

The Church of the Redeemer



**WELCOME TO MORNING PRAYER SERVICE
ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 27, 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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All stand as able

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

Confession of Sin

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

Leader and People together, all kneeling as able

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.**

Officiant: 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.**

Invitatory and Psalter (*All stand as able*)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Jubilate (*said in unison*)

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

Please be seated

The Psalm: Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle: A Song to the Lamb *(All stand as able)*

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Galatians

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle: The Song of the Redeemed *(All stand as able)*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel according to John

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *(The people stand or kneel)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then prays the Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

Prayers of the People

I invite your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, aloud or silently ...

Officiant: Lord in your mercy
People: Hear our Prayer

The General Thanksgiving *(Officiant and People)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

(All stand as able)

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People: Amen.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 27, 2020

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 27 to Jan 2, 2021

Sunday	9:30 AM 2:00 PM	Online Morning Prayer Hispanic Service
Monday	12:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	AA ACOA ALANON
Tuesday		
Wednesday	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday		Church Office Closed at noon
Friday		HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed
Saturday	11:00AM	AA Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 28 George Poleski

December 29 Judy Derrick

January 1 Bruce Eason

January 2 Kyle Meade

January 2 West Plante

January 2 Trey Skardon

January 5 Paige Russo

Happy Anniversary

December 28 Sandy & Greg Brown

Readings for Sunday, January 3, 2021

First: Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm: Psalm 84
 Second: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

SAMARITAN HOUSE

For the month of December

Redeemer is asked to collect:

Canned Tomatoes

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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, Derek & Lucas Broderick
Claire Allen	Bev Hardin	Olivia Johnson	Ruth Power	Bob Weinstein	
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 Nativity, Union; St. John's, Columbia ;
St. John's, Winnsboro; St. John's - Congaree, Hopkins

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)		

Dear Friends,

After input from the Senior Warden and vestry, I am taking Redeemer back to online worship only, beginning December 27, 2020. This means that we will not have in person worship and instead worship via Facebook live through at least January 31, 2021. We will continue to monitor the state statistics and the impact on our congregation. The office will be open on a limited basis, with staff rotating being in the office and working from home.

Paul wrote in the first letter to the Thessalonians:

*“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing.”*

I remain grateful for the many ministries of The Church of the Redeemer, and, with all of you, mourn the loss of gathering in person with the entire congregation. With vaccinations beginning throughout the country, it is my hope that this interlude will be short. We remain faithful in Christ Jesus, giving thanks in all things.

Peace in Christ,

The Rev. Catherine L. Tatem, Rector

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