



The Redeemer

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CHORAL EVENSONG
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 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.

INTROIT

sung by the choir

Bleib bei uns

Josef Rheinberger

Sung in German

Bleib bei uns,
denn es will Abend werden,
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

English translation

Bide with us,
for evening shadows darken,
and the day will soon be over.

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Other sentences added by the Officiant.

HYMN 27

sung by all

O blest Creator, source of light

Lucis Creator optime

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.



Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange

sung by all

O gra-cious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev - er - liv - ing
 Fa - ther in hea - ven, O Je - sus Christ,
 ho - ly and bles - sed! Now as we come to the
 set - ting of the sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per
 light, we sing your prai - ses, O God: Fa - ther,
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit. You are wor - thy at all
 times to be praised by hap - py voi - ces, O Son of
 God, O Gi - ver of life, and to be
 glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

The congregation is seated.

PSALM 45

Eruclavit cor meum

Herbert Howells

sung by the choir

1. My heart is inditing of a good matter
I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.
2. My tongue is the pen
of a ready writer.
3. Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips,
because God hath blessed thee for ever.
4. Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty
according to thy worship and renown.
5. Good luck have thou with thine honour
ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness;
and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
6. Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee
even in the midst among the King's enemies.
7. Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever
the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
8. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity
wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil
of gladness above thy fellows.
9. All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia
out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
10. Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women
upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold,
wrought about with divers colours.
11. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear;
forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
12. So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty
for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
13. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift
like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee₂ →

14. The King's daughter is all glorious within
her clothing is of wrought gold.
15. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work
the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company,
and shall be brought unto thee.
16. With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and shall enter into the King's palace.
17. Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children
whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
18. I will remember thy Name from one generation to another
therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

Gloria

READING from *The Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-2, 12-14*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A time for meditation is provided here.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat in A

Herbert Sumsion

sung by the choir

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.

Gloria

READING from *The Gospel According to Luke 4:16-30*

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in

Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A time for meditation is provided here.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Nunc dimittis in A

Herbert Sumsion

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

Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange

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

sung by the choir

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.

SUFFRAGES

Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange

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***I am the true vine*

Margaret Sandresky

sung by the choir

I am the true vine, and ye are the branches.

He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.

As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you.

This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

*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 187

sung by all, standing

Through the Red Sea

Straf mich nicht

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge

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

Eric Rabe

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