

The Church of the Redeemer



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
ON
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021

**“Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples
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: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

People: The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and

the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he

prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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 Form IV

*It is appropriate to stand for the prayers in the Easter season,
taking on the posture for prayer in the ancient church.*

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

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

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come
into his courts.

Please stand while the people's gifts are brought forward

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

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer #1 in Enriching Our Worship 1*

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 our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

[Spiritual Communion Prayer for those worshipping at home

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: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Please stand

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Remain in your pews until the ministers of the service leave the nave.



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 May 2, 2021

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

May 2 to May 8, 2021

Sunday	8:30AM	Online Morning Prayer
	9:30 AM	In person Worship with Holy Eucharist (also live stream)
	2:00 PM	Hispanic Service
Monday	12:00 PM	AA
	6:00 PM	ACOA
	7:00 PM	ALANON
Tuesday		
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Eucharist
	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday		
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	11:00AM	AA Meeting

Readings for Sunday, May 9, 2021

First: Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm: Psalm 98
 Second: 1 John 5:1-6
 Gospel: John 15:9-17



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

2 Venus Poe
 3 Elizabeth Koontz
 4 Rebekah Webb
 6 Tom Gange
 7 Pat Blackburn
 7 Eric Cothran
 8 Terry Landreth
 8 Joycem Bloxam

Happy Anniversary

May 1 Beth & Robbie Hamilton
 May 2 Meta & Ralph Goodman

Youth Sunday is May 16

Join us as the youth participate and help lead the worship service. We will also recognize graduating Senior, Riley Hawkins.

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:

Claire Allen	Melody Daniel	Erin Johnson	Betty Lupo	Ellen Shelton	Alice Williams
Chris Arnold	Allison Espinosa	Hank Johnson	Jean Ohmsen	Jackie Smith	Shirley Williams
Leigh B	Jessie Hazel	Breanna Kelly	Ruth Power	Steve Smith	Janet Wolf
Debbie Bauer	Harriet Hodge	Gynnis Kelly	Ed Roberts	Bob Taylor	Margaret Wyatt
Pat Blackburn	Larry Hodge	Elizabeth Koontz	Don Sanders Jr.	Elyette Taylor	
Jean Bowe	Aislinn Johnson	Chris Landreth	Derek Shankar	Marguerite Watson	
Betty Brandt	Daulton Johnson	Terry Landreth	Lucas Shankar	Bob Weinstein	

For the Homebound: Lynne Massengill, Earlene Nall

For the Repose of the Soul of: All who died this past week of COVID-19; Will (friend of Rev. Catherine)

For Our Missionary in the Ukraine: Gary Powell

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Still Hopes and Finlay House Retirement Communities

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@corpsc.org

2021 VESTRY

Rector	Rev. Catherine Tatem	Christian Ed	Margie Hankinson (2021)	Membership	Greg Brown (2022)
Sr. Warden	Bill Heizer (2021)	Communications	Daniel McCullough (2022)	Outreach	Robin Mill (2022)
Jr. Warden	Stephany Austell (2023)	Fellowship	Annette Burdette (2022)	Stewardship	(open)
Building & Grounds	Stephany Austell (2023)	Pastoral Care	Betty Herrin (2021)	Worship	Betty Boesch (2023)
		Finance	Rebekah Webb (2021)		

	This Week	Next Week
Verger	Wallace Lightsey	Bill Heizer
Ushers	Steve Webb	Daniel McCullough
Lector 1	Bill Heizer	Rick Hankinson
Lector 2	Phyllis Webb	Wallace Lightsey
Altar Guild	Stephany Austell, Judy Planck Ann Meade, Janet Poleski	Margie Hankinson, Debbie Price Joanie Mullin, Betsy Walt
Flower Guild	Louise Heizer & June Moore	Lauren McCullough
Video	Jason Houston	Bill Heizer

We need your help for every service.

Counters (Jane Bouton) Ushers (Steve Webb)
 Vergers (Bill Heizer) Acolytes (Wallace Lightsey) Lectors (Judy Planck)
 Altar Guild (Margie Hankinson) Flower Guild (Lauren McCullough)
 Video (Rick Hankinson)

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

Redeemer's Photograph Policy

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