



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(PROPER 23)

15 October 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: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

As the church bell rings, all stand and sing:

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: Sing praise to God who reigns above *HYMNAL*, 408

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

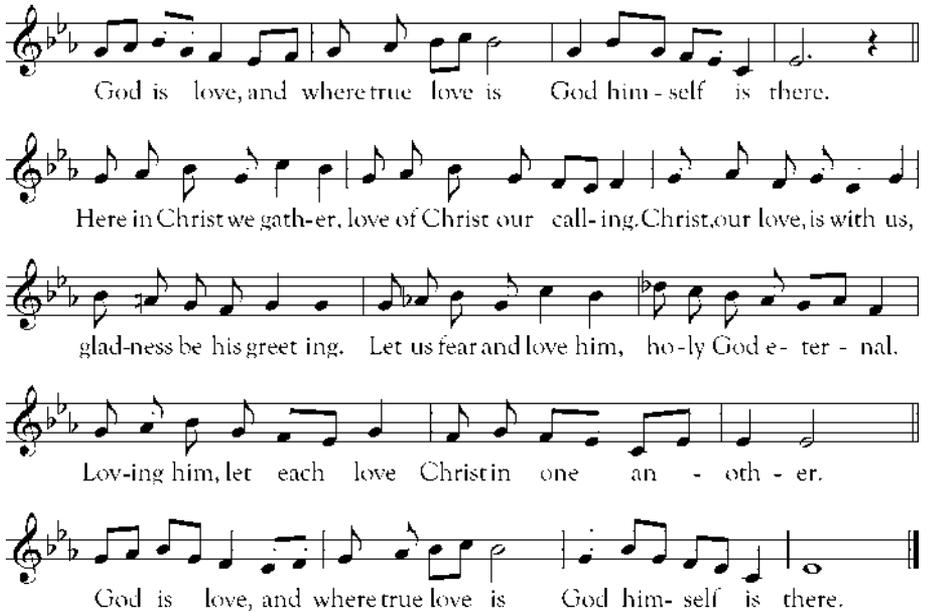
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.”

They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt! The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah!

 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
 for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
 or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
 and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
 and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
 and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
 that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
 we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
 and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
 for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
 who had done great things in Egypt,
 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
 and fearful things at the Red Sea.
 23 So he would have destroyed them,
 had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
 to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Chant: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

THE SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing:

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

HYMNAL, 487

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-14

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops,

destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

THE SERMON

Clark Downs

THE NICENE CREED

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 Adult and Youth Choirs sing*

ANTHEM: Faithful Shepherd

Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green; faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen. Hold me fast and guide me in the narrow way; so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray. Daily bring me nearer to the heavenly shore; may my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more. Hallow every pleasure, every gift and pain, be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain. Day by day prepare me as thou seest best. Then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

Words: T. B. Pollock (1836-1896)
Music: Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

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)

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SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

HYMNAL, S-125

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break ing of the
bread: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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: This is the hour of banquet and of song

HYMNAL, 317

The Adult Choir sings

ANTHEM: I sat down

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Words: Song of Songs 2:3-4
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

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: Rejoice, ye pure in heart HYMNAL, 556

THE DISMISSAL *All respond: Thanks be to God*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Trumpet Voluntary in D John Stanley (1712-1786)
arr. David Willcocks

*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: redeemerbethesda.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.

Adult Forum at 9:15 a.m. You can say the Nicene Creed without crossing your fingers!
The rector will explain how at Adult Forum this morning.

Next Sunday we will be visited by a group that supports an orphanage in Vietnam. They
will have information on the country that was once so important to Americans and how
it is today. The title is Big Big World organization. Please join us!

Today - Let's Play Ball! The Pledge Drive Co-chairs invite you to celebrate America's
Favorite Pastime! Wear your team jersey, hat and/or shirt to church and then join us for
a ball park picnic after the 10:30 a.m. service. Baseball is a sport enjoyed around the
world and is played and watched by a diverse population. Redeemer is a church attended
by a diverse population as well. Let's tip our caps to our community and the Redeemer
Spirit!

*I want to love You, Lord my God, obey Your voice, and hold fast to you."
(Deut. 30:20a)*

From our Fall Pledge Drive Co-chairs:

October is here again. It is time to request your financial commitment to the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. We ask for your help, not just for the programs and activities, and the upkeep of this beautiful church that we love so much! We ask you to give thanks: for our life together in Christ, a Creator who loves us and calls us by name, and the Spirit who keeps us close together. The preliminary budget will be shared with the parish later in October.

Your generous pledges can be mailed, established on line through our website, or brought to church services on Sunday, November 5th. Please pray for the direction of the Holy Spirit to guide us in this endeavor. We hope for all parishioners' participation. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. We pray that the Lord Christ bless and enrich you. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas McNaugher and Toyin Rose (Co-Chairs) t1m47@georgetown.edu; toyinrose@aol.com

Formation Wednesday - October 18th

Rumor has it that Amma Cricket is making grilled cheese sandwiches!

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.

Baptismal Date coming soon!

One of the designated dates for baptisms is the observance of All Saints, which is November 5th. If you or one of your family members desires to be baptised this day, please contact Amma Cricket. She would like to schedule time with you to discuss the sacrament and what it means for the community. The Episcopal Church baptizes people of all ages! The next date is January 7th.

ISO Acolytes and Crucifers

Do you like hoisting slightly heavy objects? Do you like dressing up in a white robe? Is being front and center on Sunday mornings your cup of tea? You don't have to go to seminary! Just volunteer to be an acolyte or crucifer. We will train you for these leadership positions, no worries. Please see Amma Cricket if you are interested.

Our pipe organ featured at Inscape Concert October 22 at 5.00pm

Our DiGennaro-Hart pipe organ features in almost all of our Music at Redeemer events this year. At the Inscape Chamber Orchestra concert on October 22, Chris will play an organ sonata by Paul Hindemith, which will be paired with music for chamber orchestra by Hindemith.

Fauré Requiem on Sunday, November 5 at 5.00pm

As part of our Commemoration of All Faithful Departed on Sunday, November 5, the Adult Choir will sing Gabriel Faure's beautiful Requiem.

OOPS - do you have a Redeemer vase? The flower arrangers are missing a bunch of vases and plastic containers. We hope that they've been taken home and left by accident. If so, please return them so that beautiful arrangements can be once again inhabiting them. **ALSO** - [a cookie sheet and pizza pan](#) have disappeared from the oven. If you used them to help carry something home, please bring them back. Thank you.

Redeemer Book Group

The Forty Rules of Love by Elif Shafak is a wise and joyous page turner that I hope many will read. It is a lyrical, imaginative novel by the most widely read female writer in Turkey and unfolds in two parallel narratives. In the 13th century, the Sufi poet Rumi encounters his spiritual mentor, a wandering dervish known as Shams of Tabriz and is transformed from a successful but unhappy cleric into a committed mystic and advocate of love. In present day Massachusetts, an unhappy American housewife, inspired by Rumi's message of love, finds the courage to undertake her own transformation. Blending East and West, past and present, the author provides a compelling dramatic and exuberant account of how love works in this world. The discussion will be on October 29th at 3:00 p.m. at the Kraske home in Chevy Chase. For more information, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com or call 301-656-2087.

The next book will be *The Alto Wore Tweed* by Mark Schweizer. It's a liturgical mystery set in a small North Carolina town. Think Cabot Cove with an Episcopal twist!

Youth Nights at Redeemer

Every Third Wednesday

October 18

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.

P.R.A.Y. Event: Hayride and Bonfire at Butler's Orchard, Sunday, October 22

5:15 to 8:30 p.m. - Meeting and Returning to Redeemer at these times.

Cost: \$12.00 per person

The evening includes a Hayride around the farm for our first 1/2 hour ending at our bonfire site. There we will have hot dogs with all the fixings and s'mores around the bonfire. We'll head home about 8:00 p.m. Friends are always welcome. ALL need to register no later than Wednesday, October 18th, via this [link](#) or on the sign-up sheet posted in the parish hall.

We will meet at Redeemer and carpool to the Orchard. Some parents will be needed to help with transportation. Please be in touch with Sue or Cricket if you can help out.

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!

■ PRAYER REQUESTS

For those in need of healing:

Rick Abramson, Barbara Alterowitz, Stan Berger, Peter Carlson, 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, John Penn, Mary Potter, Rich Randa, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Toks Rose, Bill Ryon, Lynda Shepard, Anne Southard, Karen Stewart, Patricia Snowden, Ann Taylor, Carter Taylor, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katherine, Katie, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, and Jay.

For those celebrating birthdays: Alison Boland, Betsy Heavey, Chris Betts, Alexander Akpinar, Melinda Nelson, Jeannette Rockwell, Peggy Tucker, David Schlafer, Hazel-Marie Wang

For the repose of the soul of: Jane Winer

■ LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

Today, Sunday, October 15

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

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Meredith Griggs, Michael Mershon

Crucifer: Sam Nickerson

Acolyte: Thad Arrington

Lectors 10:30: Jenny Nachbar (Old Testament); Judy James (Epistle)

Intercessor: Pat Fitzgerald

Chalice 10:30: Helen Zitomer, Nathan Price, Bill McBain

Counters: Deborah Babcock-Daley, Ben Ivins

Healing Ministers: Linda Lear, Peggy Tucker, Michael Hart, Huda Kraske

Altar Guild: Helen Zitomer, Diana Dial, Cathy Baker, Judy James

Next week, Sunday, October 22

Lector 8:00 John Smallwood; Chalice 8:00 Susan Grigsby

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Mary K Young, Rick Tyler

Crucifer: Cara Price

Acolyte: Olivia Tyler

Lectors 10:30: John Judge (Old Testament); Judy James (Epistle)

Intercessor: Tom McNaughton

Chalice 10:30: Judy James, Ben Ivins, Patricia Snowden

Counters: Jane Dealy, Ben Ivins

Altar Guild: Ann Hartman, Tami McMinn, Helen Zitomer

Sign-up sheets for Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. *November and December need your love.*

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

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 22

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

■ **PARISH CALENDAR**

Today, October 15, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.

Childcare begins 9:15 a.m..

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

Coffee Hour 11:45 a.m.

Monday, October 16, Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, October 17

Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

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.

Confirmation Class & Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 19

Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 20

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon

AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday, October 22, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

Adult Forum, 9:15 a.m. - Big Big World about Vietnam

Childcare, 9:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour, 11:45 a.m.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra Concert - 5:00 p.m.

Looking ahead:

October 25, Adult Formation & Confirmation Class

October 29, Redeemer Book Club

November 5, All Saints' Sunday, Pledge Ingathering & Baptisms, Fauré Requiem

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