

The Church of the Redeemer



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

DECEMBER 24, 2023 6:00 PM

A Parish in The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina
The Right Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Bishop
The Very Rev. Catherine Tatem, Rector

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

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Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand (as you are able).

Processional Hymn #83 (verses 1-4)

“O come all ye faithful”

*The service continues on **page 355** in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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

BCP 356

Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People: **Amen.***

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Response

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Hymn #87

“Hark! The herald angels sing”

Please stand.

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

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!"

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Catherine L. Tatem

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

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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 II

BCP 385

Confession

BCP 360

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.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Sing Gloria*

Davis

Doxology

Hymn 380, verse 3

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

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:

***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 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,

Celebrant and People:

**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.**

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.

Communion Hymn 101

“Away in a manger”

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**

Please pick up a candle, light it and join us in singing Silent Night.

Hymn 111

“Silent Night”

Blessing

Celebrant: 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 upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 100

“Joy to the World”

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.



Christmas Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God



Given by:
Jack Blackburn
In memory of:
Pat

Given by:
Betty Boesch
In thanksgiving for:
Jesus and my son, Wayne

Given by:
Jane & Bob Bouton
In thanksgiving for:
Our church family

Given by:
Greg & Sandy Brown
In memory of:
Evelyn & Tom Bond,
Grace & Wilbur Brown
Olivia Cruikshank Kelley
In thanksgiving for:
Our children and grandchildren
and our Redeemer family

Given by:
Betsy Chiles
In thanksgiving for:
God's blessings, Church of Redeemer,
Family and Friends



Given by:
Judy Derrick
In memory of:
James Connor, Marily Meredith, George
Derrick and Mark Derrick
In thanksgiving for:
God's many blessings

Given by:
Tom Gange
In memory of:
My wife, Judy Gange,
my son, Lee Thomas Gange
In thanksgiving for:
Tracy & Chris

Given by:
Carol Hallman & Melody Daniel
In thanksgiving for:
Our many blessings

Given by:
Rick & Margie Hankinson
In thanksgiving for:
Raina, Liam, Frost & Cecily

Given by:
Louise & Bill Heizer
In thanksgiving for:
The Welfare and Witbeck Families

Given by:
Bill & Dinah Johnson
In memory of:
Our parents and grandparents
In thanksgiving for:
**Our children, grandchildren, extended
family and numerous blessings**

Given by:
The Meade Family
In thanksgiving for:
Our church family

Given by:
Joanie Mullin
In memory of:
Joe Mullin, beloved husband
In thanksgiving for:
Family of Church of the Redeemer

Given by:
Judy Planck
In thanksgiving for:
Wally Planck
In thanksgiving for:
Sandy & Todd, Joan Kohn

Given by:
Janet, David & George Poleski
In thanksgiving for:
**Our many blessings including our
church family**

Given by:
Ted & Dot Sanders
In thanksgiving for:
**Children, grandchildren,
great grandchildren and
our Redeemer family**

Given by:
Sue & Hooper Skardon
In memory of:
Klaus Schoening
In thanksgiving for:
Family & friends

Given by:
Kathryn Swilley
In thanksgiving for:
Family and the many blessings in 2023

Given by:
Steve & Phyllis Webb
In thanksgiving for:
**Rebekah & Elliott, Maria & Sean,
Andrew, Kaleb & Nathan
and all our friends**

Given by:
Betsy Walt
In memory of:
Elizabeth & Walter Walt
In thanksgiving for:
The Church of the Redeemer

Given by:
Suzanne Webster
In memory of:
Ellison Webster
In thanksgiving for:
Family

Given by:
Anonymous



For other opportunities to share your gifts of ministry, contact the ministry leader or the parish office to volunteer. You might want to help the current person or become the leader:

Acolytes:	Lori Hawkins	Lectors:	Bob Bouton
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The Church Office will be closed December 25th—January 1st. There will be no Holy Eucharist on Wednesday the 27th. We will reopen on January 2nd and resume our normal office hours: 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM Monday—Thursday.

Please contact the Rector for Pastoral Assistance

Christmas Day Service 9:30 AM

WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!