



Episcopal Church of  
**The Redeemer**

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2025**  
**9:30AM**

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

Join us in church or online for the livestream of this service on [www.TheRedeemer.org](http://www.TheRedeemer.org)  
[or YouTube.com/redeemerbrynmawr](https://www.youtube.com/redeemerbrynmawr)

**PRELUDE** *Zion hört die Wächter singen (from Cantata 140)* J.S. Bach

**INTROIT** *An Advent Song* Michael Bedford  
*sung by the Cherub Choir*

**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 66** *Come, thou long expected Jesus* Stuttgart  
*sung by all, 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*

*mf* Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.  
*rit.*

*a tempo*

*mf* Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.  
*mp*

*mf* Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

*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 11:1-10**

*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 Sheridan Hough  
Compiled by the Rector*

Faith is not a thought, but a  
*way of being in the world*; it is  
a phenomenon rather than a  
belief.

## HYMN 73

sung by all, standing

The King shall come

St. Stephen

## GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Matthew 3:1-12

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.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen

## 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

## CONFESSON, 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 &amp; 4, sung by all, standing

Once he came in blessing

Gottes sohn ist kommen

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The congregation is seated.*

**ANTHEM***sung by the choir**O thou the central orb*

Charles Wood

**PRESENTATION HYMN 56***verses 1 & 2, sung by all, standing*

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE****THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

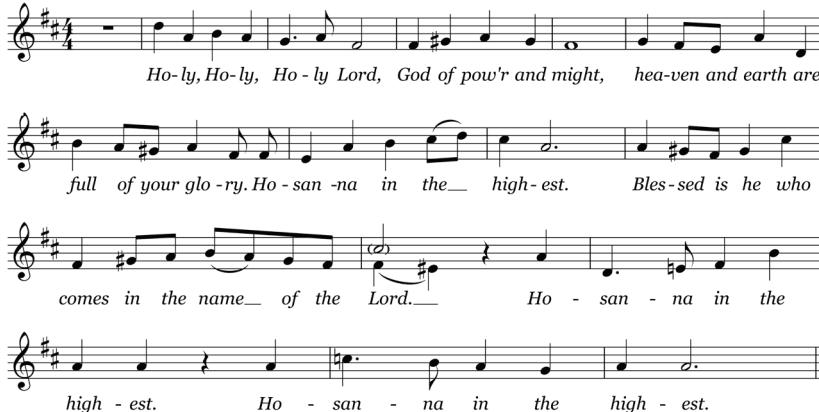
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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***Celebrant* 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

The faithful person is not someone who lives in a blissful dream-world; this person lives in reality, and is familiar with its every unforgiving contour.

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**  
*sung by all*

*Bryn Mawr Communion Service*

Michael Diorio

*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.*

**ANTHEM**  
*sung by the choirs*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus*

Paul Manz

**HYMN 454 (if needed)**  
*sung by all, seated*

Jesus came, adored by angels

Lowry

**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.**

**SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR, standing**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN 616**  
*sung by all, standing*

Hail to the Lord's anointed

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvogelein*

**DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organ Sonata No. 4 (I. Allegro con brio)*

Felix Mendelssohn

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