



The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

(PROPER 27)

12 November 2017

The Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. We are so glad you are here to worship with us this morning. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign the guest register in the narthex or to fill out a visitor card, found in the pews. Place the visitor card in the offering plate or give it to an usher or member of the clergy. As the parish community gathers, we invite you to prepare for worship in prayerful silence. During the liturgy, we will use the *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER* 1979 and *The Hymnal* 1982, found in the pew racks. 'S' refers to the service music section at the front of *The Hymnal* 1982. Large-print leaflets and hearing assistance devices are available. Please speak with an usher or member of the clergy before the liturgy.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The liturgy begins on page 355 in the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Master Tallis's Testament - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

As the church bell rings, all stand and sing:

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *HYMNAL*, 690

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As the children, youth and teachers leave for Church School, all join in singing

HYMN 576, verse 1 and refrain

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing, Christ, our love, is with us,

glad - ness be his greet ing. Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

Words: Latin, tr. James Quinn (b. 1919) Music: *Mandatum*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings

PSALM 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
 which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
 and the children yet unborn; *
 that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
 and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

Chant: William Crotch (1775-1847)

THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing:

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE: Jesus came, adored by angels

HYMNAL, 454

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Schlafer

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BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM V)

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 389

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

THE PEACE & THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *The choir sings*

ANTHEM: *Jubilate Deo*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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

Words: Psalm 100 with doxology
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A) *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 361*

SANCTUS from *Mass of the Redeemer* *See insert at back of Hymnal*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 364*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM from *Mass of the Redeemer* *See insert at back of Hymnal*

All who seek a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion during this liturgy. Gluten-free wafers are available. The second chalice bearers have grape juice. Please make your need known at the altar rail. If the reception of Holy Communion is not part of your tradition, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate to the priest your desire to receive a blessing.

THE COMMUNION

All join in singing

HYMN: Glory, love and praise and honor

HYMNAL, 300

The Adult and Youth Choirs sing

ANTHEM: Teach me, O Lord

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity, and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant that I may fear thee. 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.

Words: Psalm 119:33-38 with Gloria
Music: William Byrd

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

All respond: Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION: Lift up your head, ye mighty gates

HYMNAL, 436

THE DISMISSAL

All respond: Thanks be to God

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Alla Marcia - John Ireland (1879-1962)

Please respect those who wish to listen to the organ postlude by holding your conversations outside the sanctuary. Thank you.

Thank you for worshipping with us. At the conclusion of the liturgy, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, located on the lower level of the building.

*To learn more about the mission and ministry of The Church of the Redeemer,
visit the parish website: redeemberbethesda.org*

■ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Church of the Redeemer.

You're invited to join us in our mutual Christian journey.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table for communion.

***Please sign the guest book in the foyer or complete a visitor's card,
and please take a copy of Redeemer Spirit.***

We wish to welcome you fully into the Redeemer community!

Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God.

Advent Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Our adult and youth choirs are continuing our annual tradition with the beautiful service of scripture and music focusing our hearts and minds on the coming of Christ

Redeemer Book Group

Dear Redeemer: We met and had a great discussion of the book *Forty Rules of Love*. Would appreciate it if you would kindly note:

The Book Group will be reading *The Alto Wore Tweed* by Mark Schweizer. St. Germaine is a quiet little town in the mountains of North Carolina. Quiet until full-time police detective, part-time Episcopal choirmaster and aspiring whodunit novelist Hayden Konig begins his opus amidst murder and hilarious mayhem at St. Barnabas Church. In addition to discussing this liturgical mystery novel, we will continue delving into the forty rules of love that were listed in the book we have been discussing. No prior reading of the book is required. The meeting for discussing *The Alto Wore Tweed* and the forty rules of love will be on December 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the home of Susan Grigsby, 7325 University Avenue in Glen Echo. Any questions? Contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com.

The book to be read after that is *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu and deals with attaining happiness in a changing world. This book affirms many of the 40 rules of love mentioned above. More on this later.

For more information, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com or by calling 301-656-2087. All are welcome.

Epiphany Evensong, the Feast of Lights and Magi-themed party!

Saturday, January 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

January 6 is the Feast of the Epiphany, when we commemorate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus and the coming of the light of Christ into the world. This year we are introducing a new event to mark this special day in our lives as Christians. Our choirs will lead us in an Evensong service, which will include a special liturgy of the Feast of Lights, followed by a party in the parish hall. You are all invited to help decorate the parish hall for the party by bringing your own nativity/manger scene from home to join in a display of many nativities. In honor of the Magi we will serve special Persian-themed food, in addition to our usual wonderful reception refreshments. If you have Persian food that you can bring (savory or sweet) we'd love you to!

New choir members always welcome - adults and youth

If you or someone you know would like to be in our choirs, contact Chris Betts music@redeemerbethesda.org. New members are always welcome. Right now we are particularly looking for youth choristers (any grade school age), tenors and basses, but we'll welcome sopranos and altos too!

Upcoming P.R.A.Y. Events

ZavaZone, Sunday, November 19

2:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Cost \$35.00 per person (only for climbers)

40 Southlawn Court Rockville MD 20850

Come to play and enjoy time together!

The event time above is the time that we will be at the facility. Check-in begins at 2:15 with climbing beginning at 2:30 p.m. All participants in any of the play areas are required to fill out a waiver. Please do this prior to coming to the facility. Climbing time will be lost for those who must fill out the form on that day. Parents must be present if the form has not been filed online prior to the day of the event. Please print the waiver form and bring it along to the event. We will have an hour of free climbing and play in the entire facility followed by an exclusive 30 minutes in the Dodge-ball court. This will be followed by pizza and dessert.

Friends are encouraged! Our event is limited to 30 climbers - so sign up early. *Sign-up deadline is Tuesday, November 14.*

Youth Nights at Redeemer

Every Third Wednesday

November 16

6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30-7:30 p.m. Program

Join together with youth of the parish in learning about each other and God through community building, bible study, games and prayer. All youth are welcome to participate and bring their friends. Let us know you are coming so we can prepare enough food - and let us know if you'd like to contribute to the dinner plans. While all youth are welcome, programming for these evenings is primarily designed for 5th-12th graders. Please contact Sue or Cricket if you have questions or would like to support the dinner.

Note: Confirmation Class meets on the other Wednesdays of the month. We also start with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Caroling & Secret Santa at Oasis, Sunday, December 17

1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will sing for the residences of the Oasis at Sibley, a unit specializing in care for those with dementia and Alzheimer's. The group will gather for snacks and a gift exchange when we take a break in our singing time. Gifts should be under \$10. There is no other cost for the event. Meet at the entrance for check-in at 1:45. We will begin singing at 2:00 p.m. Friends are welcome. Dress in your "best" Christmas attire! All those participating need to sign up no later than Wednesday, December 13 - the sign-up link is [here](#).

Martin Luther King Day of Service, Monday, January 15

Time - TBD

■ PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests

For healing:

Rick Abramson, Barbara Alterowitz, Ellen Boyle, Allison Chow, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Jack Hutchings, Susan Ingraham, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr, Clarice Leslie, Catherine Moore, Hal Palmer, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Rich Randa, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Lynda Shepard, Anne Southard, Karen Stewart, Patricia Snowden, Ann Taylor, Carter Taylor, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katherine, Katie, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Jay and the Sewell family.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Leslie McNaugher, Ann Taylor, Olivia Tyler, Brammam Avery, Sander Avery, Randolph Court, Mike Rychlik, Cathy Baker, Brammam Avery

■ LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

Today, Sunday, November 12

Lector 8:00 John Smallwood; Chalice 8:00 Marie France

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Bill MacBain, Michael Mershon

Crucifer: Sam Nickerson

Acolyte: Thad Arrington

Lectors 10:30: Patricia Snowden (Old Testament); Karen Stewart (Epistle)

Intercessor: Peggy Tucker

Chalice 10:30: Ben Ivins, Linda Lear, Chrissy de Fontenay

Counters: Melinda Nelson, Clark Downs

Altar Guild: Ann Hartman, Marie France, Helen Zitomer

Next week, Sunday, November 19

Lector 8:00 Karen Stewart; Chalice 8:00 Susan Grigsby

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, John Smallwood, Rick Tyler

Crucifer: Cara Price

Acolyte: Helen Zitomer

Lectors 10:30: Peggy Tucker (Old Testament); Bob Yates (Epistle)

Intercessor: Chrissy de Fontenay

Chalice 10:30: Nathan Price, Patricia Snowden, Judy James

Counters: Mary K Young, Ben Ivins

Altar Guild: Susan Fitzgerald, Tami McMinn, Cathy Baker, Judy James

Healing Ministers: Marilyn Raisch, Toni Strother, Ann Taylor, Thad Arrington

Sign-up sheets for Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

We're counting on you for these ministries of hospitality. Thank you!

■ NEXT WEEK'S LECTIONARY - WWW.LECTIONARYPAGE.NET

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

■ PARISH CALENDAR

Today, November 12, Twenty-third Sunday after Penacost

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. "Slavery and its effect today"

Childcare begins 9:15 a.m..

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

Coffee Hour 11:45 a.m.

Parish Clean-Up Day, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, November 13, Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, November 14

Neighborhood Needlers, 3:00 p.m.

Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15

Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.

Education for Ministry, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Noon

AA Meeting, Noon

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Gathering, 6:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 16

Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

SoMoCo Regional Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 17

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon

AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 18

Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

Jane Winer funeral, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19, Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

Adult Forum, 9:15 a.m. "The Failure of Reconstruction"

Childcare, 9:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour, 11:45 a.m.

P.R.A.Y at ZavaZone, 1:45 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Thanksgiving Day, November 23

Advent Wreath Workshop, December 3 - between morning services and after

An Advent Service of Lessons & Carols, December 3 - 5:00 p.m.

Taize contemplative service and healing rite, December 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Wreath Making, December 9

Christmas Pageant, December 17 - at the 10:30 Service

Redeemer Book Group meets, December 17

Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6

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