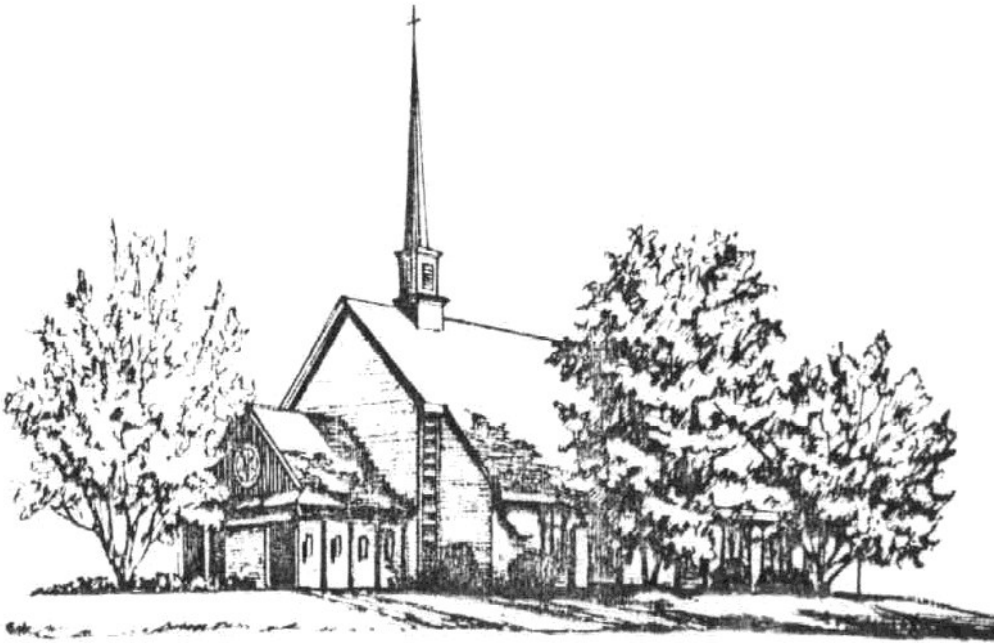


# *The Church of the Redeemer*



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**ON**  
**CHRISTMAS MORNING**  
**DECEMBER 25, 2021**

**“Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples  
to live as faithful followers of Christ.”**

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*Please stand (as you are able)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The Service of Holy Eucharist begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

### Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

### Kyrie

BCP 356

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People: Amen.*

*You may be seated for the readings.*

### First Reading

**Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## Second Reading

## Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## The Holy Gospel

**John 1:1-14**

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.

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*)

BCP 358

## The Prayers of the People

(adapted from a prayer at ChrisMorley.com)

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

## Confession of Sin

BCP 360

## The Peace *Please stand*

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

People: *And also with you.*

*You may be seated*

## Announcements

### HOLY COMMUNION

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*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP 367

**Sanctus**

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

**Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 365

**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.*

*Please stand*

**Dismissal**

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*



# CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD





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*The parish of The Church of the Redeemer thanks everyone who has contributed to the beauty of worship this season: the Altar Guild; the Flower Guild; our children; youth; 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.*

**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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