



# The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of  
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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST  
DECEMBER 7, 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

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*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*

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*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.**

**PSALM 72:1-7, 18-1**

*Deus, judicium (Give the King thy judgements)*

*Said by all*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
**Amen. Amen.**

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

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

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. 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.

# CONFESSION OF SIN, *all kneeling*

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*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*

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*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

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*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.**

## 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 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.

A faithful person. . . understands the limits of her circumstances and her mortal frame; she knows well that her projects, even if successful in the moment, will be lost and forgotten in the rush of human history.

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.

A person who lives in the ethical sphere wants to get it right; the person who dwells in the religious sphere is infinitely aware that “getting it right” is an impossibility.

*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*

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### *Contemporary - Rite II*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

#### READING from the Book of Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the

lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

#### PSALM 72:1-7

- 1 GIVE the King thy judgments, O God, \*  
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
- 2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, \*  
and defend the poor.
- 3 The mountains also shall bring peace, \*  
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
- 4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right, \*  
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

#### *Deus, judicium (Give the King thy judgements)*

- 5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, \*  
even as the drops that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

#### READING from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the

patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit

worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

### ANTHEM TEXTS

*O thou the central orb* Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most high,  
Eternal light of this our wintry world,  
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,  
Hope soars above, above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
of God's ordaining counsel,  
As thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,  
Thy power to prove.  
Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with Thee,  
Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,  
now pure within, now pure within. Amen.

*E'en so, Lord Jesus* Paul Manz

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

### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, the pledges received thus far for Stewardship 2026 show an incredible 10% growth in total dollars, with an impressive 54% of these pledges increasing for the coming year? However, at this point last year we had 18% more households submit pledges, and therefore the overall dollars raised was 17% higher. Please help us close this gap by submitting your pledge at [www.theredeemer.org/pledge](http://www.theredeemer.org/pledge). Thank you. Next week Stewardship volunteers will personally contact Redeemer households to thank them for their past support, and gently remind them to submit their pledge for 2026.

*Pledge Stats*  
12-4-25  
184 Pledges  
\$834,640.52  
10% increase

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: Christian Bullitt in memory of Fay Patterson Bullitt.

### SERVING THE PARISH

8:00am

**Lector:** Blair Stambaugh

**Eucharistic Minister:** Betsy Crowell

**Altar Guild Team:** Ann Strong, Mary Hopkins

**Clergy:** Peter Vanderveen-*Preacher*, Jo Ann Jones-*Officiant / Celebrant*

**Flower Guild:** Jenny Kirkpatrick, Chris Chojnacki

**Ushers:** Julia & Darrell DeMoss

9:30am

**Lector:** Chris D'Angelo

**Eucharistic Minister:** Sam Chew

**Acolytes:** Kieran Richter, Catherine Zafiriou, Sophia Scott, Wesley Scott, Caroline Pozos, Isabel Reyfman,

**Altar Guild Team:** Ann Strong, Mary Hopkins

**Choir:** Redeemer and Choristers

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

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

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Barbara Billings

**Flower Guild:** Jenny Kirkpatrick, Chris Chojnacki

**Greeter:** Dan Helming

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

**Organ Scholar:** Daniel Colaner

**Livestream Operator:** Emily Gibb

**Ushers:** TBD

**Vergers:** Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger*, Kate Stephan, Grace Vauclain, Marshall Zafiriou