

# *The Church of the Redeemer*



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**ON**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY**  
**OF ADVENT**  
**December 13, 2020**

**“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  
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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**

Celebrant: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People: Amen.*

*Please be seated*

## **First Lesson:**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant

with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Psalm:**

### **Psalm 126**

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

### **Second Lesson:**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

## The Holy Gospel

**John 1:6-8,19-28**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.  
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord  
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Tatem

## 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**

### **The Peace** *Please stand*

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

*People: And also with you.*

## **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.*

*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 St. Peter and 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.

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.  
*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.  
Come to the front one at a time, spacing yourselves 6 feet apart.  
All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

## **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**

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness  
from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you , and remain with you always.

*Please stand*

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: *Thanks be to God!*

### **Postlude**



# THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 13, 2020

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

**December 13 to Dec. 19, 2020**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Eucharist
	2:00 PM	Online Morning Prayer
	4:00 PM	Hispanic Service Christmas Party
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 PM	AA
	6:00 PM	ACOA
	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting ALANON
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Eucharist
	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>		Church Office Closed
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00AM	AA Meeting

### Readings for Sunday, December 20, 2020

First: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
 Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
 Second: Romans 16:25-27  
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

### Decorate the Nave for Christmas

Come help to decorate the inside of the church for our Christmas services. We will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 8am in the church.

Contact Lauren McCullough with any questions.



- 13 Ellison Christie
- 13 Heather Johnson
- 14 Beth Plante
- 15 Lori Hawkins

### AMAZON SMILE

Redeemer can now be selected as a charity when you shop with Amazon Smile. The direct link is:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0347692>

Support Redeemer as your charity of choice!

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you donate the contents to a foodbank



See ECHOES for a list of items to collect.



**WHEN: 4:00PM-6:00 PM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020**

**WHERE: OUTSIDE ON REDEEMER GROUNDS**

**PARTY PLAN:**

**DECORATE THE GROUNDS**

**REFRESHMENTS & CAROLING TO FOLLOW**

**TO SIGN UP:**

- ♦ CHOOSE AN AREA TO DECORATE & SIGN UP ON THE DRAWING IN NARTHEX
- ♦ BRING DECORATIONS WITH YOU ON DEC 13 THAT YOU CAN LEAVE AT THE CHURCH UNTIL JAN 1, 2021. (No inflatables please)
- ♦ CHURCH TO PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS & MUSIC
- ♦ BRING YOUR BEST MASKED SMILES & SAFE PRACTICES
- ♦ WEAR WARM CHRISTMAS ATTIRE

**Join us  
TODAY!!!**

**Join us for  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve**  
**Thursday, December 24**

*11:00 am*  
*6:00 pm*

**Christmas Morning**  
**Friday, December 25**

Christmas with Rev. Catherine  
on Facebook Live

### **Leaders for Christmas Eve**

	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Lector I</b>	Rick Hankinson	Bill Heizer
<b>Lector II</b>	Judy Planck	Robin Mill
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margie Hankinson Cindy Wilson Judy Planck	Margie Hankinson Judy Derrick

We need ushers for both of the Christmas Eve services. If you can volunteer to serve please let the parish office know.

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

**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 Incarnation, Gaffney

### **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](mailto:parishadmin@corgsc.org)

## **VESTRY**

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

	<b>LEADERS THIS WEEK</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>LEADERS NEXT WEEK</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Usher</b>	Thank you to all of our volunteers who step up every Sunday and get the job done!	
<b>Lector I</b>	Youth Reader	Youth Reader
<b>Lector II</b>	Bill Lee	Katie Houston
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judy Planck Stephany Austell Tracy Butchko	Margie Hankinson Debbie Price Judy Derrick
<b>Counters</b>	Margaret Lee/Joe Butchko	Jane Bouton/John Helm

**We need your help for every service.**

Counters (Jane Bouton)                      Ushers  
Vergers /Acolytes (Wallace Lightsey)                      Lectors (Judy Planck)  
Altar Guild (Margie Hankinson)                      Flower Guild (Lauren McCullough)

Be sure to let us know you are ready to serve.  
Contact the lead, or call the parish office to volunteer.

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