

The Church of the Redeemer



A Celebration of the Nativity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ
December 24, 2020
11:00am & 6:00 pm
A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The service of Holy Eucharist (from the Book of Common Prayer) is included in this bulletin.

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Prelude

Please stand (as you are able)

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: *And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: *Amen.*

Please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 97

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
 and delight in false gods! *
 Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
 because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,
 most high over all the earth; *
 you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
 he preserves the lives of his saints
 and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
 and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
 and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Reading

Titus 3:47

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and

wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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.

The Prayers of the People

(adapted from a prayer at ChrisMorley.com)

Celebrant: 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

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

People: And also with you.

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Please stand as the ushers bring the people's gifts to the altar.*

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

The Great Thanksgiving:

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 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. 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;*

The Celebrant continues

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.

*People: **AMEN.***

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

People and Celebrant

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.

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 Music *Organ plays Silent Night*

Postcommunion Prayer:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
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

Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

During the postlude please join us outside for a socially distanced singing of Silent Night. Pick up a candle and light it as you exit the building.



The parish of The Church of the Redeemer thanks everyone who has contributed to the beauty of this worship service: the Altar Guild; the Flower Guild; those who decorated the church; those who contributed to the liturgy, flowers and special music. Thank you for your generosity and ministries to the church.

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

Merry Christmas to you! Christmas is not one day, but is a season of the church year. Christmas lasts for twelve days, from December 25, Christmas Day, until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. Christmas is the season in which we proclaim the unique nature of God, that God entered fully into our lives as “Immanuel,” which means “God with us.” Try celebrating Christmas in your home for the entire season. Enjoy this time of joy and celebration.

Merry Christmas season to you and your family!

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CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD



BY DEBBIE BAUER &
ELIZABETH KOONTZ

IN MEMORY OF

*Rusty Detter, Iris Detter,
Florance Detter, Maggie Mae*

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

*our gifts from God - our family,
our church, and each other.*

BY ANNETTE BURDETTE &
JOHN CASEY

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

*our family and
our church family.*

BY RICK & MARGIE HANKINSON

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

grandchildren.

BY TERRY LANDRETH

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

*all blessings, family, friends, and
The Church of the Redeemer
family.*

BY THE MEADE FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF

William Winter

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

our church family.

BY PAT & JACK BLACKBURN

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

The Church of the Redeemer.

BY THE BUTCHKO FAMILY

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

our many blessings.

BY BETSY CHILES

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

church, family & friends.

BY JOSH & LORI HAWKINS

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

our many blessings.





BY JUNE MOORE

IN MEMORY OF

Win Moore

IN THANKSGIVING FOR
*children & grandchildren and
all of our many blessings.*

BY TED & DOT SANDERS

IN MEMORY OF

*our parents; Dot's brother
Tommy & Ted's sister Marcene*

IN THANKSGIVING FOR
God's many blessings.

BY SUE & HOOPER SKARDON

IN MEMORY OF

*Nan & John Wagner
Margaret & Hooper Skardon*

IN THANKSGIVING FOR
Asheton family & friends.

BY KEN WOOD

IN MEMORY OF

Mary Ann Wood

BY CATHERINE TATEM

IN THANKSGIVING FOR
*family, friends, and
many blessings.*

BY JOANIE MULLIN

IN MEMORY OF

*Joe Mullin
(1935-2006)*

BY BETSY WALT

IN THANKSGIVING FOR
my many blessings.

BY GREG SHOREY

IN MEMORY OF

my wife Betty

IN THANKSGIVING FOR
*memories of being part of
Redeemer.*

BY JUDY PLANCK

IN MEMORY OF

Wally Planck

IN THANKSGIVING FOR
our Redeemer family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
*all who have died this past year,
especially those close to
our Redeemer family.*

