

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 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 “Blessed Be Your Name” *By Beth Redman & Matt Redman*

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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The People standing the Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Trisagion

The Celebrant and People pray.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

A time of silent prayer for the congregation.

Celebrant Amen.

Song of Praise “The Church’s One Foundation” *1982 Hymnal: 525*

Collect of the Day

The People standing, the Celebrant says

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 103:1-14 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

Reader Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Reader who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People **who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Reader who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Reader He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

People **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Reader He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

People **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Reader For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Reader As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

People **For he knows our frame, he remembers that we are dust.**

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 Romans 14:5-12

A reading from the Book of Romans

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “Breathe On Me, Breath Of God” *1982 Hymnal: 508*

The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

Sermon

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, and 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 Local Missions.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:16*

Anthem "God So Loved the World"

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following is 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 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.

When you receive the bread, you can either consume the wafer and drink from the chalice, or hold the wafer to dip it into the cup. If you prefer to receive bread only, you may consume the wafer and return to your seat.

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: For he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. 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; Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service.

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 “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)” *By Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman*

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me

Let me be singing when the evening come

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Ending

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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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 “Jesus Shall Reign” *1982 Hymnal: 544*

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: Suzie Wolff

10:30 Lay Assistant Roger Lambertson

Altar Guild: Marie Justiss, Stephanie Miller, Judy Hummer, Carolyn Segrist

CEO: Carolyn Smith

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given by Bob and Sandra Justiss in thanksgiving for our Redeemer family.

Last Week Attendance

8:00 Service

10:30 Service

Last Week Tithes & Offerings

Weekly Offering Given \$

2023 Pledge Drive \$ 108,520.00

Announcements

Redeemer Women's Bible Study - The schedule remains 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month. Dates are Sept 25, Oct 9 & 23, Nov 13 & 27, and Dec 11. Bring your Bibles!. The book *100 Names of God* is part of the discussion. We can share our books or order your own great copy.

Redeemer Men's Bible Study - Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 AM in the parish hall. Each week read and discuss the gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday. Come join us!

Camden Heritage Festival - The 3rd annual Camden Heritage Festival will be Saturday, September 23rd from 10 AM - 3 PM at the Camden Community Park, and Redeemer will be there! We want members of Redeemer to come and engage the community for a one-hour shift. Sign up is available in the foyer.

Birthdays for the following week

Sept. 19 Nina Jo Stubbs

Anniversaries for the following week

Sept. 24 Jeanie & Bert Kuhl

Sermon Notes

With One Accord

The third Sunday of every month at 4:00 PM

Mission Statement: To devote ourselves with one accord toward prayer with watchfulness and thanksgiving (Acts 1:14, Colossians 4:2).

Churches seeking renewal devote themselves to praying together. They pray with watchfulness, seeking out what God is up to and expecting Him to answer. They pray with thanksgiving for the gift of prayer, what God has done and will do.

The service will be focused and structured prayer that welcomes the Spirit to move. And, there will be a small treat after each service to share together.

Each gathering will have a different theme. Our first service, September 17th, will focus on praying for the **schools** in our area. Together, let us pray.

