



The Redeemer

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Episcopal Church of

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CHORAL EVENSONG

JANUARY 18, 2025

5:00PM

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

Sunday Worship at The Redeemer

8:00am-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-Evensong

during the academic year

“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.

HYMN 29

sung by all

O Trinity of blessed light

Bromley

PRECES AND RESPONSES

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.

The congregation is seated.



Peter Aston

sung by the choir

Psalm 133. *Ecce, quam bonum!*

1. Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is
brethren, to dwell together in unity!
2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
3. Like as the dew of Hermon
which fell upon the hill of Sion.
4. For there the Lord promised his blessing
and life for evermore.

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc*

1. Behold now, praise the Lord
all ye servants of the Lord;
2. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord
even in the courts of the house of our God.
3. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the Lord.
4. The Lord that made heaven and earth
give thee blessing out of Sion.

Gloria.

READING *from the Book of Isaiah 44:1-5*

But now hear, O Jacob my servant,
Israel whom I have chosen!
Thus says the Lord who made you,
who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on the thirsty land
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants
and my blessing on your offspring.
They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,
like willows by flowing streams.
This one will say, "I am the Lord's";
another will be called by the name of Jacob;
yet another will write on the hand, "The Lord's,"
and adopt the name of Israel.

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A time for meditation is provided here.

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.
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.

READING *from The Gospel According to John 4:27-42*

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Peter Aston

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

people and officiant

**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.**

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

Brightest and best

Malcolm Archer

sung by the choir

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,

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 127

sung by all, standing

Earth has many a noble city

Stuttgart

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation.

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen, *Officiant*

Andrew Senn, *Director of Music & Organist*

Daniel Colaner, *Michael Stairs Organ Scholar*

Redeemer Choristers

Lectors

Charlie Merwin, Elsa Reece

Crucifer

June Winfield

Livestream

Charlie Beamer

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