

First Sunday of Epiphany

January 10, 2021



Church of the Redeemer

A Spiritual Harbor of Hospitality

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Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer, Daily 7:00 a.m.

We welcome you to the Church of the Redeemer

We are delighted to have you visit. We hope you will come again and again to worship Our Lord Jesus at Redeemer. We are a constituent parish of the Anglican Church in North America and the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.

The **Mission** of the Church of the Redeemer is to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to maintain the truths, values and beliefs of the historic and apostolic Christian faith, and to affirm the authority of the Bible as the rule for our lives. As a loving, caring congregation, we reach out to each other, to our community and to the world, boldly proclaiming the good news that salvation comes through Christ alone.

Our **Vision** and hope for our worship and ministry is that it will be thoroughly Biblical and Holy Spirit-filled. This means we strive for it to be **EPIC**:

- **Evangelical** – promoting salvation through Jesus Christ by the proclamation of the gospel of the Kingdom of God
- **Pentecostal** – experiencing the Holy Spirit and ministering to one another by the gifts he gives.
- **Inspirational** – blessed and inspired by God and His Word to engage in the Mission of God in the church and world.
- **Catholic** – participating in the “one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic Church” through sacramental liturgy.

Our **EPIC** elements are expressed in the areas of **worship, mission, discipleship and fellowship**.

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Holy Eucharist Service

Processional Hymn: "Hail To the Lord's Anointed" *The Hymnal 1982: 616*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,
People that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

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 Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The following is said at both services

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us;
People Christ, have mercy upon us,
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

A Time of silent prayer for the congregation

Celebrant Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis S—280

Said at 8:00 a.m. and Sung at 10:30 a.m.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you;
People And with your spirit;
Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The First Lesson *Isaiah 42:1-9*

The first lesson is a reading from the book of Isaiah

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Reader The word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

The Psalm *Psalm 89:20-29*

Let us read responsively by the whole verse from Psalm 89

20 I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him,
21 so that my hand shall be established with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him.
23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

- 24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
- 26 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'
- 27 And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
- 28 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens

The following is Said at the 8 a.m. service and sung at the 10:30 a.m. service.

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson Acts 10:34-38

The second lesson is a reading from the book of Acts

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Reader The word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn "O Love, How Deep" *The Hymnal 1982: 418*

The Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon: the Rev. Jessica Lee

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure conduct. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom, in thy Name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Ministers, and especially to your servants Foley Beach—our Archbishop, to John—our Bishop, to Jessica—our Priest and to all who minister at Church of the Redeemer, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission; making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, persecution, or any other adversity. We especially lift up to you:

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who departed this life in your faith and fear; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good example of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord in your mercy

People Hear our prayer

Reader Your prayers, praises and prophetic words are invited at this time.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

The congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord at this time

The Offertory

Today's loose offering is designated by the Vestry for the
Kenyan Christian Education Partnership

If there is no anthem, the following may be sung:

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

Anthem:

The Presentation of the Offering

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following may be said.

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory,
and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the
Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come
from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you. *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

At Holy Communion

All baptized Christians who have sincerely repented of their sins and are in love and peace with their neighbors are encouraged to receive Holy Communion standing or kneeling at the altar. Others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing that can be requested by folding your arms over your chest as the minister approaches.

Bread and wine may be received by eating the bread and drinking from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine and then eating it. If you do not want to receive the wine, you may take bread only by returning to your seat after receiving bread or by folding your arms as the cup is presented to you.

The sanctus (altar) bells are rung three times during the Communion prayers to make a joyful noise to the Lord in thanksgiving for the miraculous gift of the bread and the wine becoming for his faithful people the body and blood of Christ.

Private Confession and/or Pastoral Counseling with a priest are available by appointment. If you would like a home visit, please let Tim know. Our Associate Priest, Mother Jessica Lee has offered to make herself available for pastoral counseling and prayer ministry on Sundays between the services. For private time with her, you can contact her directly at (910) 358-1164.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

The Sanctus S 129

All say together at 8 a.m. and sing together at 10:30 a.m.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

The Prayer of Consecration

The People stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."



Likewise after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray 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,

forever and ever. *Amen*

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People together

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Said at the 8 a.m. service; Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service (3 times)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. [Give us your peace.]

The Ministration of Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Song: "I Come With Joy" *The Hymnal 1982*: 304

Celebrant : Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn "Thou, whose Almighty Word" *The Hymnal 1982*: 371

The Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Today's Lay Assistants

8:00 Service Lay Assistant: Suzie Wolff
10:30 Service Lay Assistant: Barbara Adams
Altar Guild: Susan Witwer
CEO: David Seavey

A Prayer for the Search Committee

Almighty God, look graciously on your people at Church of the Redeemer. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for those who serve on our search committee, that we may receive an upright and faithful pastor who will care for us, your people, and will equip and guide us for our ministries.

We pray particularly for the members of our search committee: Kevin Hooley, Andy Dalstra, Dennis Dudley, Beth Fraser, Marie Justiss, Jeanie Kuhl, Stephanie Miller, and George Stonikinis. Grant them your spiritual perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that they hear your voice in all their deliberations; lead and direct them by your Holy Spirit.

Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted them with this process. We pray for our vestry; David Seavey, Kevin Hooley, Suzanne Stonikinis, Beth Fraser, Alex Furches, Maureen Graygaard, Marina Stevenson, Marty Surface, and Steve Wolff. Grant to them and to all of us the understanding and courage to respond and act as You lead us; direct them and us by Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are sponsored by Evan & Jessica Lee in appreciation for the work of the Vestry and the Search Committee.

Attendance

8:00 Service: 10
10:30 Service: 21

Tithes & Offerings

Weekly Offering Given: \$ 3,425.00
Budgeted Need Each Week: \$ 5,003.00
Mortgage Balance: \$ 70,901.85
2021 Pledge Drive: \$ 131,700.00