

Please remain standing as the procession departs. Following their departure, the congregation may be seated for the postlude or depart in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen, *Officiant*

Andrew Senn, *Director of Music & Organist*

Ted Babbitt, *Michael Stairs Organ Scholar*

The Chancel Choir

Lectors

Sam Chew, Brenton Mattox

Crucifer

Jim Jordan

Verger

Livestream

David Woods

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