

# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 2, 2021*



*Church of the Redeemer*  
*A Spiritual Harbor of Hospitality*

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

Morning Prayer, Daily 7:00 a.m.

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The Rev. Chris Walk, Rector

## 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**.

### *Clergy, Staff, and Vestry*

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# Holy Eucharist Service

**Processional Hymn** Hymn 371, “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## ***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***

Jesus said: 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.

*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

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***

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***The First Lesson***   *Acts 8:26-40*

A Reading from the Book of Acts

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader*   The Word of the Lord

*People*   Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm** Psalm 66:1-11

Let us read responsively by the whole verse from Psalm 66

- 1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
- 2 **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**
- 3 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
- 4 **All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”**
- 5 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
- 6 **He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,**
- 7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations — let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
- 8 **Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,**
- 9 who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.
- 10 **For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**
- 11 You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

*The following is said at the 8 am 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. [Amen]**

**The Second Lesson** 1 John 3:11-24

A Reading from John’s first letter

<sup>14</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** Hymn 288, "Praise To God, Immortal Praise"

**The Gospel** John 14:15-21

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**The Sermon** The Rev. Jessica Lee

## *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 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, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For *Foley Beach.*, our Archbishop, and *John.*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, we especially lift up to you *N*.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### ***The 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.**

*Deacon* 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 Rector's Benevolence Fund

### ***The Anthem***

#### ***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 Celebrant.*

*Bread and wine may be received by eating the bread and drinking from an 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. 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.

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.



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***

*In order to accentuate the solemn nature of seasons of fasting and the celebratory character of seasons of feasting, we will reserve the Prayer of Humble Access to Lent and Advent and other penitential occasions.*

## ***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*** Hymn 325, “Let Us Break Bread Together”

*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 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 for ever. Amen**

## The Blessing

*The Priest gives a blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Procession into the World**      Hymn 563, “Go Forward, Christian Soldier”

*The Deacon*      Alleluia! Alleluia! Go forth and bear witness to Jesus Christ, who is gloriously risen from the dead.

*People*      **Thanks be to God, He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Today's Lay Assistants*

8:00 Service Lay Assistant: Suzie Wolf  
10:30 Service Lay Assistant: Bob Justiss  
Altar Guild: Stephanie Miller  
CEO: Steve Wolff

*Altar Flowers*

The Altar flowers are sponsored by Dennis & Cecelia Dudley, in memory of their parents and in thanksgiving to God for their children, grandchildren, and five greatgrandchildren.

*Attendance*

8:00 Service: 25  
10:30 Service: 29

*Tithes & Offerings*

Weekly Offering Given ..... \$ 2,330.00  
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## Weekly Events

- **Morning Prayer:** Monday – Saturday, 7:00 am in the Nave
- **Adult Classes/Discussions:** Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am in the Parish Hall – Discussion of what it means to be Anglican
- **Prayer Group:** Mondays, 9:30-11:30 am at Rachael Surface’s home (1614 Crescent Drive, Elizabeth City)
- **Men’s Prayer Group:** Tuesdays, 7:00 am at Grouper’s Restaurant (400 S. Water Street, Elizabeth City)
- **Choir Practice:** Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in the Nave – Date to begin has not been set
- **Men’s Discipleship Group:** Thursdays, 7:15 am in the Parish Hall

## Twice A Month Events

- **Home Group:** Alternate Mondays at 6:00 pm – Date to begin has not been set
- **Lectio Divina** (reading and reflection on Scripture): Alternate Wednesdays (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), 5:45 pm in the Nave
- **Home Group:** Alternate Thursdays at 7:00 pm – Date to begin has not been set

## Monthly Events

- **SOULS Feeding:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 5:00 pm (corner of N. Road and Elizabeth Streets, Elizabeth City)
- **Evening Prayer:** Led by Vestry members: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Nave
- **Finance Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Learning the Practices of Ministry:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Vestry Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 4<sup>th</sup> - Happy birthday to Jessica Lee

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Happy anniversary to Mike & Pam Osment

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MAY 7TH

# *Ribbon Cutting*



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