

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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Our service begins on page 323 in the blue Book of Common Prayer.

THE COLLECT

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

THE 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.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us now pray for the Church, and for the World.

Leader For the Church near and far, and for the reconciling love that she shares in your name.

We will arise, and shine, for our Light has come.

Leader For our country and for those who have been given authority among us .

We pray that all nations shall come to your light, and all leaders to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader For peace in all the world.

We pray for an end to violence, hatred, and war, and for the courage to be light in the darkness.

Leader For the our neighbors.

We pray that all nations shall come to your light, and all leaders to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader For those who suffer, especially (...).

Give us strength to comfort all who endure the limitations of mind, body, and spirit.

Leader We give thanks for the many blessings of this life, especially.

May we see the radiance of your grace in our daily lives.

Leader For those who now rest in your glorious presence.

May we be guided by their example, as light perpetual shines upon them.

The Celebrant concludes:

Radiant God, you scatter the darkness by your holy presence. May the living of these prayers make us a reflection of your True and Eternal Light; the One who gives life, and illuminates our world, your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Robert Holzman, Ethan Ledford, Jack Ledford, Lee Campbell, Amy Kattman, Caroline Walton, Lucy Callard, Rick Ciambro, Carter Kemper, John Krug, Steve Perez, John Schenk, Ian Wilt, Elizabeth Wilson, Emily Kuper, David Haffner, Mike Harris, Scot Harris.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Amy Catherine Bendixen by Mary & Tony Osterlund and of Frank Keyes Cone by Anne Lilly & Philip Cone.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Philip DeVaul
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>Lector</i>	Lisa Frey
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Mark Sesler
<i>Intercessor</i>	Robin Henderson
<i>Bankers</i>	Bob Campbell, Steve Zimmerman, Betsy Schram (alt.)
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Blake Gustafson , Guy Byars, Courtney Vice
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Kathleen Stengel, Denise Beauchamp, Pam Hackim, Laurie Maguire
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Staffiera, Kathy Behne, Jan Hill, Pattie Kovach, Amanda Rasche
<i>Children’s Liturgy</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin, Lisa Senter

