

The Church of the Redeemer



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
ON
THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS
January 3, 2021**

**“Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples
and to live as faithful followers of Christ.”**

An Episcopal Parish in The Diocese of Upper South Carolina
The Right Rev. Andrew Waldo, Bishop
The Rev. Catherine Tatem, Rector

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Prelude

Please stand (as you are able)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of Purity

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the

young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm: Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Lesson:

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in

love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed (*Officiant and People together, all standing as able*)

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

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *Please stand*

The Doxology *All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Sanctus

*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 people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the

new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever.

All: **AMEN.**

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Communion Music

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Please stand

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



WELCOME
ONLINE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE
EVERY SUNDAY IN JANUARY, 2021

About Spiritual Communion:

Prayer books ancient and modern have made provision for the reception of Holy Communion when a person is spiritually prepared and desires to receive communion, but for some reason cannot. One of the gifts of our faith tradition is the assurance that there are times when we can partake in a valid Eucharist without physically consuming bread and wine.

In the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*: “If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.”

Other prayer books have similar rubrics. Of particular note is those who serve our country in the military. The *Armed Forces Prayer Book* of 1951 has a complete service for an act of Spiritual Communion. Part of the service is this beautiful prayer and following worship:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that may always be united to Thee. And since I can not now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate Thee from me. May I live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Spend a few moments in meditation upon the fact that God so loved you that He sent His Only-Begotten Son into the world for you. Recite the Lord's Prayer and afterward say:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me always. Amen.

The global coronavirus pandemic presents periods of time when it is not safe to gather, either for our personal safety or because of the prevalence of the virus in our communities. As you gather in worship via live-stream liturgies say the prayer above, the prayer in the worship bulletin or the following prayer at the time of the distribution of communion. The celebrant physically receives the Eucharist on behalf of all the faithful who cannot be present.

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already in my heart and unite myself to you completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from you.” (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

We wait in faith and wonder for the time when we can safely gather and partake physically of the sacrament of our Lord Christ. God’s peace be with you always.

In Christ, Catherine+

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for January 3, 2021

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

January 3 to Jan. 9, 2021

Sunday	8:30AM 10:00 AM	Online Morning Prayer Online Worship with Holy Eucharist Facebook LIVE
Monday	12:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	AA ACOA ALANON
Tuesday		
Wednesday	12:00 PM 6:30 PM	AA Meeting Zoom Bible Study
Thursday		
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	11:00AM	AA Meeting



Readings for Sunday, January 10, 2021

First: Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm: Psalm 29
 Second: Acts 19:1-7
 Gospel: Mark 1:4-11



January

5 Paige Russo



January 3 Ann & Kyle Meade

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on **MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**, the second Monday of the month

Financial Corner through Nov. 30, 2020

Total Tithes & Offerings

Budget	\$	246,297
Actual	\$	234,077
Difference	\$	(12,221)

Faith Offering (Included in above)

Budget	\$	14,676
Actual	\$	16,820
Difference	\$	2,144

Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.

Redeemer Services are Online Only for January 2021

Due to the rise in Covid19 cases in our area all services for January 2021 will be held online on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/corgsc>).

8:30 AM Sunday Morning Prayer

9:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist Service

We will not have Wednesday service until we return to indoor worship.

We are in need of helpers to video this morning service so that all of our friends at home can participate. If you would like to help, please see Sue Bannio in the parish office.



Vestry Annual Meeting & Retreat

Our vestry retreat looks a little different this year. Instead of meeting at a retreat center our vestry will be meeting online for Zoom meetings on Jan. 10 & Jan 17. Please keep them in your prayers as they meet.

Our 2021 Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2021. This meeting will be online using Zoom and more details will be available on our website and in our bulletin as the date approaches. Please see the January Echoes for information & documentation regarding this meeting.

JANUARY ECHOES

The January edition of Echoes, our monthly newsletter, will be a special edition that includes information on our 2021 Annual Meeting. It will arrive at your home next weekend. Let the Parish Office know if you would like a copy mailed to your home.

If you have any contributions to add to Echoes please submit them to our parish administrator Sue Bannio at parishadmin@corgsc.org.

If you email bounces back please use corgsc29605@gmail.com.

How to Zoom

Are you new to Zoom? Do you need to know how to Zoom for our annual meeting? Check out this video on our website under the Rectors Corner: <https://corgsc.org/rectors-corner>.

You may want to watch and set up your zoom information the week before our Annual Meeting, but you can do it anytime.

The bulletins, videos, announcements, sermons, Echoes and MORE! Can be found on **www.corgsc.org**

SAMARITAN HOUSE

*For the month of January
Redeemer is asked to collect:
Canned Corn*

*Thank you for your continued
generosity!*

Epiphany

Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

January 6 is Epiphany which celebrates the coming of the magi. The holiday represents Jesus being revealed to the whole world, Jews & Gentiles.

It is a celebration of light—Jesus is revealed as the light of the World.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

Prayers of the People

The Church of the Redeemer has a faithful and strong prayer ministry. If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please fill out a form in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or contact the parish office. Please let the parish office know when a name can be removed from our prayers.

Thank you for your help in keeping our prayer list up to date!

Please Pray for:

Mark	Melody Daniel	Hank Johnson	Jean Ohmsen	Marguerite Watson	Lauren, Nick,
Claire Allen	Bev Hardin	Olivia Johnson	Ruth Power	Bob Weinstein	Derek & Lucas
					Broderick
Chris Arnold	Christine Hodge	Breanna Kelly	Ed Roberts	Alison White	
Leigh B	Harriet Hodge	Gynnis Kelly	Don Sanders, Jr.	Alice Williams	
Debbie Bauer	Larry Hodge	Elizabeth Koontz	Ellen Shelton	Shirley Williams	
Betty Brandt	Daulton Johnson	Betty Lupo	Jackie Smith	Tony Wilson	
Micki Brown	Erin Johnson	Hugh McCarren	Steve Smith	Janet Wolf	

For the Homebound: Lynne Massengill, Earlene Nall, Mary Vaughn

For the Repose of the Soul of: All who died this past week of COVID-19

For Our Missionary in the Ukraine: Gary Powell

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Epiphany, Laurens; Church of the Epiphany, Spartanburg

For the Men and Women serving in our Military, especially:

Fred Aldrich	Elijah Johnson	Chris McDowell	Elizabeth Skardon
Nick Henderson	Andrew Lupo	Michael Reardon	Christopher Tyminiski

For those Studying in Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in College:

Daniel Derrick	Bennett Helm	Matthew Howard	Kaitlyn Massengill	Andrew Reardon
Jacob Hayes	Morgan Helm	Thomas Jennings	George Poleski	

If you know anyone in the hospital, please call the Church Office: 277-4562
or send bulletin prayer requests to parishadmin@corgsc.org

VESTRY

<i>Rector</i> Rev. Catherine Tatem	<i>Christian Ed</i> Katie Broderick (2021)	<i>Membership</i> Greg Brown (2022)
<i>Sr. Warden</i> Bill Heizer (2021)	<i>Communications</i> Daniel McCullough (2022)	<i>Outreach</i> Robin Mill (2022)
<i>Jr.. Warden</i> Jason Houston (2020)	<i>Fellowship</i> Bill Heizer (2021)	<i>Pastoral Care</i> Dinah Johnson (2021)
<i>Building & Grounds</i> Jason Houston (2020)	<i>Worship</i> Annette Burdette (2022)	<i>Stewardship</i> Debbie Bauer (2020)
<i>Worship</i> Judy Planck (2020)	<i>Finance</i> Rebekah Webb (2021)	

**ADULT CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
EVENING PRAYER and BIBLE
STUDY on Zoom**

**Join us in January for our
on-line bible study**

**6:30 pm Evening Prayer
7-8:00 pm Bible Study – 2
Maccabees**

We will meet on Jan. 6 & Jan. 20

**Join us for a wonderful
discussion.**

**To receive the zoom link email
Rev. Catherine Tatem:
revctatem@gmail.com**

**Have you considered automating
your pledge payments to
Redeemer?**

Many banks and credit unions will set up a scheduled payment directly to the church.

You may already have other bills set up this way.

You will write fewer checks, always be up to date on your pledge, and Redeemer will have a consistent budget with which to pay our ongoing bills. Be sure that your bank includes your envelope number or last name on the check in the memo line so it can be properly accounted for by our book keeper. Set your payment up through online banking or contact your bank for more information.

Redeemer's Photograph Policy

Photographs and video recordings taken at events held at the church and at events associated with the church are often used, with or without the name(s) of the person(s) shown in the photograph, for purposes such as publicity, illustration, advertising, church bulletins and newsletters, and church website content. If anyone does not want his or her photograph or likeness to be used in this manner, please send a written request to the Parish Office via mail or email so that the office may take steps to prevent such use. Failure to notify the office will be taken as permission to use a person's photograph or likeness as described.

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