



# The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of  
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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 28, 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](http://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

BCP page 323

*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.

*Traditional - Rite I*

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*



**READING** from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Following the reading:

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 147:13-21**

*Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)*

*Said by all*

- 13 **Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;**
- 14 **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.**
- 15 **He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**
- 16 **He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.**
- 17 **He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**
- 18 **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?**
- 19 **He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**
- 20 **He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**
- 21 **He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!**

**GOSPEL** from *The Gospel According to John 1:1-18*

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

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. Jeremy R. O'Neill

**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*

BCP page 331

*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**

BCP page 337

*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.**

SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

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 Ivor Davidson: A Companion to the Theology of John Webster*

*Compiled by the Rector*

The most pressing obligation of the church is not to proclaim the Gospel, but first to *hear it*, in all its disruptive force.

We need to resist the temptation to make the Gospel into a manageable and relatively tame message, something which can perform useful functions in our religious world.

Salvation is infinitely more than moral or religious pedagogy.

To inhabit the world of the Gospel is to go on living out *amazement*.

*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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/give), text TheRedeemer to 73256, Venmo (@TheRedeemer), or PayPal (Church of the Redeemer).*

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Traditional - Rite I*

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Contemporary - Rite II*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**READING** from the Book of Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up be-

fore all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**PSALM 147:12-20**

*Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)*

Henry Smart

12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem  
praise thy God, O Sion.
13. For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates  
and hath blessed thy children within thee.
14. He maketh peace in thy borders  
and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
15. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth  
and his word runneth very swiftly.
16. He giveth snow like wool

- and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
17. He casteth forth his ice like morsels  
who is able to abide his frost?
18. He sendeth out his word, and melteth them  
he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.
19. He sheweth his word unto Jacob  
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
20. He hath not dealt so with any nation  
neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

**READING** from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to

redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an

## GOSPEL from The Gospel According to John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all

who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

## ANTHEM TEXT

*This is the Truth Sent from Above* Ralph Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God, the God of love:  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all, both rich and poor.  
The first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create,  
The next thing which to you I'll tell,  
Woman was made with man to dwell.  
Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice  
To place them both in Paradise,

There to remain, from evil free,  
Except they ate of such a tree.  
But they did eat, which was a sin,  
And thus their ruin did begin.  
Ruined themselves, both you and me,  
And all of their posterity.  
Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose,  
And so a promise soon did run,  
That he would redeem us by his Son.

*Coventry Carol* arr. Martin Shaw

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,  
by by, lully lullay.  
O sisters too, how may we do  
for to preserve this day this poor youngling,  
for whom we do sing by by, lully lullay?  
Herod the king, in his raging,  
charged he hath this day his men of might,  
in his own sight, all young children to slay.  
That woe is me, poor child for thee!  
and ever morn and day, for thy parting  
neither say nor sing by by, lully lullay!

## DID YOU KNOW

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Pledge online at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/Pledge](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/Pledge)

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**Pledge Stats**  
12-22-25  
**24 Pledges**  
**\$1,072,245.52**  
**8.8% increase**

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: given by: Edith Durham in memory of: Bea Blackman

## SERVING THE PARISH

**8:00 am**

**Lector:** Darrell DeMoss

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Hopkins

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

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

**Flower Guild:** Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast

**Ushers:** Kent Silvers, Lisa McLean

**9:30am**

**Lector:** John Herzog, Jenny Kirkpatrick

**Eucharistic Minister:** Cannie Shafer

**Acolytes:** TBD

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

**Choir:** Staff Singer Quartet

**Children's Chapel:** Glenn Beamer, Jo Ann Jones

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

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Jeanne Holeman, Barbara Ladd

**Flower Guild:** Susan Bloom, Sallie Greenough, Roz Pendergast

**Greeter:** Sally Moser

**Director of Music & Organist:** Andrew Senn

**Organ Scholar:** Daniel Colaner

**Livestream Operator:** David Woods

**Ushers:** TBD

**Vergers:** Bob Mikrut-Head Verger, Grace Vauclain