

# *First Sunday in Lent*

*February 21, 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:** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” Please see page 15

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

## 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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson         *Genesis 9:8-17*

The first lesson is a reading from the book of Genesis

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*Reader*    The word of the Lord  
*People*    Thanks be to God

## The Psalm         *Psalms 25:3-9*

Let us read responsively by the whole verse from Psalm 25

3    Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

- 4 **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**  
 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.  
 6 **Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**  
 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!  
 8 **Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**  
 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

*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**     1 Peter 3:18-22

The second lesson is a reading from Peter's first letter

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

*Reader* The word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

**Sequence Hymn**     "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"     *The Hymnal 1982: 691*

**The Gospel**     Mark 1:9-13

*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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

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

**The Message:** Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center and Clinic

## 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.

O Lord our Governor, whose glory fills all the world: We commend this Nation to your merciful care, that we may be guided by your providence, and dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of this Nation, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them continually mindful of their calling to serve this people in reverent obedience to you.

*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.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to take to heart the grave dangers we are in through our many divisions. Deliver your church from all enmity and prejudice, and everything that hinders us from godly union.

*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.

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 Local Mission Support

### Anthem:

## Psalm 43

To the tune of "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

- 1 O vindicate and plead my cause,  
O God, against the foe;  
Come rescue me from wicked men,  
a nation vile and low.
- 2 You are my stronghold and my God;  
why do You reject me?  
Why must I mourn all day oppressed  
by the vile enemy?
- 3 Send forth Your light and send Your truth,  
and let them guide me well.  
O let them bring me to Your mount,  
the place where You do dwell.
- 4 Then I'll go to God's altar—God,  
my joy and my delight;  
And I will praise You with the harp,  
O God, my God, my light.
- 5 Why are you so downcast, my soul?  
Why so disturbed in me?  
Put hope in God—I'll praise Him yet;  
my Savior God is He!

## *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. Others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing that can be requested by folding your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Bread and wine may be received by eating the bread and drinking from the individual cup. If you do not want to receive the wine, you may take bread only by returning to your seat after receiving bread. 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.*

### **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:** “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” *The Hymnal 1982: 311*

*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** “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” *The Hymnal 1982: 680*

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 390

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

B $\flat$  F $\flat$ 7/A B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D Cm7 F7 B $\flat$  Gm Gm7 A A7/C $\flat$

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from  
 2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine  
 3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh; Teach me the  
 4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love, One ho - ly

Dm G7/D E C Gm C7 F F7 E $\flat$ /F F7 E $\flat$ /F

earth, thro' all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y  
 own - soul, heart, and strength, and mind! I see Thy cross - there teach my  
 strug - gles of the soul to bear, To check the ris - ing doubt, the  
 pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; The bap - tism of the heav'n - de -

F7 E $\flat$ /F F7 B $\flat$  Gm B $\flat$ /B $\flat$  F7 C D B $\flat$  E $\flat$ 2 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G B $\flat$ /F F7 B $\flat$

as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
 heart to cling; O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!  
 reb - el sigh; Teach me the pa - tience of un - answered prayer.  
 scend - ed Dove - My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

TEXT: George Croly

MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson;

Fourfold Amen by William David Young

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10.10.10.10.

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## *Today's Lay Assistants*

8:00 Service Lay Assistant: Jim Williams  
10:30 Service Lay Assistant: Kay Moncla  
Altar Guild: Stephanic Miller  
CEO: Steve Wolff

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## *Altar Flowers*

Altar flowers are sponsored by Ed & Dottie Taylor in thankfulness for our birthdays on February 24th and 25th and for another year of living with joy.

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### *Attendance*

8:00 Service: 11  
10:30 Service: 31

### *Tithes & Offerings*

Weekly Offering Given: \$ 4,130.00  
Budgeted Need Each Week: \$ 3,766.00  
Mortgage Balance: \$ 63,177.56  
2021 *Pledge Drive*: \$150,900.00 of \$201,729.00

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## **Jesus' Shopping List!**

**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35**

### **Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center**

- Baby Wash
- Baby Shampoo
- Diaper Cream
- Wipes
- Pampers/Pull-ups

### **Beloved Haven**

- Bread for Sandwiches
- Individual drinks
- Lance Crackers
- Ravioli
- Rice A Roni

### **Elizabeth City SPCA**

- Fleece Blankets
- Purina Dog and Cat food
- Dawn
- Cat litter
- Stainless Steel food bowls

### **Community Care Collaborative**

- Food Lion gift cards

### **Food Bank of the Albemarle**

- Spare Change! (they feed 40 people for a dollar!!)

**Pick up any of these items and bring them to church Sunday to place before the Altar!**