

Processional Hymn (10:30 am) 525, The Church's one foundation

Song of Praise (10:30 am) S-278, Glory to God

Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading-2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who

rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Psalm 130 De profundis

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, * for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

New Testament Reading-Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Sequence Hymn (10:30 am) 666, Out of the depths I call

Gospel-John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Sermon Rev. Dr. David Schlafer

Offertory Hymn (10:30 am) 422, Not far beyond the sea

Final Hymn (10:30 am) 568, Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

Dismissal—after the organ voluntary, and before any applause Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Readings for next Sunday

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 12 Holy Eucharist, 8:00am Child Care, 9:15am Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

Monday, August 13, Office closed AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, August 14 Staff Meeting, 1:00pm AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, August 15 Morning Prayer, 9:00am Music Together, 10:00 - 11:45am AA Meeting, Noon Holy Eucharist, Noon Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 16 Office Hours at Sangamore, 10:00am Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm

Friday, August 17 AA Meditation Meeting, Noon AA Meeting, 6:30 pm AA Meeting, 8:30pm

Saturday, August 18 Yoga, 9:30am

Sunday, August 19 Holy Eucharist, 8:00am Child Care, 9:15am Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

Looking ahead:

Youth Choir Rehearsal, September 5
Adult Choir Rehearsal, September 6
First FOMAR Concert, September 8
Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, September 12
Welcome Back Sunday, September 16
"Bristol Evensong", September 16 at 5:00pm
P.R.A.Y. Kickoff at St. Dunstan's, September 19

Parents: Please contact Amma
Cricket or Deacon Sue to sign your
5th grade—High School student up
for Potomac River Anglican Youth by
August 26.

■ Prayer Requests

For healing: Rick Abramson, Ellen Boyle, Allison Chow, Joan Eisenstodt, Matt & Jeanne Estes, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., John Harbeson, Eileen Hubbard, Olivier Jeanne, Judy James, Peter & Beate Kendall, Clarice Leslie, John Nickum, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Marylin Raisch, Rich Randa, Meagan Richardson, Charlotte Ripa, Carolyn Ross, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Patricia Snowden, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Arnold Thackray, Jimmy Tinto, Hannah Tubbergen, Lois Vuolo, Beth Warner, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katie, Leslie, Mollie, Logan, Eileen and Jay.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Callie Wang, Joanne Bowman

In thanksgiving for the anniversaries of: Cricket & Steve Park, Sally & Ron Pugsley

For those preparing for Baptism: Patrick Tucker, Anna McInturff

For the repose of thee soul of Henry Anderson, Frank's brother

For those who are traveling, especially the choir.

The flowers on the altar on Sunday are given for the glory of God.

Redeemer Book Group

The book group is now reading *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. This is a remarkable and brilliant book narrated by a double agent and takes place in the US and Vietnam. It is a disturbing and fascinating and darkly comical book which starts with the fall of Saigon. The author teaches English and American Studies at the University of Southern California. The book will be discussed September 23 at 3:00 pm at the home of Ron and and Sally Pugsley, <u>8108 Hamilton Spring Road</u>, <u>Bethesda</u>, Md. 20817.

For more information, contact Huda Kraske at hgkraske@aol.com or by calling 301 656 2087.

The book to be read next is The Soul of America by Jon Meecham.

Emails at Redeemer.

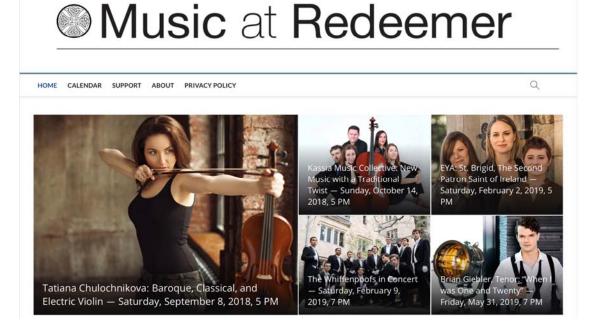
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September 8
Saturday at 5:00pm

The calm before the storm

August may be the calmest month at Redeemer. That's a good thing. September picks up steam with activities rather quickly! Here are some items to get into your calendar:

- P.R.A.Y. (Potomac Area Anglican Youth) begins their program year at 6 p.m. at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. They meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month through May. First Wednesdays at Redeemer; third at St. Dunstan's.
- Adult Forums will begin on September 9th. Have any good ideas?
- Choir Rehearsals begin the first Wednesday (Youth) and Thursday (Adult) after Labor Day.
- The first FOMAR concert of the year is September 8th at X o'clock in the evening. For tickets, see the Music at Redeemer website: musicatredeemer.org

- Education for Ministry begins Wednesday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m.
- The new community choir Glen Echo Singers begin rehearsing on September 12th at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church at 7:00 p.m.
- We welcome the choir back on September 9th and will have a full-blast welcome back on September 16th. Students of all ages – bring your backpacks for a blessing!
- Our first evensong for the program year takes place at 5 p.m. on Sunday the 16th. The choir reprises the music from their Bristol pilgrimage.
- The Kids Take Over the Liturgy on Sunday,
 September 23rd. Planning will begin in late August.
- Vestry meets on September 19th.

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In the summertime, worship assistants will sign up on the board in the Narthex. You can sign up on Sunday, or after for the following Sunday. If you are a lector, you can make a request at office@redeemerbethesda.org and we will send you the readings on Friday by email.

Young people are encouraged to participate in this, even if you have not done it before. Training will be available if it seems necessary.

We resume the regular schedule on September 9th. The September schedule is in the August Redeemer Spirit.

An Education for

Ministry Update

Our Tuesday evening class is taking a one-year break. Thank you, Jo Barclay-Beard, for mentoring this group so faithfully. Thank you also for modeling the need for sabbath time.

The Wednesday morning group still has room for new students. Please see Cricket Park for more information. September 12th is the first meeting for Wednesday classes.

EfM prepares lay people for ministry in the church and the world by empowering them with knowledge of scripture, church history, and theology. Cost, which includes textbooks, is \$375/year. Scholarships are available. (Compare this to a cost of \$600/credit hour at local seminaries. Such a deal!) All learning – no papers or tests. Who could ask for more?