

The Church of the Redeemer



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
ON
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 20, 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: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..

People: Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you

went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Second Lesson:

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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 (*Listen and respond*)

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.

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



WELCOME VISITORS!

PLEASE STOP BY THE VISITOR TABLE

on your way out to sign the Guest Book and take a Welcome Bag as our gift to you.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 20, 2020

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 20 to Dec. 26, 2020

Sunday	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 2:00 PM	Online Morning Prayer Worship with Holy Eucharist Hispanic Service
Monday	12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	AA ACOA Vestry Meeting on Zoom ALANON
Tuesday		
Wednesday	9:30 AM 12:00 PM	Worship with Holy Eucharist AA Meeting
Thursday	11:00 AM 6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Services
Friday	10:00 AM	Christmas with Catherine online Church Office Closed
Saturday	11:00AM	AA Meeting

Readings for Sunday, December 27, 2020

First: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm: Psalm 147:13-21
 Second: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
 Gospel: John 1:1-18

SAMARITAN HOUSE

For the month of December Redeemer is asked to collect:

Canned Tomatoes

Thank you for your continued generosity!

December

- 22 Betsy Chiles
- 22 Carolyn McCullough
- 23 Kevin Hayes
- 24 Frances Steele
- 25 Evan Zeager

**Join us for
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24**

*11:00 am
6:00 pm*

**Christmas Morning
Friday, December 25**

*10:00am Christmas with Catherine
on Facebook Live*

Leaders for Christmas Eve

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

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	Olivia Johnson	Jean Ohmsen	Marguerite Watson
Claire Allen	Bev Hardin	Hank Johnson	Judy Planck	Bob Weinstein
Chris Arnold	Christine Hodge	Breanna Kelly	Ruth Power	Alison White
Leigh	Harriet Hodge	Gynnis Kelly	Ed Roberts	Alice Williams
Debbie Bauer	Larry Hodge	Elizabeth Koontz	Don Sanders, Jr.	Shirley Williams
Betty Brandt	Daulton Johnson	Betty Lupo	Jackie Smith	Tony Wilson
Micki Brown	Erin Johnson	Hugh McCarren	Steve Smith	Cindy Wilson
Lauren, Nick, Derek, & Lucas Broderick				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: St. Thomas, Eastover; St. Stephen's, Ridgeway

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)		

