

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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: Fran Morriss, John Hopper, Phil Dowers, Abigail Chua, Elizabeth Staffiera, Nicole Prather, Julie Anne Baur, Egan Keller, Jeanne Plunkett, Edie Zimmerman, Jake Jasper, Ryder Brokamp, Jane Novak-Cook, Vicky Carroll, Ian Rodway, Reed Wasik, Mary Heinlen, John Simpkinson, Cynthia Williams, Grace Vatter.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Nip and Jim Becker.

The **GREENS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Emily's birthday by Carolyn & Kevin Martin, for Elizabeth's birthday by Karen & Mike Staffiera, and for Jeanne Plunkett by Chet Cavaliere.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Philip DeVaul
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
<i>Acolytes</i>	Paul Crouch
<i>Sacristan</i>	Tony Ravagnani
<i>Lector</i>	Andrea Rogers
<i>Psalmist</i>	Andrea Rogers
<i>Chalicians</i>	Julie Anne Baur, Andrea Rogers
<i>Intercessor</i>	Julie Anne Baur
<i>Healing Prayer</i>	Jackson Baur
<i>AV</i>	Jacob Senter
<i>Ushers</i>	Lisa Andrews, Ryan Andrews
<i>Greeters</i>	Bain Massey, Richard Massey, Louisa Adams
<i>Bankers</i>	Chris Gorz, Steve Zimmerman, Missy Holzman (alt.)
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Pattie Kovach, Ryan Andrews , Cheryl Fast
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Kathleen Stengel, Marcia Shortt
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Missy Darling, Judy Frey, Lisa Frey, Kathe Kissel, Kelly Schleker, Sharon Smith
<i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Tommy Kirk, Elizabeth Ross

