



Advent Sunday

3 December 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:

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

As the church bell rings, all stand and sing:

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us *HYMNAL*, 61

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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.**

All join in singing

TRISAGION

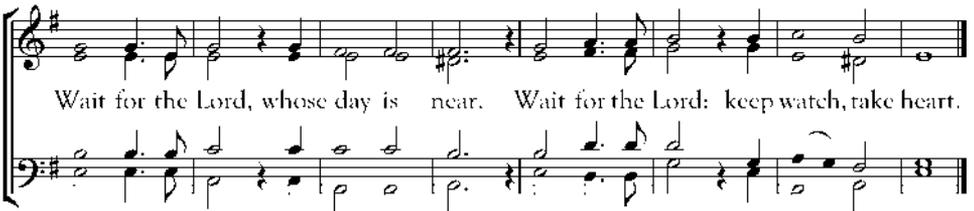
HYMNAL, S-100

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 Wait for the Lord



Words: Isaiah 40: Taize Community 1984
Music: Jacques Bethier (1923-1994)
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

The Cantor sings the antiphon, and then all sing together



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph *like a flock*; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned *upon* the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, *and* Manasseh, *
stir up your strength *and* come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O *God* of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, *and* we shall be saved.

Repeat antiphon (all singing together)

- 4 O LORD *God* of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the *prayers* of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the *bread* of tears; *
you have given them *bowls* of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision *of* our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O *God* of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, *and* we shall be saved.

Repeat antiphon (all singing together)

- 16 Let your hand be upon the man *of* your right hand, *
the son of man you have made *so* strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may *call* upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD *God* of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, *and* we shall be saved.

Repeat antiphon (all singing together)

THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Cricket Park

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BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor You are faithful, O God, and by you we are called into the fellowship of your Son. Bless we pray, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Cricket, David, and Sue, our clergy. Shield all who minister in your name.

People **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Intercessor Awaken, O desire of nations, the hearts and souls of those who hold power in this and every land, so that all earth's peoples may enjoy the

fruits of their labors and preserve the resources of this planet to the next generations.

People **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Intercessor Comfort, O comfort your people most gracious God, throughout this land and around the world. Give strength and courage to those in trouble, healing for those who are sick, and your loving presence to those who are lonely. Help us to see them through your eyes and to be your hands and heart to give them hope.

People **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Intercessor Prepare our hearts, O Wisdom that we may be ready for your coming and be inspired to share the joy of your life enfolded in ours. Give us the desire to know and love you.

People **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Intercessor Disperse our sadness, O Dayspring, for those whom we commend to your eternal care. Remind us that the deceased are not without hope, but in your loving presence forever.

People **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts.**

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect, then all say together

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: Never weather-beaten sail

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore. Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more, Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast: O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise. Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes: Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see: O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Text: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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 B)

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SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

HYMNAL, S-124

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI:

HYMNAL, S-161

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: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

HYMNAL, 324

The choir sings

ANTHEM: Author of life divine

Author of life divine who hast a table spread, furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread, preserve the life thyselst hast given and feed and train us up for heaven. Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love, till all thy life we gain and all thy fullness prove, and strengthened with thy perfect grace, behold without a veil thy face. Amen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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: Jesus came, adored by angels HYMNAL, 454

THE DISMISSAL *All respond: Thanks be to God*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 - J. S. Bach

*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!

Adult Forum Today

Amma Cricket takes the reins of Adult Forum during Advent to look at the history of the season, the upcoming gospel of Mark, and a bit of humorous reading. December 3rd, join her to hear about the reason for the season. Why do we do blue? Why is it four weeks long? Is it only about Christmas? On December 10th we'll talk about the gospel of Mark. We'll be reading this gospel during the upcoming church year (Year B). Finally, on Rose Sunday - December 17th - relax and enjoy *The Christmas Cantata* by Mark Schweizer. Pick up a copy at www.sjmp.com, or let Cricket know by December 1st if you'd like her to order one for you. The cost is \$10. Mr. Schweizer is the author of the Liturgical Mystery series set in St. Germain, North Carolina. It's like Cabot Cove with an Episcopal twist. If we ask nice, he'll even autograph the books! Don't miss it!

Holiday Alternative Gift Sales

Holiday Alternative Gift Sales will take place on December 3 and 10. Palestinian olive oil products, as well as other items supporting local ministries, will be available after each Sunday service in the Parish Hall. If you would like to participate and have a product to sell, please contact Cricket.

A Visit from St. Nicholas

TODAY, December 3, 10:30 a.m.

St. Nicholas, fourth century Bishop of Myra, will make his annual visitation to The Church of the Redeemer at the very start of the 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday, December 3. Children, be sure your parents get you to church on time!

Toy Sunday

TODAY, December 3

Every year, Redeemer collects new, unwrapped toys and/or funds for the purchase of toys for needy children served by Community Family Life Services (CFLS), a long-time Redeemer outreach partner. To contribute, please bring the toys on Sunday, December 3 or, if you wish to contribute funds, please speak with Jefferson or Cathy Arrington following the 10:30 Eucharist that day. They will do the shopping and deliver the toys. Questions? jefferson7019@aol.com

Advent Lessons and Carols

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Our adult and youth choirs are continuing our annual tradition with the our beautiful service of scripture and music focusing our hearts and minds on the coming of Christ. Followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Special thanks to our Friends of Music at Redeemer for making this event possible.

*The Christmas Pageant will be on December 17th at the 10:30 a.m. service.
Stay tuned for more information.*

Redeemer Book Group

The Book Group is reading "The Alto Wore Tweed" by Mark Schweizer. St. Germain 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 (Potomac River Anglican/Awesome Youth)

Caroling & Secret Santa at Oasis, Sunday, December 17

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

We will sing for the residents 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

■ PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing:

Rick Abramson, Barbara Alterowitz, Ellen Boyle, Allison Chow, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Susan Ingraham, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr, Clarice Leslie, Catherine Moore, Hal Palmer, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Marylin Raisch, 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, Logan, Jay, James, and the Sewell family.

For the repose of the souls of Peter Carlson, Jack Hutchings and Stan Berger (Dawn Fairbanks' father)

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Diana Daley, Tyler Packark-Winkler, Theo Akpinar, Lucy Court

■ LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

Today, Sunday, December 3

Lector 8:00 Rachel King; Chalice 8:00 Susan Grigsby

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Bill MacBain, John Smallwood

Crucifer: Sam Nickerson

Acolyte: Thad Arrington

Lectors 10:30: Barbara Alterowitz (Old Testament); Mary K Young (Epistle)

Intercessor: Bob Yates

Chalice 10:30: Jenny Nachbar, Justin Hess, Judy James

Counters: Cathy Arrington, Jane Dealy

Altar Guild: Marie France, Cathy Baker, Ann Hartman

Next week, Sunday, December 10

Lector 8:00 Susan Grigsby; Chalice 8:00 Tami McMinn

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Michael Mershon, TBD

Crucifer: Cara Price

Acolyte: Olivia Tyler

Lectors 10:30: Chris Austin (Old Testament); Lisa MacBain (Epistle)

Intercessor: Jo Barclay-Beard

Chalice 10:30: Ben Ivins, Bill MacBain, Nathan Price

Counters: Clark Downs, Ben Ivins

Altar Guild: Tami McMinn, Helen Zitomer, Judy James

Coffee Hour:

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

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Mark 1: 1-8

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

■ PARISH CALENDAR

Today, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

Advent Wreath Workshop, December 3 - between services and after

Advent Adult Forum, 9:15 p.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.

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

Monday, December 4, Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

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

Tuesday, December 5

Neighborhood Needlers, 3:00 p.m.

Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

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.

Thursday, December 7

Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.

Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon

AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 9

Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Wreath Making, December 9

Funeral for Jack Hutchings, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

Advent Adult Forum, 9:15 p.m.

Childcare, 9:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour, 11:45 a.m.

Looking ahead:

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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