

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday
May 14, 2023



Church of the Redeemer

A Spiritual Harbor of Hospitality

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Holy Eucharist

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

We welcome you to Church of the Redeemer!

We are delighted to have you here with us to worship our Lord Jesus at Redeemer. We are a parish of the Anglican Church in North America (www.anglicanchurch.net) and the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic (www.anglicandoma.org).

The **Mission** of 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** for all that we do at Redeemer is to be thoroughly biblical and filled with the Holy Spirit. We strive for our worship and ministry 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 his gifts.
- **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 **worship, mission, discipleship** and **fellowship**.

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Holy Eucharist Service

Processional “All Creatures Of Our God And King” *Louisa M.R. Stead and William Janes Kirkpatrick*

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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The People standing, the Celebrant says

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

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 first and great commandment. And the 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 Kyrie

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 the 8:00 a.m. service; Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service.

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

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Acts 17:22-34

A reading from the book of Acts

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

³²Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 148 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

Reader Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!.

People **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

Reader Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

People **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Reader Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

People **And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Reader Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

People **fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

Reader Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People **Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

Reader Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People **Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

Reader Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

People **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

Said at the 8:00 a.m. service; 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 Peter 3:8-18

A Reading from 1 Peter

⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “Praise to God, Immortal Praise” *1982 Hymnal: 288*

The Gospel John 15:1-11

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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

Sermon: Rev. Chris Walk

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess 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, 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, Chris Warner, 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, especially:

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

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.**

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant and People kneel as able and pray.

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 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 who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

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

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

Today's loose offering is designated by the Vestry for Kenya Christian Education Partnership (Anglican Relief and Development Fund).

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? *I John 3:17*

Anthem "A Time For All Things"

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

At Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are walking in repentance and faith are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of denomination or membership. Others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing by folding your arms over your chest as you approach the Celebrant, and we long for the day when you can share this family meal with us.

Currently, we are administering communion through intinction, which is the dipping of the bread into the wine. If you prefer to receive bread only, please make that known when you come forward to receive.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus S-129

Said at the 8:00 a.m. service; Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service.

**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

**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 Agnus Dei

Said at the 8:00 a.m. service once; Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service three 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 Hymn “The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)” *Matt Maher*

Verse 1

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's yours it's yours
All yours all yours
The kingdom the power
The glory are yours

It's yours it's yours
All yours all yours
Forever and ever
The kingdom is yours

The Post Communion Prayer

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 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.**

Recessional Hymn “Tell Out, My Soul” *1982 Hymnal: 437*

The Dismissal

Clergy 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 Lay Assistant: Stephanie Miller

10:30 Lay Assistant: Wanda Halstead

Altar Guild: Helyne Carlson, Marie Justiss, Stephanie Miller, Judy Hummer

CEO: Josh Williams

The Altar Flowers are given by Sandra & Bob Justiss in loving memory of Nana & Pop Pop.

Last Week Attendance

8:00 Service 11
10:30 Service 34

Last Week Tithes & Offerings

Weekly Offering Given: \$ 4,095.00
2023 Pledge Drive: \$108,520.00

Announcements

Sunday School - During the Easter season, we are offering two different studies led by your clergy. Father Chris will go through a verse-by-verse teaching of the book of Jonah in the fellowship hall, and Mother Jessica will lead a more conversational group study upstairs on the story of Joseph in Genesis. There is no book to purchase for either class. Both classes will start at 9:15.

Redeemer Women's Bible Study - New meeting time: Monday from 10:00 - 11:30 in the parish hall from now through May 15th. The book "100 NAMES OF GOD" is now part of the Bible Study. Join us for a time of study, prayer, and sharing.

Redeemer Men's Bible Study - Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 AM in the parish hall. Come join us.

Ascension Day Worship - On Thursday May 18th, we will have a special service devoted to the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will have a Eucharist service followed by an Ascension themed-dinner. A signup sheet is available in the foyer so that we know how much food to prepare. We hope to see you there.

House Blessing for the Segrist - Ed and Carolyn Segrist invite you to the blessing of their new home on Saturday, May 20th at 3:00. A reception will follow. Their new address is 160 Pelican Pointe Dr, Elizabeth City, NC.

Birthdays for the following week:

May 15 Jane Johnson

May 21 Lee Carlson

May 21 Beth Fraser

Anniversary for the following week:

May 18 Nicholas & Kendall Moncla

Sermon Notes

