



# The Redeemer

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

JANUARY 4, 2026

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.**

## GLORIA, said by all

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away**

**the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,**  
**with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*



**READING** from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Following the reading:

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 84:1-8**

*Said by all*

*Quam dilecta! (O how amiable)*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

**GOSPEL** from The Gospel According to Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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.**

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 George Pattison: Conversations with Dostoevsky*

*Compiled by the Rector*

There is more to life than the sum of facts about the world.

There are always some people who imagine that they're closer to being gods than the rest.

Christmas isn't about a Man become God; it's about God become Man.

Love is much harder than atheism.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

### *Traditional - Rite I*

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Contemporary - Rite II*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### READING from the Book of Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered

Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

### PSALM 84:1-8

*Quam dilecta! (O how amiable)*

Hubert Parry

1. O how amiable are thy dwellings  
thou Lord of hosts!
2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter  
into the courts of the Lord  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young  
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house  
they will be always praising thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee  
in whose heart are thy ways.
6. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well  
and the pools are filled with water.
7. They will go from strength to strength  
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

### READING from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all

the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.



GOSPEL from The Gospel According to Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

ANTHEM TEXT

<i>Nativity Carol</i>	John Rutter	<i>O Magnum Mysterium</i>	Tomas Luis de Victoria
Born in a stable so bare Born so long ago Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so	Wise men from distant far land Sheperds from starry hills Worship this babe so rare Hearts with his warmth he fills	<i>Sung in Latin</i> O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio! O beata virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!	<i>English translation</i> O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! O blessed virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!
Far away, silent he lay Born today, your homage pay For Christ is born for aye Born on Christmas Day	Love in that stable was born Into our hearts to flow Innocent dreaming babe		
Cradled by mother so fair Tender her lullaby Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky			

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<i>Pledge Stats</i>
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: George Noel in memory of Mary Ellen Noel.

SERVING THE PARISH

<b>8:00am</b> <b>Lector:</b> Ginny Williams <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Carter Williams <b>Altar Guild Team:</b> Ann Strong, Mary Hopkins <b>Clergy:</b> Peter Vanderveen, <i>preacher</i> <b>Flower Guild:</b> Jenny Kirkpatrick, Chris Chojnacki <b>Ushers:</b> Mary Hopkins, Lisa McLean	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Lector:</b> Cannie Shafer <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Sam Chew <b>Acolytes:</b> Caroline Stephan, Catherine Zafiriou, Stanley Chojnacki, Keira McGinley, Sophia Scott, Henry Winfield. <b>Altar Guild Team:</b> Ann Strong, Mary Hopkins <b>Choir:</b> Redeemer and Choristers <b>Children’s Chapel:</b> Glenn Beamer, <b>Clergy:</b> Peter Vanderveen, <i>preacher</i> <b>Eucharistic Visitors:</b> James Holeman <b>Flower Guild:</b> Jenny Kirkpatrick, Chris Chojnacki <b>Greeter:</b> TBD <b>Director of Music &amp; Organist:</b> Andrew Senn <b>Organ Scholar:</b> Daniel Colaner <b>Livestream Operator:</b> Eric Rabe <b>Ushers:</b> TBD <b>Vergers:</b> Bob Mikrut- <i>Head Verger</i> , Ananda Leahy, Grayson Steele, Kay Stephan
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