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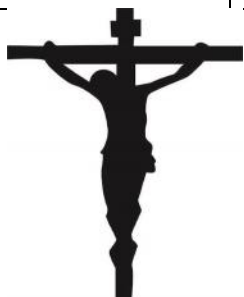
Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples to live as faithful followers of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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From The Rector

The Very Rev. Catherine Tatem

Does it seem like a long time ago that we heard that invitation to a holy Lent? Or has the time flown by? In either case, we are far on our journey to the cross, almost there. It will soon be Holy Week, and we will have the opportunity to walk together to the light of Easter, to new life, new hope, new joy.

I encourage everyone to make the services of Holy Week a priority. Attending Holy Week services greatly enriches our faith journey; sometimes, it is life-changing.

Sundown on Maundy Thursday through sundown on Easter is called the “Triduum,” a Latin word for a period of three days. The Triduum includes the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the Great Vigil, and Easter Day. The liturgies of these three days are tied together; there is no dismissal from Maundy Thursday through the Great Vigil. The three days is a single time of worship.

Maundy Thursday is about the love of Christ for us. The day is named for the “*novum mandatum*,” the new commandment (mandate) of Jesus: “love one another as I have loved you.”

This is the night when our Lord gives us the Holy Eucharist. A typical meal is changed forever when Jesus says “take, eat; do this in remembrance of me.” It is only in light of the Resurrection that Jesus’ words make sense. Foot washing is about Jesus’ servant ministry and our servant ministry in the world. We kneel in humility and love and wash one another’s feet as we remember, not reenact, Jesus’ ministry, and for those who participate, it is a powerful experience of love.

On Maundy Thursday we consecrate (bless, make holy) sufficient bread and wine for Holy Communion on Good Friday. We do not consecrate bread or wine on the day of Jesus’ crucifixion. After we receive communion tonight, we take the reserved Sacraments to our “altar of repose” in a set apart place in the church. This altar symbolizes the time that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his death. We strip the altar bare just as Jesus was stripped of his clothes and tortured. We leave the church in silence this night. You may stay and pray in the church for as long as you choose.

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From the Sr. Warden:

Thank you again for your continued support as we come together to do God's work at Redeemer. As I write this message, I am thoughtful that we are halfway through lent with the final days of the Passion of Jesus still to come. I have never been one to "give something up" for lent, but this year I decided to significantly cut back on a couple of indulgences while at the same time greatly increasing my participation in Lenten activities at Redeemer.

Cutting back on junk food and drink has been surprisingly easy and I am sure healthy and much to my surprise, the active participation in the Lenten season at Redeemer is also easy, thought provoking and healthy. As I write this message, I find myself in a better place now than I was four weeks ago, both physically and spiritually.

Tuesday's "Soup Supper and Lenten Study" is special. The evening starts at 5:30pm with delicious homemade soup and bread. From 6 to 7 we first hear from Amy-Jill Levine, via video, and then discuss her book "Entering The Passion of Jesus, A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week". In A-J's words, *"Entering the Passion of Jesus provides a rich and challenging learning experience for small groups and individual readers alike. If you are unable to attend the Tuesday gatherings, you can still read A-J's book and watch the DVD by reaching out to Mother Catherine."*

I look forward to being with each of you throughout this very special time in our Christian life.

Blessings to all,

Jack Blackburn
Senior Warden

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Good Friday and its liturgy is a solemn commemoration of, and participation in, our salvation through the victory of Christ's death on the cross. His death destroyed death forever.

Holy Saturday is an empty day, the day when Christ lies in the tomb and we await his resurrection.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the traditional first celebration of Easter, held after sundown on Holy Saturday. This ancient service leads us from death to life with Christ with fire, light, word, water, bread and wine. We light a new fire – the new light of Christ in the world.

On Easter Day we continue the Easter Vigil's celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection. We proclaim: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

In Christ,

Catherine+



From the Jr. Warden:



5th Sunday of April Holy Chow & Golden Elephant Silent Auction

What: Items and Services of value will be donated by the congregation to be sold by silent auction bidding to those in attendance at the Fifth Sunday Brunch. The Church will be the middleman, with revenue going to one of three missions chosen by you, the bidder. As you exit the bidding area, you will vote for one of these three projects the proceeds will support:

1. Outreach missions: Laundry Love, Samaritan House, Pleasant Valley, or Soup Kitchen.
2. Redeemer Kitchen upgrade: ceiling replacement with roof repair, painting, dishwasher maintenance, and more.
3. Extension of the water system to the Pet Cemetery.

When: 5th Sunday, April 30th during the Holy Chow pot luck

Where: EYC room across from Purser Hall

Items and Services you can donate:

Themed Baskets like morning brews, entertainment, golf, gardening, etc.

Treasures (set of Dishes, Art, etc.)

Trash removal service,

Take out meals

Restaurant

deals

Whatever you wish to offer to God/get out of your house. (Items to be brought in after Easter) Come celebrate Spring and buy something nice (no white elephants, only GOLDEN) for a good cause.

Contact Rick to notify him about your donation at 569-2615 call or text.

Rick Hankinson
Junior Warden



From Lori:



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the playground following the 9:30 service.

Don't forget to bring your basket and meet us on the playground!

Nursery will be available at both 9:30 and 11:30 Easter services.



Save the Date for VBS!

June 26-30: 9:30 to noon

Our theme this year is...Hero Hotline- Called Together to Serve God!



Sending forth ... from our rector.

When a Eucharistic Visitor (EV) takes communion to a parishioner on a Sunday, that visit is an extension of our worship at the church. Eucharistic visits are sacred and holy, centered on the sacrament that the EV carries. The EV shares the bulletin, readings of the day, may make comments on the sermon; says confession together, the Lord's Prayer, and shares communion. Eucharistic Visitors complete worship after taking the Eucharist to others; in this way, we are one body still in worship. When our EVs stay at church for other ministries – coffee hour, Christian Education, etc. – we are still in worship with them and those whom they visit. As extended worship, family and friends, including parishioners, are welcome to attend home by making arrangements with the family or EV ahead of time. I invite and encourage you to accompany Redeemer's Eucharistic Visitors. The prayer that we say to "send forth" the visitors honors the extension of the congregation into the world. We will have prayed for those being visited in the Prayers of the People. The flower guild may put together small bouquets from the altar flowers, a lovely gift to accompany the sacrament. These visits, sacred and pastoral, are also confidential in nature. The congregation's check-in with absent friends most often takes place at other times: with a phone call, the sending of a note or card, etc. I encourage parishioners to be in contact with one another, sharing information only as the person visited wishes. When you reach out, you may be made aware of other needs with which Redeemer can help: meals, a ride to an appointment, a visit from the rector. You may be the first person to learn of a specific illness or need. Contact the rector at any time with such concerns.

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing (1 Thess 5.11)."

Prayerfully consider becoming a Eucharistic Visitor or part of Redeemer's card ministry. Talk with Rick Hankinson or the rector about being licensed as a EV, and to Meg Coffey to become part of the card ministry team.

Community Outreach

Laundry Love Update,

From Margie Hankinson

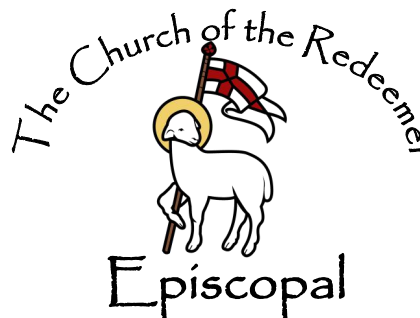


Our Laundry Love project is with the “Lauderette”, in the shopping center on Augusta, within walking distance of our church. We are part of a nationwide program and have received not only material items like laundry detergent, but also suggestions and the opportunity to meet periodically with other “Laundry Loves” through Zoom.

The story of Laundry Love began with T-Bone (Eric), a houseless gentleman living in Ventura California. In one particular conversation, a question was asked of him: “How can we come alongside your life in a meaningful way?” His response was honest and practical. “If I had clean clothes I think people would treat me like a human being.” Since Laundry Love’s inception in 2003, over 2 million loads of laundry have been done, with an estimated 100,000 people cared for annually.

We have advertised our presence at Samaritan House and word is spreading fast. We are spending about \$150 in quarters each month...and our clientele are growing. We wash clothes the second Saturday of the month (except we did April 1 because of Easter). If you would like to be a part of Laundry Love, we will have a sign up sheet on the stand as you enter the church. We also have the Laundry Love cardboard box, ready to accept quarters. One average load is nine quarters, the dryers are one quarter for ten minutes, and the large load washers take twenty quarters.

You can also help us by praying for those we serve in our community. We hope that we not only are washing clothes, but demonstrating, in this small way, love of our neighbors.



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Lori Hawkins, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*
Deborah Dunlap, *Parish Administrator*
Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

Vestry Members

Jack Blackburn (2023)- *Senior Warden*
Rick Hankinson (2024) – *Junior Warden*
Rick Hankinson - *Buildings & Grounds*
Jane Bouton (2025) *Membership*
Betty Boesch (2023) *Worship*
David Poleski (2025) *Christian Education*
Meg Coffey (2024) *Fellowship*
Cynthia Easton (2023) *Communication*
Celia Jernigan (2024) *Pastoral Care*
Jim Briggs (2025) - *Outreach*
Kathryn Ethridge (2025) *Stewardship*
Debbie Price *Vestry Clerks*

Rebekah Webb - *Treasurer*
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Jack Blackburn – *Assistant Treasurer*

Echoes:

a monthly newsletter from
The Church of the Redeemer.

- Deadline for submissions is usually the 22nd of each month.
- Submit written information to the parish administrator at corgsc29605@gmail.com.

From Ukraine:

Gary Powell writes that he joined with the pastor and team from a church in Ukraine about a town they visit. “We returned to it to help deliver much needed supplies, food and clothes to the people there who are not able to evacuate. The town is completely destroyed. Homes and all buildings bombed out or leveled to the ground. There was constant incoming shelling from Russian forces into the town. The only building not hit was a church that gives food and water to the town people. What a testimony! At each place, we offered up prayers.”

Gary continues: “you have read that for months now Russia has hit the electricity grids throughout the country and we had only 1-2 hours of power and gas for heat a day. Ukrainian engineers have worked day and night to repair the grid and most of the country has electricity and heat with little interruptions in service. Quite a testimony to the engineers. Ukrainians are resourceful and resilient! It is hard to convey a picture of a country at war with so many men and women and innocent civilians being killed daily. I go with different teams to try to be a beacon of hope and light.”

You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch Redeemer’s online services.

Here’s how:

Go to Redeemer’s website: corgsc.org, click on “Calendar.” Click “Online worship” for the date that you are watching the service. *Note that recording begins right at the start of the service, 9:30am; you cannot connect before that time. Clicking that link should take you directly to the Facebook page with the live broadcast. You can also access the recording after the service has ended. From the calendar, click on “online worship” then click on the Facebook link. That link will take you to the recording on Facebook.*

Liturgy: Happy Easter season!

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. (Luke 24: 44-48)

We are no longer eye witnesses, but are witnesses by faith to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our lives are resurrected, brought to new, forgiven life in Christ. During “The Great 50 Days” following Easter, Episcopal churches often omit the confession of sin during corporate worship. This omission, allowed by prayer book rubrics, allows us to experience Easter joy more fully for the entire season. We are reminded weekly that nothing is so broken that it cannot be healed by the forgiveness bestowed in Christ’s resurrection. Nothing. Notice on Easter day services at The Church of the Redeemer, we omit the confession.

In prayerfully considering how to honor Easter and to remember God’s grace, we will say the confession on some, but not all, Sundays during Easter. In this way, we continue our resurrection joy *and remember that we are always in need of God’s grace. How lavishly that grace and forgiveness is poured upon us! We keep our rhythm of repentance and returning to Christ, now in glory. Thanks be to God!*

April Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
April 2	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66
April 9	Acts 10: 34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	Matthew 28:1-10
April 16	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalms 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
April 23	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalms 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
April 30	Acts 2:42-47	Psalms 23	1 Peter 2: 19-25	John 10:1-10

St. Therese Chapter, The Order of the Daughters of the King ®

March 4th, a Saturday, was truly a Spirit-filled day at Redeemer as our chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King hosted a meeting of the DOK Diocesan Board. So many smiles, a wonderful blend of familiar and new faces, so much warmth and fellowship, sharing and worshipping together, were all the more meaningful for being the first in-person DOK board meeting in three years. More than 30 attendees were welcomed with coffee, juice and donuts as they arrived. Everyone then went into the church for a beautiful Eucharist service, with Robert Powell at the organ and a special homily by Mtr. Catherine. A simple lunch of soup, rolls and cookies was served at noon.

A task force was formed to develop and implement a way for DOK members in the diocese to receive and respond to confidential prayer requests from Ukrainian women. Melody Daniel, a member of our chapter at Redeemer, was asked to lead it. Together with Deborah Dunlap, diocesan DOK president, they set up a private bilingual Facebook group which in the first week already has 35 Ukrainian members and 9 prayer requests. At least one member of the task force responds almost immediately to each prayer request. The requests are forwarded to all chapters in the diocese on a weekly basis. Melody wrote and posted this prayer in both languages:

Gracious God, we know that you are a loving God and that your heart is grieved by the suffering of your people. We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine, Lord, and for a true and lasting peace. We pray for your intervention, that you will strengthen and protect the soldiers and all the people of Ukraine who must fight to protect their homeland. In John 16:33, you told us, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." We embrace the fact that this world and the troubles we face in it have been overcome, and rest in the knowledge that you have the power to move in any and every situation.* We pray for the families who have lost loved ones, for those who have been injured or displaced, and for all who face the reality of war each day. We ask that you would bring healing and restoration to their lives.

Lord, we also pray for those who are perpetrating violence and war. We ask that you would open their eyes and bring them to repentance. We know that with you, all things are possible.

We ask all these things in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*The section referencing John 16:33 is from a prayer published in CrossWalk (Feb. 22, 2022)



Altar Flowers



Have a special event or a tribute you'd like to make to a loved one? Make an altar flower dedication and let us all know what is dear to you. It's \$40 and you can specify your preferences.

April 16: In memory of Stephany Austell and in honor of Catherine Tatem. Their birthdays are one day apart: April 15 (CT) and April 16 (SA), given anonymously.



Vestry Meeting

The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, **April 11 at 6:30 PM** in the Vestry Room.

The minutes for monthly vestry meetings are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on **Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 PM** in the parish workroom (second Wednesday of each month).

Thank you everyone for providing such wonderful morning snacks!!

Coffee Sign-up



April 2	open
April 9	Easter Sunday
April 16	Meg Coffey
April 23	Jane Bouton
April 30	5th Sunday

We ask your ongoing prayers for missionary Gary Powell as he spreads God's light and hope to people in war torn Ukraine. Gary's ministry takes him into the dangers of war zones and the many destructions of the ongoing war. He is following God's call and asks for our intentional prayers.



Financial Corner— February 2023

Tithes & Offerings

Budget	\$36,718.81
Actual	\$35,198.00

Expenses

Budget	\$28,822.29
Actual	\$27,361.16

Net Total

Budget	\$7,896.52
Actual	\$7,836.84

Server Schedule

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Verger	David Poleski	Rebekah Webb	Jack Blackburn	Betty Boesch	Greg Brown
Ushers	Joe McCullough	Ken Wood	Bill Lee	Josh Hawkins	Steve Webb
Crucifer	Sarah Meade	Robin Mill	Debbie Price	Robin Mill	William Meade
Lector 1	Rick Hankinson	Bob Bouton	Bill Heizer	Betty Boesch	David Poleski
Lector 2	Bill Lee	John Helm	Wallace Lightsey	Robin Mill	Bill Lee
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade	Betsy Walt & Susan Butler	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick, Joanie Mullin	Margie Hankinson Joanie Mullin
Flower Guild	Lauren McCullough	All Arrangers	Louise Heizer & Robin Mill	Cynthia Eason	Lauren McCullough & Morgan Helm
Counters	Jane Bouton & John Helm	Meg Coffey & Steve Webb	Carol Hallman & Bill Lee	John Helm & Jane Bouton	Meg Coffey & Bill Lee
Video	Jane & Bob Bouton	Jim Briggs	Rick Hankinson	John Helm	David Poleski



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <p>1 Kinslee Sink</p> <p>3 Melody Daniel</p> <p>3 Kathy Moore</p> <p>3 Brian Johnson</p> <p>3 Manning Zacher</p> <p>5 Amos Irwin</p> <p>5 Ken Wood</p> <p>6 Connie and Don Howard</p> <p>7 Dick Lee</p> <p>8 Claire Allen</p> <p>8 Stephen Howard</p> <p>9 Stacy Masengill</p> <p>12 Susan and Nick McConnell</p> <p>14 Margie and Rick Hankinson</p> <p>15 Catherine Tatem</p> <p>15 Cloye Witham</p> | <p>16 Annette Burdette</p> <p>16 Robert Moore</p> <p>18 Ronan Entwistle</p> <p>18 Diane and Bill Campbell</p> <p>20 Hunter Massengill</p> <p>21 Kaitlyn Massengill</p> <p>24 Lisa Brooks</p> <p>24 Diane Campbell</p> <p>24 Gary Powell</p> <p>26 Susan McConnell</p> <p>27 Celia and Clark Jernigan</p> |
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If your birthday or anniversary does not appear or is incorrect, please notify corgsc29605@gmail.com to update our records.

Opportunities to share your gifts of ministry:

- Counters: Jane Bouton
- Ushers: Steve Webb
- Video Service: Rick Hankinson
- Vergers: Daniel McCullough
- Acolytes: Lori Hawkins
- Lectors: Bob Bouton
- Altar Guild: Margie Hankinson
- Flower Guild: Lauren McCullough

If you are considering helping at a service, please contact the leader, or call the parish office to volunteer.

Thank you to all volunteers! We are grateful for you!



Prayers for peace, restoration, forgiveness, love, strength and healing in Ukraine and for all of their people.

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christian Education is held after the Sunday service on most Sundays.						1
2 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Palm Sunday 2:00PM Hispanic Service	3 6:00 PM ACOA 7:00 PM ALANON	4 11:00 AM DOK-Parlor 11:30 AM Stations of the Cross-Mary's Way 5:30-7:00 Soup Supper	5 8:30AM Men's Bible Study 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 12 PM AA 6:30 PM—Choir	6 6:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Service	7 Noon & 6:30 PM Good Friday Service OFFICE CLOSED	8 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (transept)
9 9:30am&11:30AM Holy Eucharist Easter Sunday 2:00 PM Hispanic Service	10 6:00 PM ACOA 7:00 PM ALANON	11 6:30pm Vestry	12 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 12 PM AA 6:00 PM Finance 6:30 PM-Choir	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (transept)
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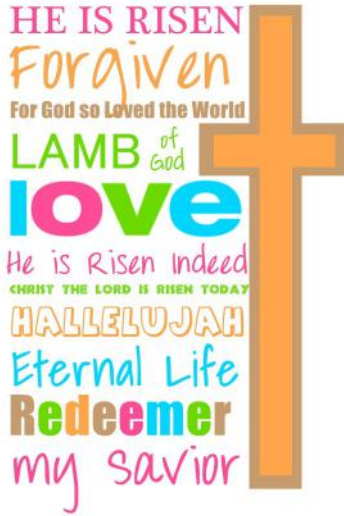
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