



# The Redeemer

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CHORAL EVENSONG  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 15, 2026  
5:00PM

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.*

## 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*

- 1 How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD; for ever? \*  
 how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
- 2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? \*  
 how long shall mine enemy<sup>1</sup> triumph over me?
- 3 Consider, and hear me, O LORD my God; \*  
 lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;
- 4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: \*  
 for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.
- 5 But my trust is in thy mercy, \*  
 and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.
- 6 I will sing of the LORD, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; \*  
 yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most Highest.

*Gloria.*

**READING** *from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 8:11-25*

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*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 6:27-40*

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

*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

*Bist du bei mir*

J.S. Bach

*sung by the choir**Sung in German*

Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden  
 Zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh.  
 Ach, wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende,  
 Es drückten deine schönen Hände  
 Mir die getreuen Augen zu.

*English Translation*

If you are with me, then I will go gladly  
 Unto death and to my rest.  
 Ah, how pleasing were my end,  
 If your dear hands then  
 Shut my faithful eyes!

*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 43

*sung by all, standing*

All praise to thee

*The Eighth Tune*

*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. Jo Ann B. Jones**, *Officiant*

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

**Daniel Colaner**, *Michael Stairs Organ Scholar*

**Redeemer Choristers**

**Lectors**

Elsa Reese, Stanley Chojnacki

**Livestream**

David Woods

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