The Church of the Redeemer



FEBRUARY 4, 2024 9:30 AM

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY A SERVICE OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION 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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Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 135

"Songs of thankfulness and praise"

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lessons The people sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Response

1 Hallelujah!

- How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 9:16-23cts 19.1-7

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.
Then, all stand People	ding, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel:

Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Bishop says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present William Kenneth to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents

I present Thomas Entwistle to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Bishop asks each candidate

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate

I do

The Bishop 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.

Bishop

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 Bishop asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question Answer	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? I renounce them.
Question Answer	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? I renounce them.
Answer	I renounce them.
Question Answer	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? I renounce them.
Question Answer	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? I do.
Question Answer	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? I do.
Question Answer	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do.

When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says The other Candidates will now be presented.		
Presenters	I present Nathan Cooper Forbes and Sarah Elizabeth Meade for Confirmation.	
Bishop Candidate	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil? I do.	
Bishop Candidate	Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.	
After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, sayingWill you who witness these vows do all in your power to support thesepersons in their life in Christ?PeopleWe will.		
The Bishop then says these or similar words		

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop People	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Bishop People	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.
Bishop People	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

Bishop People	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.
Bishop People	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.
Bishop People	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.
Bishop People	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.
Bishop People	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop 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 Bishop bl	lesses the water, first saying
-	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Bishop	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop, who pours water upon, the candidate, saying

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

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Bishop says Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop 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.

At Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation

The Bishop says to the congregation Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence may be kept.

Then the Bishop says Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. Amen. **or this** Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop says Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Hymn 296

"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"

Announcements

Birthday and anniversary prayers and blessings

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant says an offertory sentence.

Offertory Choir Anthem Create in me a clean heart, O God Mueller

All "loose plate" offering today will go to the bishop's discretionary fund. Thank you for your generous gifts. 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	S-130
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 Sarahyou 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 saidCelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 538

"God of mercy, God of grace"

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, standing

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

Recessional Hymn 423

"Immortal, invisible God only wise"

Dismissal

Deacon:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You are invited to a brunch in Purser Hall following the service, given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for The Church of the Redeemer and The Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for February 4, 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 & Waynne Roberts Jim Skardon
- Steve & Jackie Smith Elyette Taylor Melanie Tinnelly Bill Wagner Mark Wansley Bob Weinstein Margaret White Nathan Bruce

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

We give thanks and praise for:

For the repose of the soul of: Ann Meilander

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

Church of the Ridge, Edgefield

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!

- 5 John Helm
- 5 Trip Ethridge
- 6 Scott Derrick
- 8 Bill Campbell

Christian Education

No Adult Christian Ed today. We will meet on the 11th at 10:45am in the vestry meeting room. Join us!

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.



Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for joining us for worship and

fellowship this morning. Please stop by the visitors' table to sign the guest book.

How might Redeemer be part of your faith journey?

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER: FEBRUARY 4-10

Sunday, February 4	9:30 AM 2:00 PM	Holy Eucharist (in-person and live stream) Hispanic Service - Purser Hall
Monday, February 5	4:15 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	International Ballet & PVC - Purser Hall ACOA - Purser Hall ALANON - Transept
Wednesday, February 7	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00AM 4:15 PM 12:00 PM 6:30 PM	Men's Study Breakfast - Fireside room Holy Eucharist - Nave Garth Committee - Parlor Communications meeting - Work room International Ballet & PVC - Purser Hall AA Meeting - Purser Hall/Fireside room Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 9	6:30 PM	TRIVIA NIGHT! - Purser Hall
Saturday, February 10	11:00 AM	AA Meeting - Purser Hall ALANON - Vestry Room

	THIS WEEK: FEBRUAI	RY 4	NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 11
Verger	Greg Brown		Meg Coffey
Usher	Ken Wood		TBD
Crucifer	Robin Mill		Sarah Meade
Lector 1	Rick Hankinson		Betty Boesch
Lector 2	John Helm		Bill Lee
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade		Susan Butler & Margie Hankinson
Flower Guild	Lauren McCullough		Cynthia Eason
Counters	Jane Bouton & Carol Hallman		Meg Coffey & Betsy Chiles
Video	John Helm		David Poleski
Coffee Hour Snacks and Treats: Rea		Read	dings for Sunday, February 11th
Today: February 11 February 18 February 25	Holy Chow! (open) (open) (open)	Resp	Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 onse: Psalm 50:1-6 nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 wel: Mark 9:2-9
FEBRUARY Events: Feb 9 th – Trivia Night! Meal at 6:30, Trivia at 7pm Feb 13 th – Shrove Tuesday Pancakes		Thank you to the vestry members for provid- ing snacks at the coffee hour last Sunday, January 28th. We appreciate you!	
Feb 14 th – Ash	ambalaya Dinner 5:30-7pm Wednesday Services Dam, Noon & 6:00pm	Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.	
 Feb 19th – Lenten Soup and Study begins Meal at 6:30, Study 7-8pm Feb 27th – Lenten Soup and Study cont. Meal at 6:30, Study 7-8pm Sign up sheets are in the Narthex 		If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor of someone special in your life, the altar dedication book is on the com- munication 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: Altar Guild: Card Ministry: Counters: Flower Guild:

Lori Hawkins Margie Hankinson Outreach: Meg Coffey Jane Bouton Lauren McCullough

Lectors: Ushers: Vergers: Video:

Bob Bouton Lori Hawkins Steve Webb Daniel McCullough **Rick Hankinson**

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David Poleski (2025) Rich Simms (2026) Kathryn Swilley (2025)

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Church Office Hours:

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