

Liturgical Assistants

September 9, 2018 Sixteenth
Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Service:

Lector: Susan Grigsby

Chalice: Susan Grigsby

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: TBD, Ben Ivins, Peggy Tucker

Counters: Melinda Nelson, Jane Dealy

Coffee Hour: Alicia Jennings

September 16, 2018 Seventeenth
Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Service:

Lector: Marie France

Chalice: Susan Grigsby

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington,

Richard Tyler, Madeleine Tyler

Crucifer: Youth Choir

Acolyte: Olivia Tyler

Lectors: Rebecca Tucker, Huda Kraske

Intercessor: John Nelson

Chalice: Chrissy de Fontenay,

Helen Zitomer, Bill MacBain

Healing Ministers: Toni Strother,

Thad Arrington, Callie Wang, Ann Taylor

Counters: Cathy Arrington, Clark Downs

Coffee Hour: Pot Luck



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 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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Geoffrey Silver, Music Director
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THE WORD OF GOD

BCP p.355

ORGAN PRELUDE Aria Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

WELCOME Rev. Dr. David Schlafer
as the church bell rings, all stand and sing:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 427 When morning gilds the skies *Laudes Domini*

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.
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

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

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

301-229-2960

Music at Redeemer

Tickets and RSVPs are now posted on-line at musicatredeemer.org (also via a link from the Church website), and on sale at eventbrite.com. Along with coming of age with a website of its own, the biggest changes for the series this season are: 1) Events are now on **Saturdays and Sundays** (and occasional Fridays), 2) **Receptions may sometimes be before** rather than after, and 3) **We are charging for tickets** to support the series.

Sharing the underwriting burden between **Friends of Music at Redeemer** (FOMAR) and 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 liturgies on the series will, of course, remain free of charge.

You will receive 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. **'Like' us and 'tag' us** on Facebook and *share our posts!*

SAVE THE DATE:

- 'Bristol' Choral Evensong, 9/16, 5pm (liturgy)
- Jazz Vespers, 9/30, 5pm (liturgy)
- 'For the Fallen' Duruflé *Requiem*, 11/11, 4pm (liturgy)
- The Whiffenpoofs in Concert, 2/9/19, 7pm (Gala Event)

Coming Events

- Kids' Takeover (instructed eucharist), September 23
- P.R.A.Y. Kickoff at St. Dunstan's, September 19
- Redeemer Book Group, September 23
- Family dinner and game night, September 29
- Embodied Truth Series, Tuesday evenings in October, starting 10/2
- Pledge Sunday, November 4

Church of the Redeemer Social Media

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

- Facebook: @RedeemerBethesda
- Facebook: Cricket Park
- Twitter: @VicarVirtual
- Linked In: Cricket Park
- Instagram: parkcricketredeemerbethesda

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

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- Eventbrite.com

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP p.357

THE FIRST READING Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.
The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.
Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

PSALM 125 *Qui confidunt* Said by all

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

THE EPISTLE

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

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 October. Don't forget the potluck on September 16th after the 10:30 am service!

Thank you for helping our ministry of hospitality.

Bethesda Cares Dinner, Sunday, September 23

Please sign up to contribute a dish to Redeemer's meal this month for our hungry neighbors. Entrees, side dishes, bread, drinks, and fruit are needed to provide a good meal. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or contact Marie France (tweedfrance@gmail.com or 301.320.1534).

Special request: Volunteers are needed to deliver the meal to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in downtown Bethesda, Sunday, September 23, at about 4 pm.

Family Dinner and Game Night September 29, 2018 5:00 - 8:30 pm

Bring a dish to share and a game to play. Please be sure the games are family-friendly please. **Scrabble, Monopoly, cards, chess, checkers** - they're all good. Twister and Cards Against Humanity - not so much. Want to help? Contact Cricket at rector@redeemberbethesda.org.

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, 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 Sally Pugsley, 8108 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. For more information, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com. The book to be read next is the *Soul of America* by Jon Meecham.

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Homecoming Sunday is next
week, September 16th!

Potluck! Bring a dish to share!

*And Choral Evensong
at 5pm*

SEQUENCE HYMN, 628 Help us, O Lord, to learn

St. Ethelwald

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

all turn to face the Gospel book

*Gospeller
People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*Gospeller
People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Schlafer

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.
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.

Prayer Requests

For healing: Rick Abramson, Frank Anderson, Ellen Boyle, Ken Clark, Allison Chow, Michael Curry, Joan Eisenstodt, Tom Foster, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Eileen Hubbard, Olivier Jeanne, Judy James, Peter & Beate Kendall, Clarice Leslie, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Marilyn 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: David Lawrenz, Judy James, Jim Winkler,
John Harbeson, Charles Raisch

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 by Huda Kraske. Please sign up to dedicate the flowers to your special intention.

Parish Calendar

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

Monday, September 10, Office closed
AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, September 11
Staff Meeting, 1:00pm
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 12
Morning Prayer, 9:00am
Education for Ministry, 9:30am
AA Meeting, Noon
Holy Eucharist, Noon
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm
Glen Echo Singers rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, September 13
"Out of the Office" Office Hours at
Sangamore
Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm

Friday, September 14
AA Meditation Meeting, Noon
AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
AA Meeting, 8:30pm

Saturday, September 15
Yoga, 9:30am

**Sunday, September 16—
Homecoming Sunday**
Holy Eucharist, 8:00am
Child Care, 9:15am
Holy Eucharist, 10:30am
Pot Luck Lunch, 11:45pm
Choral Evensong, 5:00pm

The altar flowers today were grown and donated by Vicky Bocoock.

*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.redeemerbethesda.org*

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

■ NEXT WEEK'S LECTIONARY

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19, Year B

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

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.**

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.**

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 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing Azmon

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *all stand or kneel* BCP p.365

**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 610 Lord, whose love through humble service Blaenhafren

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Spitfire Prelude W. Walton
(1902–1983)

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.**

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.

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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. As the alms are collected,
and offerings of bread and wine brought forward, we sing*

OFFERTORY HYMN 603 When Christ was lifted from the Earth St. Botolph

THE DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C) BCP p.369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS—HYMNAL S-125

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**

God of our Ancestors, God of Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekkah, Leah, Rachel, 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.**