

The Church of the Redeemer



JANUARY 7, 2024
9:30 AM

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST **A SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST**

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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THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 119

“As with gladness men of old”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

The Lessons *The people sit.*

First Reading

Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Response

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading:

Acts 19.1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel:

Mark 1.4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan,

confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Catherine L. Tatem

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Evan Joseph to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate:

I do

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing Evan to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation
Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

<i>Leader</i>	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Send him into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Evan Joseph, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Evan Joseph, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Hymn 296

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and anniversary prayers and blessings

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant says an offertory sentence.

Offertory Choir Anthem *Come Sing to the Lord*

Purcell

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

Hymn 380, verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving from Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 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 It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. *AMEN.*

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

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

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.

Communion Hymn 339

“Deck thyself, my soul with gladness”

After Communion, the Celebrant says 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

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father. The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Recessional Hymn 473

“Lift high the cross”

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You are invited to a reception in the Transept following the service, given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Evan’s baptism by the St. Therese chapter of The Daughters of the King.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for January 7, 2024

Prayers of the People

Our parish has a faithful and strong prayer ministry. If you want to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Phyllis Webb: 864-630-2353 or phylwebb@charter.net

We ask your prayers for:

Claire Allen
Debbie Bauer
Blake Brown
Betsy Chambers
Scott Derrick
Leslie Entwistle
Craig & Gretchen Grounsell
Rick Grounsell
Jack Jackson
Aislinn Johnson

Hank Johnson
Sarah Kilpatrick
Elizabeth Koontz
Betty Lupo
Lynne Massengill
Renee Morgan
Doug Parrott
Lee Quinn
Ed & Wayne Roberts
Jim Skardon

Steve & Jackie Smith
Elyette Taylor
Melanie Tinnelly
Bill Wagner
Mark Wansley
Bob Weinstein
Margaret White
Nathan

...and for those whose needs are known to God alone.

We give thanks and praise for:

For the repose of the soul of:

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

Church of the Epiphany, Laurens; Church of the Epiphany, Spartanburg

For Gary Powell, missionary in Ukraine.

For those serving in the military, especially:

Matthew Howard, Elijah Johnson, Andrew Lupo, Chris McDowell, Michael Reardon, Christopher Tyminiski

For students, especially:

Riley Hawkins, Kaitlyn Massengill, Caroline Phillips, John Phillips, Charles Poe, George Poleski, Andrew Reardon, Kimberlee Warren



Happy Birthday!

- 10 Julie Hayes
- 11 Gretchen Grounsell
- 11 Maria Webb-Reardon
- 13 Delmas Allen

Christian Education

No Adult Christian Ed today. We will meet January 14th and 21st and study "Episcopal Identity" at 10:45am in the vestry room.



Godly Play & Childcare

Godly Play is a program of Christian education and spiritual formation for children ages 3 – 2nd grade.

The nursery is available for those ages 4 and under and is staffed every Sunday. Children are welcome to stay in the church or go to the Education Hall.



Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for joining us for worship and fellowship this morning. Please stop by the visitors' table to say hello and sign the guest book.

How might Redeemer be part of your faith journey?

Tuna for Samaritan House!

We are collecting 150 cans of tuna this month for Samaritan House. Please add your donations in the wagon in the narthex. Thank you!



Save the Dates!

January 19-20th – Vestry Retreat (January's vestry meeting takes place during the vestry retreat)

January 28th – Annual Meeting

February 4th – The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards' Visitation at Redeemer



To hear Bishop Richards' 2023 Christmas message go to <https://www.edusc.org/>

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER: JANUARY 7—13

Sunday, January 7	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 2:00 PM	Holy Eucharist (in-person and live stream) Adult Christian Education - Vestry room Hispanic Service - Purser Hall
Monday, January 8	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	ACOA - Purser Hall ALANON - Transept
Tuesday, January 9	11:00 AM 12:00 PM	Daughters of the King Clergy Lunch
Wednesday, January 10	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Holy Eucharist - Nave Communications meeting - Workroom AA Meeting - Purser Hall Finance Committee - Workroom Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 13	11:00 AM	AA Meeting - Purser Hall ALANON - Vestry Room

	THIS WEEK: JANUARY 7	NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 14
Verger	David Poleski	Rebekah Webb
Usher	Ken Wood	Josh Hawkins
Crucifer	Sarah Meade	Robin Mill
Lector 1	Betty Boesch	David Poleski
Lector 2	Robin Mill	John Helm
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade	Susan Butler & Margie Hankinson
Flower Guild	Louise Heizer	TBD
Counters	Bill Lee & Carol Hallman	Meg Coffey & John Helm
Video	John Helm	David Poleski

Coffee Hour Snacks and Treats:

Today: Daughters of the King
January 14 The Garden Club
January 21 Betsy Walt
January 28 (open)

Readings for Sunday, January 14th

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Response: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: John 1:43-51

Thank you to Jane and Bob Bouton for providing snacks at the coffee hour last Sunday, December 31st. We appreciate your hospitality!

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Ann Meade in thanksgiving for Kyle Meade's birthday*

AND

Judy Planck in memory of Wally Planck

If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor of someone special in your life, the altar dedication book is on the communication table. We ask for a donation of \$40 to offset the cost of the flowers. Thank you for your generosity.

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
Altar Guild:	Margie Hankinson	Outreach:	Lori Hawkins
Card Ministry:	Meg Coffey	Ushers:	Steve Webb
Counters:	Jane Bouton	Vergers:	Daniel McCullough
Flower Guild:	Lauren McCullough	Video:	Rick Hankinson

Clergy and Vestry:

Rector: The Rev. Catherine Tatem	RevCTatem@gmail.com/864.350.4270
Senior Warden: Jack Blackburn (2023)	blackburnjh@gmail.com/864.414.7675
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Betty Boesch (2023)	Kathryn Swilley (2025)	Rebekah Webb, Treasurer
Jane Bouton (2025)	Celia Jernigan (2024)	Jack Blackburn, Assistant
Meg Coffey (2024)	David Poleski (2025)	Treasurer
Cynthia Eason (2023)		Debbie Price, Clerk

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and by appointment.