



The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of
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CHORAL EVENSONG
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FEAST OF AMBROSE OF MILAN
BISHOP 397 AD
DECEMBER 7, 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.

INTROIT

sung by the choir

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

E'en so, Lord Jesus

Paul Manz

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Other sentences added by the Officiant.



Hymn 60
sung by all

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Bryn Mawr Responses

Robert Lehman

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.

PSALM 14

Ad te, Domine

Andrew Senn

sung by the choir

1. The fool hath said in his heart

There is no God.

2. They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings
there is none that doeth good, no not one.

3. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men
to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

4. But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable
there is none that doeth good, no not one.

5. Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived
the poison of asps is under their lips.

6. Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness
their feet are swift to shed blood.

7. Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways,
and the way of peace have they not known ;
there is no fear of God before their eyes.

8. Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief
eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?

9. There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was
for God is in the generation of the righteous.

10. As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor
because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

11. Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion?
When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people
then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Gloria Patri

LESSON from the *Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31*

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

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.

LESSON from *The Gospel According to Luke 12:35-40*

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

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

Robert Lehman

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

sung by the choir

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light,
 Sun of Justice:
 Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness
 and the shadow of death.
 Isaiah had prophesied,
 The people who walked in darkness have seen
 the great light
 upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a
 light has shone.
 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 68

sung by all, standing

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659.

JS Bach

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen, Officiant

Andrew Senn, Director of Music & Organist

Daniel Colaner, Michael Stairs Organ Scholar

The Chancel Choir

Lectors

Brian Phipps, Jim Jordan

Crucifer

Jim Jordan

Livestream

David Woods

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