

Liturgical Assistants

September 2, 2018 Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

This is the final Sunday for Liturgical Assistants to sign up on the board in the narthex.

September 9, 2018 Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

8:00 Service:

Lector: Dean Cinkala
Chalice: Marie France

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington,
Mary Helen Carlson, Meredith Griggs
Crucifer: Youth Choir
Acolyte: Thad Arrington
Lectors: Jo Barclay-Beard,
Patricia Snowden
Intercessor: Karen Stewart
Chalice: Steve France, Ben Ivins,
Peggy Tucker
Counters: Melinda Nelson, Jane Dealy
Coffee Hour: see note inside



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2018
10:30 a.m.

WE WELCOME YOU TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, BETHESDA, MARYLAND. If you are visiting today, please join us afterwards for coffee downstairs.

During the liturgy, we use the two books found in your pew or seat rack: *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979) and *The Hymnal* 1982. Generally we stand to sing, but we sit for the offertory and communion hymns. 'S' numbers refer to music for the set parts of the service, and these are found in the front half of the *Hymnal*.

We sit for the readings from scripture, the Old Testament Reading, Psalm and 'Epistle' (from the New Testament). We stand for the Gospel reading, and turn to face the Book and its reader to elevate Christ's word and example. We also stand for the Creed, and say together all text set in **bold** type.

Communion is a spiritual and visual expression of our communal life together in Christ. Everyone is welcome to receive communion or a blessing at His Table.

The text of our liturgy is taken from two sources: 'The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2, Eucharistic Prayer C' from *The Book of Common Prayer* © 1979 The Episcopal Church, and, 'Eucharistic Liturgy: Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption' from *A New Zealand Prayer Book, He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*, © 1989, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, on-line update 2014. Both Prayer Books, from the Anglican Communion, have at their root the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*, the first comprehensive prayer book to be written in English, by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury of the Church of England, 'to the end that the congregation may be thereby edified.' (BCP, p.866). The Bible translation that we use is the *New Revised Standard Version*, which is based on the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures.



THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

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The Rev'd Cricket Park, Rector
The Rev'd Dr. David Schlafer, Assisting Priest
The Rev.'d L. Sue von Rautenkranz, Deacon
Geoffrey Silver, Music Director
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Bob Yates, Communications Ass't.



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THE WORD OF GOD

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ORGAN PRELUDE Kommst du nun, Jesu vom Himmel herunter BWV 650
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

WELCOME Rev. Cricket Park
as the church bell rings, all stand and sing:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 450 All hail the power of Jesus' name Coronation

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S-280 Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good
things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us
true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us
the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

There is no Church School today

Discernment in Spiritual Life- What's That?

A couple of years ago, a small group formed to explore the simple spiritual practice of discernment. This is another reminder that in the spring some of us thought about doing that again.

Discernment is a practice that is performed daily by you as an individual, but can also be shared with a small group meeting monthly or even quarterly. It may consist of setting an intention for the day (e.g., be more patient; stop and breathe deeply in gratitude) and a review of it in the evening in the presence of God or inner light. The purpose is to take time to look back on a brief period -the past day- or back on parts of one's life, in order to make a decision or gain new insight. St. Ignatius Loyola used this method to learn deep listening and ask, for example, is what I am about to do coming from deep love within or a hurt place that has been triggered? Now, that is a modern paraphrase. But preparing the day with insight and reviewing our day with self-compassion has age-old roots.

Here at Redeemer, if a group forms, it would not involve any rigid timetables or tasks. We share whatever we wish from our personal discernment practice. As Lois Lindbloom said in her pamphlet on cultivating spiritual discernment, it is "prayerful attention" used to help us "cooperate with God's activity."

With a call to form some small groups to build community, might this be a time to revive or re-imagine this practice? We could try virtual meetings to supplement quarterly face-to-face sharing, but ultimately, even the mode will be discerned by the group. Meetings would preferably not be at the 9:15 hour and would start mid-October.

If you are interested or expressed interest last spring and still want to explore this, please contact Marilyn Raisch, raischm@gmail.com or 202-340-6894.

Marylin J. Raisch, J.D., M.L.S., M.Litt.
(Oxon.)

Perhaps all the dragons in our lives are princesses who are only waiting to see us act, just once, with beauty and courage. Perhaps everything that frightens us is, in its deepest essence, something helpless that wants our love.

— Rainer Maria Rilke, Letters to a Young Poet

Music at Redeemer - New Format and New Website

Geoffrey's been busy building next season's concert series, and Music at Redeemer tickets are now on-line at musicatredeemer.org and on sale at Eventbrite.

The biggest changes for us all this season are that 1) we won't always have events on Sundays, 2) receptions may be before rather than after, and 3) we are going to charge for tickets rather than have a free-will offering to support the series.

Sharing the underwriting burden with a paying audience, with the net thrown wider by the enormous Eventbrite, makes sense for us. It expands our reach to places we wouldn't normally be able to go. It will help us take our ministry of sharing the best music in this beautiful space to even more people and on a more sure financial footing. The two liturgies on the series will, of course, remain free of charge. You will be receiving emails over the course of the next few weeks, please read them, and do everything you can to encourage your friends and neighbors to attend.

The first concert occurs the weekend after Labor Day, on Saturday (not Sunday), September 8 at 5 p.m. **You can purchase tickets at Coffee Hour on Sunday. Prices are: \$30/general, \$20/seniors, \$10/students.**

The rector is away from September 8th to the 13th.

Please call the Rev'd Jeffrey MacKnight for any pastoral emergencies.

301-229-2960

Church of the Redeemer

Social Media

Please connect with Redeemer and the rector through these social media platforms:

Facebook: Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, Maryland

Facebook: Cricket Park

Twitter: @VicarVirtual

Linked In: Cricket Park

Instagram: parkcricket

Events are posted on Facebook only. Please respond to these invitations so that we have accurate information about who will be attending. Thanks!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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THE FIRST READING

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

THE EPISTLE

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if you are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at

EMBODIED TRUTH: The Moral Teachings of Jesus

A joint offering of Church of the Redeemer and St. Dunstan's Church

Five Tuesday evenings in October, 7-8:30 p.m.
at St. Dunstan's, starting 10/2

People are making terrible claims for Christianity these days, suggesting that Jesus hates gays, loves guns, favors America, or wants you to be rich. What did Jesus actually say? We'll examine the Gospel records and discuss Jesus' true moral compass in five discussions.

While lies and selfishness are problems in every era, we face particular assaults on moral values today. Jesus not only speaks truth, he embodies truth in his words, his actions, and his willingness to give himself up even to death. We'll explore together what Jesus' teaching and his behavior tell us about:

- Truth and lies
- Wealth and materialism
- Racial bigotry
- Respect for human life (including abortion, capital punishment, and death with dignity)
- Oppression of human beings (women, gays, poor people, others)
- Poverty
- Sexual ethics
- Nationalism and immigration
- Democracy and authoritarianism
- Economic Exploitation/wage slavery
- Nonviolence and pacifism

I will present a view of Jesus based in scripture, with ample time for discussion and debate. Jesus addresses some issues more clearly than others, and we'll be honest about that. I hope this will be a fulsome discussion involving both our parishes on these pressing issues.

Jeff MacKnight

Coffee Hour - New Procedure

Our 'catch as catch can' way of scheduling coffee hour volunteers puts strain and stress on the coordinator and the staff. To ease the stress and strain, please identify yourself to Bob Yates or Cricket Park as being willing to host coffee hour at least once every six weeks or so. Actually, the more volunteer families we get, the less often people need to host!

We'll then put together a coffee hour schedule just as we schedule other ministries.

Susan Fitzgerald is working on a 'how-to' menu and will post that in mid-September. If the cost of hosting is holding you back, please know that there is money in the budget to help reimburse you.

At this time, we still need volunteers for September. Don't forget the potluck on September 16th after the 10:30 am service!

Thank you for helping our ministry of hospitality.

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’
You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON Rev. Cricket Park

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p. 358

**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.**

Prayer Requests

For healing: Rick Abramson, Frank Anderson, Ellen Boyle, Ken Clark, Allison Chow, Michael Curry, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., 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.

For the repose of the soul of Denise Francoise France, mother of Steve France, who died Saturday, August 25th, surrounded by her family.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Jane Dealy, Anne Southard, David Lawrenz.
And the anniversaries of Deborah Babcock-Daley & Joe Daley and Marlene & Hal Palmer

For those preparing for Baptism: Patrick Tucker, Anna McInturff, and Henrik Peyer

The flowers on the altar on Sunday are given for the glory of God. Please sign up to dedicate the flowers to your special intention.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 2
Holy Eucharist, 8:00am
Child Care, 9:15am
Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

Monday, September 3, Office closed
AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, September 4
Staff Meeting, 1:00pm
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 5
Morning Prayer, 9:00am
AA Meeting, Noon
Holy Eucharist, Noon
First Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm

Thursday, September 6
NO "Out of the Office" Office Hours at Sangamore
Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm

Friday, September 7
AA Meditation Meeting, Noon
AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
AA Meeting, 8:30pm

Saturday, September 8
Yoga, 9:30am
Music at Redeemer Concert 5:00pm

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

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

all stand or kneel

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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

The People respond: Amen.

FINAL HYMN 423

Immortal, invisible

St. Denio

THE DISMISSAL

The People respond: **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

W. Mathias
(1934–1992)

*Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us downstairs
for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall.*

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

*You will find Redeemer Spirit, the September edition of our monthly newsletter,
Redeemer Spirit, in the Narthex, Parish Hall, and on our website.*

■ **NEXT WEEK'S LECTIONARY—THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Proper 18, Year B

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

all kneel or remain standing

Caring God,

we thank you for your gifts in creation:

for our world,

the heavens tell of your glory;

for our land, its beauty and its resources,

for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

that we may use your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors

and marvel at your creation;

for artists, scientists and visionaries,

that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray:

for all who are deprived of fullness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;
for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work,
and for your Church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

Silence

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.
We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament
strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

Celebrant God of peace,
let us your people know,
that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes
from faith in you.
Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace
there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice,
and a willingness to give of ourselves
in the spirit of Christ.
People Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says an Invitation.

*All who seek a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ
are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available, and the chalice bearer with the blue cup has
grape juice; please make your need known when you are at the altar rail.
If you are unable to come forward, let one of the ushers know and we will come to you.*

*If the receiving 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 Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words
The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in
everlasting life. [Amen.]*

or with these words

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

COMMUNION HYMN 646

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

People **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 ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of God be with you all.

People **In God's justice is our peace.**

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us to live in unity.

People **We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord to exchange the Lord's peace.

We then sit for announcements.

