



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2020

10:30am

WELCOME TO REDEEMER

If you are visiting today, please join us afterwards for fellowship and refreshments downstairs.

We are an Episcopal Church. Our prayers and liturgies have their roots in the first prayer book in the English language (1549), and blossom as the spirit leads. Everything you need for our liturgy is in this bulletin. During Epiphany, we are using *An Order for the Holy Communion* (2009) from the Anglican Church of Australia © Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation.

In the early church, everyone stood to pray. You are invited to stand, kneel or sit for the prayers, as you are able. It is our practice to stand while singing—apart from any music during the distribution of communion, when we sit. Traditionally we sit for readings and psalms, but we stand for the Gospel reading, turning to face the reader, to elevate those texts above others. We also stand for the Creed. We say together all text set in **bold type**.

**Communion is the expression of our communal life together in Christ
and everyone is warmly invited to receive communion or a blessing.**

Between January 6th (Epiphany) and February 26th (Ash Wednesday) are the Sundays in a green, but not “ordinary,” season. Epiphany emphasizes how Jesus is, as the hymn declares, ‘prophet, priest, and king supreme’. From the visit of the Magi to the Transfiguration on the mountain top, our readings are stories of how Jesus displays his divine calling not only to the Jews, but to the Gentiles as well.

THE WORD OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME—Rev'd Cricket Park, Rector

INTROIT—Ave, Maris stella

Edvard Hagerup Grieg (1843-1907)

Ave, maris stella, Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper Virgo, Felix caeli porta.

*Hail, star of the sea, nourishing mother of God, ever a
virgin, joyous gate of heaven.*

Solve vincla reis, Profer lumen caecis,
Mala nostra pelle, Bona cuncta posce.

*Release the chains of the guilty, bring light to the blind,
take away our wrongdoing, demand all that is good.*

Vitam praesta puram, Iter para tutum,
Ut videntes Jesum, Semper collaetemur.

*Display a pure life, prepare your path,
so that we may see Jesus and rejoice together always.*

Sit laus Deo Patri, Summo Christo decus
Spiritus Sancto, Tribus honor unus. Amen.

*Let praise be to God the Father, glory to Christ the great,
to the Holy Spirit, one honor in three. Amen.*

At the sound of the church bell, the People stand to sing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—129, Christ upon the Mountain Peak Mowsley

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 People sing:

TRISAGION—WLP 843

John Karl Hirten (b.1956)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might-y,

Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Trisagion (Greek: *Τρισάγιον* "Thrice Holy"), sometimes called by its opening line 'Agios O Theos', is a standard hymn of the Divine Liturgy in most of the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches.

The People remain standing:

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit as children, youth and teachers go downstairs for Church School and remain seated for the lessons and psalm.

FIRST READING—Exodus 24:12-18

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Choir

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
³“Let us break their yoke,” they say; *
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”
⁴He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the LORD has them in derision.
⁵Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
⁶“I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion.”
⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *
he said to me, “You are my son;
this day have I begotten you.
⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
¹²lest he be angry, and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
¹³Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

SECOND READING—2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN—WLP 751, Ev’ry time I feel the spirit

Spiritual

Harmony

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the

Fine

spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

unison

1. Up on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his
 2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

(?)

mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
 bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

D.C.

fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
 track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

THE GOSPEL—Matthew 17: 1-9 *The People turn to face the Gospel*

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

¹Six days [after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God], Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher

SERMON The Rev’d Robert Deshaies—www.FoodForThePoor.org

After a brief period of reflection, the People stand to affirm their faith:

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *the people kneel or remain standing*

Intercessor Trusting in God's generosity, let us offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

That we may offer ourselves to the hands of the Divine, who centers, molds, and changes us into vessels of grace; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

That we may recognize our faults and our desire to keep things as they are, so that as Christ invites us into a transformed life, we may readily answer his call; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For a spirit of cooperation and unity, that we may treasure what we share with the whole Anglican Communion, and work together to share in the fruits of God's kingdom across our nations, cultures, tribes, and peoples; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For the cessation of war, that armaments of destruction may be made into tools for development, and that resources spent on fields of battle may instead support the basic necessities of life; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For a commitment to a life of simplicity, that we may preserve for generations to come the beauty of land and seas and sky, and the richness of every living creature; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

That those who have died may experience the blessed rest of everlasting peace; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

Continue to change us, O God, from glory to glory, and into your perfect wholeness.

The People may add their own prayers and thanksgivings either silently or out loud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Presider Most merciful God,
People **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

Presider 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord, then sit for announcements.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

The People remain seated.

OFFERTORY

*The Presider says an invitation. The Choir sings the Anthem
and the elements and gifts are brought to the altar.*

ANTHEM—‘O God, who by the leading of a star’ Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

O God, who by the leading of a star
didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles,
mercifully grant that we who know thee now by faith,
may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Text: The Collect for Epiphany

The People stand to sing:

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, Alleluia.**

The People remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God.

In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness,
you made living things to grow and flourish
and you created human beings in your image.

You chose us in love,
guided us by your presence
and blessed us with your holy law.
Yet we chose our own sinful ways.
We broke your commandments,
persecuted your prophets,
forgot your wisdom
and, time after time,
refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice
in Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, Son of God.
He called and people followed,
leaving every other loyalty.
He set us free to praise your holy name.
But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down.
Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross,
he laid down his life for the world he loved,
and broke the chains of evil and death.
Then you turned our sorrow into joy.
On the third day you raised him up
to lead your people into life.

So we praise you, holy God,
with angels and archangels
and all your faithful people:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS—S129

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The People stand or kneel.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his friends
to share a meal and wash their feet,
teaching one more lesson of love.
He took bread
and blessed you
and broke it.
He gave it to them and said:
“Take this and eat it.
This is my body.”

He took a cup of wine
and blessed you
and gave it to them.
He said: "Take this and drink it.
This is my blood,
sealing God's promise to forgive your sins.
Whenever you do this,
do it in memory of me."

As we share these holy gifts,
we remember the Lord Jesus.

For the love you taught us,
the sacrifice you made for us
and the hope you give us,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

EPICLESIS

And now, faithful God,
send us your Spirit
to feed us with the body and the blood
of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Make us one body in Christ.
Send us as your messengers in the world
and fill us with energy, courage and love.
Now to you, most holy God,
through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power,
we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

**Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and
ever. *AMEN.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
People **so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.
Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with
thanksgiving.

All who hunger for God are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God
offered at this table, including children.
Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here.

It is our custom to receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, eat the bread immediately, and then take a sip from the chalice. Please grasp the bottom of the chalice to guide it to your lips. You may also choose to dip the bread in the wine and then eat it. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please let the minister know your needs.

COMMUNION MUSIC—Amazing Grace

The Bell Choir

After communion, the People stand.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Presider Let us pray.

We thank you, God,
for all the blessings of this table:
for the life-giving story,
the living bread
and the wine of new creation.

People **Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal,
to tell the Good News to neighbors and strangers
with creative words and compassionate service,
walking the way of Christ.**

Presider God who has called you is faithful.
Go into the world with joy,
forgive generously,
love extravagantly, live abundantly.

And the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN—657, Love divine

Hyfrydol

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION—The Lord bless you and keep you John Rutter (b.1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light
Of His countenance upon you,
And give you peace,
Amen.

Text: Numbers 6:24, *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 114

*Please take this bulletin home with you.
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 latest edition of our monthly newsletter,
Redeemer Spirit, in the Narthex, Parish Hall, and on our website.*

NEXT WEEK'S LECTIONARY

February 26—Ash Wednesday, YEAR A

Joel 2:1-2,12-17 | 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 | Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 | Psalm 103:8-14

March 1—First Sunday in Lent, YEAR A

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11 | Psalm 32

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop and Martyr, 156

Sunday, February 23, 2020

John Roberts: Priest, 1949

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Emily Malbone Morgan, Lay Leader and Contemplative, 1937

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964

Friday, February 28, 2020

February 23, 2020

8:00 Service:

Lector: Marie France

Chalice: Marie France

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington,
Michael Mershon

Acolyte: Thad Arrington

Lectors: Michael Mershon, Marilyn Raisch

Intercessor: Jo Barclay-Beard

Chalice: Helen Zitomer, Ben Ivins,
Justin Hess

Counters: Mary K Young, Ben Ivins

Coffee Hour: Claire & Tony Incorvati

March 1, 2020

8:00 Service:

Lector: Rachel King

Chalice: Tami McMinn

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington,
Mary Helen Carlson

Acolyte: Helen Zitomer

Lectors: Jenny Nachbar, Pat Fitzgerald

Intercessor: Tom McNaugher

Chalice: Bill MacBain, Peggy Tucker,
Chrissy de Fontenay

Counters: Deborah Babcock-Daley,
Cathy Arrington

Coffee Hour: Rose Kelly

5:00 Service

Lector: TBD

Chalice: TBD



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