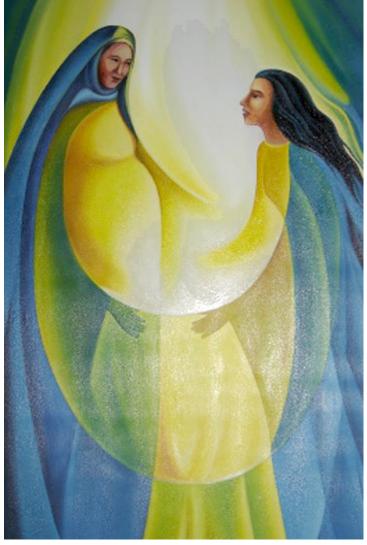
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



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> FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2024 9 AM

Preschool and elementary aged children are invited to come forward for the lighting of the Advent candles then gather for Donuts & Jesus in the chapel. They will return to their families in the sanctuary for communion. **PRELUDE** Freu dich sehr op. 5, no. 2

Paul Manz

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"My eyes have seen your salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." - John 8:12

As we light all four candles of the Advent wreath, we give thanks for your great love in Jesus, your Son. Help us make room in our hearts for your love and live in our bodies, minds, and spirits. **Amen.**

Please stand for the singing of the Entrance Hymn.

Those who wish to do so bow in reverence to acknowledge God's presence as the cross passes by.

ENTRANCE HYMN H56 O Come O Come Emmanuel (Dec. 23) 1 0 0 Em - man el, come, come, and ran - som u (Dec. 17) 2 0 thou Wis - dom from high, who come, on or - derest (Dec. 18)<u>3</u> 0 0 thou Lord of might, who come, come, to thy (Dec. 19) 4 0 thou Branch of Ies tree, free come. se's them from 0 thou Kev Da (Dec. 20) 5 come, of vid, come, and o pen (Dec. 21)_6 0 come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us (Dec. 22) 7 0 De sire of tions, bind in come, na one the (Dec. 23) 8 0 0 Em - man el. come. come. u and ran - som -. cap - tive 1 Is ra el. that mourns in lone - lv ex ile 2 all things might i ly; the path of know ledge to us 3 tribes on Si nai's height in an cient times didst give the 4 Sa - tan's ran - ny that thy might - y power ty trust to $\mathbf{5}$ wide our heaven ly home; make safe the way that leads on 6 bv thy draw ing nigh: dis - perse the gloom - v clouds of 7 bid hearts of all man - kind: thou our sad di vi sions -8 cap - tive Is ra - el, that mourns in lone - lv ex ile 6 here un - til the Son of God 1 ap - pear. 2 show. and teach us in her ways go. to awe. 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and save, and give them vic - tory 4 o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! high, and 5close the path to mis \mathbf{er} - y. 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow flight. put to 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. 8 Son here un - til the of God ap - pear.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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Jesus' summary of the Law (from Matthew 22:37-40) has been included at the outset of Episcopal services since 1789. It orients our worship and our life in the necessity of Love.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.

You come to your people and set them free.

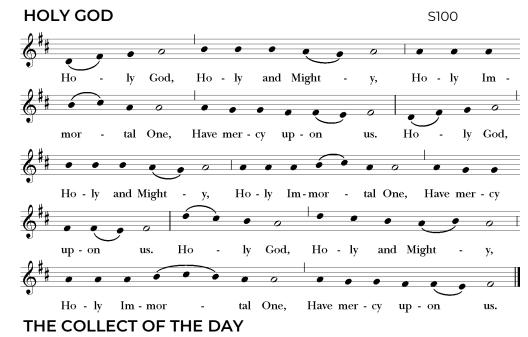
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

People

All

Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

An ancient hymn of the eastern church. "Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us" Trisagion is from the Greek, meaning "thrice holy." It is mentioned in the acts of the Council of Chalcedon . Please be seated for the Readings.

FIRST LESSON

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return

to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

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



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my 'Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his /low´ly servant. From this day all generations will call me ´blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy /is ´his Name. He has mercy on those who ´fear him *

in every /ge'neration.

He has shown the strength of 'his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in /their 'conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from 'their thrones, * and has lifted /up 'the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with 'good things, * and the rich he has sent /a 'way empty. He has come to the help of his servant 'Israel, * for he has remembered his pro/mise 'of mercy, The promise he made to our 'fathers, * to Abraham and his child/ren 'for ever.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

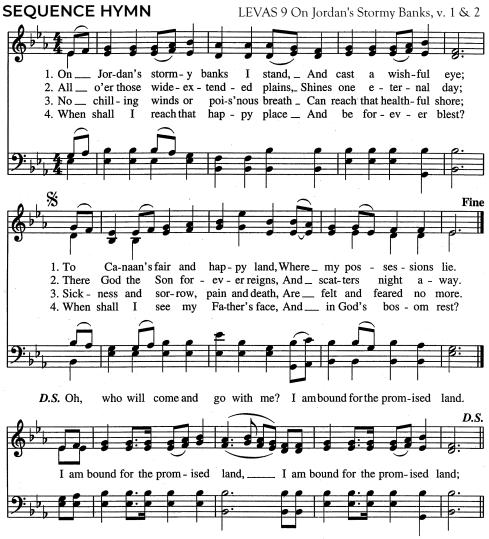
in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God. Please stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn

The Gospel procession into the congregation reminds us that Jesus came among us.



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THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel. in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Nicene Creed is the most ancient and important corporate confession of our faith. We are joining ourselves to the great heritage of the holy (of God) catholic (universal) and abostolic (witnessing to the resurrection) church down through the centuries. This heritage is vaster, richer, and more mysterious than any one individual can understand, but we. as the community of the members of the Body of Christ, share and commit ourselves to it.

Prayer is offered with intercession for: The Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; the concerns of the local community; those

THE HOMILY

There will be a pause for silent reflection immediately following the homily.

THE NICENE CREED

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. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Holy Lord, as we prepare for the advent of Christ, Give us your spirit of wisdom.

As we seek to embody your love in the world, Give us your spirit of good counsel.

who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate).

Having heard the word of God and having prayed for others we are led to amendment of life.

All kneel as they are able.

The confession of sin is from A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season by Elizabeth Lovett Grover As we seek to be faithful, Give us eyes to see beyond the obvious. As we gather in this hour, we lift all in need before you ...

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings

May we be instruments of your peace on earth As we accept the gifts of your Spirit.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon	As we await the coming of Jesus,	
	so we often wait for others to forgive us.	
	Our sin separates us from God and from one another	
	Let us forgive one another and confess our own sin together.	
All	God of all people, you sent your Son Jesus	
	to teach us how to live and	
	to reveal your love for us and for all of creation.	
	We confess that we have lost sight of your love.	
	In this busy season we turn away from pain and poverty,	
	we avoid the sick and the lonely,	
	and we give in to greed and pride.	
	Have mercy on us and give us the strength	
	to truly live according to your will	
	and in thanksgiving for your love.	
	We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.	
Celebrant	The Lord enrich us with grace,	
	and further us with heavenly blessing.	
	The Lord defend us in adversity and keep us from all evil.	
	The Lord receive our prayers	
	and graciously absolve us from our offenses. In God's name we	
	pray. Amen	

The Peace is an extension of Christian greeting and teaching. It symbolizes our intent to forgive as we are forgiven, to live in peaceshalom, harmonywith all persons.

The offertory sentence reminds us that our offerings are our response to God's care and nurture.

Please stand as you are able.

The Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts) is a form of introduction to braver handed down over the Centuries. This dialogue is the invitation to the people to join in the Eucharistic offering, to raise minds and hearts to "things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

Please stand as you are able. **THE PEACE**

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

I sing of a maiden

Amy Bebbington

PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God from whom all blessing flow: Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

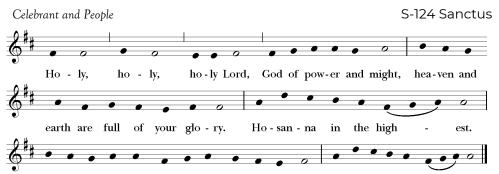
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. Celebrant And also with you. People Lift up your hearts. Celebrant We lift them to the Lord. People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Celebrant It is right to give God thanks and praise. People It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to Celebrant give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and

great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Eucharistic Prayer B



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Celebrant 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;

Celebrant 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

The Institution Narrative recalls the particular mighty act that is the focus of the service: the gift of Christ's body and blood to be our spiritual food and drink (1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20).

We ask that the Holy Spirit sanctify (bless or make holy) the bread and wine and also us who are to receive the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. Because it gives our assent ("So be it") to all the Eucharistic Prayer, the people's response is called the Great Amen.

If you wish to receive the breadthe body of Christ, please come to the altar and hold out your hand to take the bread. You may eat the bread immediately. and if you wish to receive the wine from the chalice, please assist the chalice to your libs for a sip of wine. You may also leave the bread in your hand and dip it in the wine. If you wish to receive the bread only, please know it is the historic position of the Church that receiving one of the elements is sufficient to complete communion.

If a Lav Eucharistic Visitor will take communion to those not with us, the first postcommunion prayer is said.

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. AMEN.

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

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. People

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Magnificat by Jessica French

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYERS

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.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Following the Blessing, the people respond **Amen.**



People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fuga in C major BuxWV 174D. Buxtehude

Please stand for the singing of the Closing Hymn.

The dismissal asserts the relationship between worship and living. It is a call to mission, a call to live the baptismal and Eucharistic life in the world.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant	The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Herschel Wade
Deacon	The Rev. Gary Lubin
Acolytes	George Allen, Ellie Allen, Anna Kirk
Sacristan	William Montgomery
Lector	Steve Carlton-Ford
Lay Reader	
Chalice Bearer	Ellen Reister
Intercessor	Anny Stevens-Gleason
Ushers	David & Joan Burrow
Greeter	Kathy Krug
Bread Guild	Pattie Kovach
Musicians	Church of the Redeemer Choir; Ningjing Wu, organ;
	Dr. Brett Scott, choir director
Flower Guild	Angela Lyman, Courtney Vice
Altar Guild	Missy Darling, Emily Esslinger, Amanda Rasche, Sarah Kate Rasche



Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer! We love the sound of kids in our service. Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

Relax: It's OK for kids to be kids. We offer coloring pages, worship bags, and books they can use during the service.

Sit Close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, pray, respond, etc. and kids will follow your lead.

Wander: It's OK to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids wander.

Need to Leave? No problem, there are spaces to take a break - kids need that sometimes. Come back when you're ready!

Ask: Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." **Matthew 19:14 NRSV** Welcome to Church of the Redeemer! We have a vision of a worshipping community that **knows Jesus and grows in love.** A community that is **united** in relationships of holy connection and communion. A community **growing** with people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, and political persuasion. A community **inspired** by our understanding of why we are Christian, why we are Episcopalian, why Redeemer matters to us. A community **sent** into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness. Come, join us on the journey.

CALENDAR

Look for more details on events on our website: redeemer-cincy.org/events.

Church of the Redeemer offers a variety of worship, education, and fellowship events for all ages. A quick glance at our calendar provides a look at both our recurring opportunities, as well as those special events we have throughout the year. You can access the church calendar on our website under the Connect tab, on our CoR App using the Calendar button, on our TV sign in the narthex (lobby), and by using the QR code at right.



VESTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

VISITING OR CHECKING US OUT TODAY? THINKING OF JOINING?

Church of the Redeemer may be the place for you. Here's how to connect:

JOIN US for coffee and hospitality after the worship services in the Great Hall.

ASK QUESTIONS and join the Newcomer group at the Welcome Table, found in the Narthex (Lobby). If you like, sign-up for a name tag. Greeters, ushers, clergy, and friendly people would love to talk to you!

CHILD CARE is available in the Playroom for children (age 3 and younger) each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am through 12:15 pm. Children's education hour happens 10-11AM — 2 year old children are invited to Joyful Noisemakers in the Playroom; children (age 3-6) may join Godly Play on the 2nd floor; (grades 1-4) are invited to Club CoR in the Great Hall (Cloister Side); (grades 5&6) gather in the Library for Middle CoR; and youth (grades 7-12) meet in the Youth Café in the upstairs kitchen.

Questions about family & children's programming? Contact our Minister for Family Discipleship, Tym House at tym@redeemer-cincy.org.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED? Contact Nancy Schwartz, Director of Operations: nancyschwartz@redeemer-cincy.org or 513.321.6700



Our community is a center for transformation. We are founded on the belief that nobody can encounter the love of God in Christ Jesus and remain unchanged. And this church, this beautiful, messy gathering of people, we keep being brought together to live into that transformation, to understand that love more fully. Reflect on this as you consider how

you will commit to Church of the Redeemer in 2025. The gifts you make are a practical way in which you facilitate the blessing and transformation of your community. You are contributing to ministries that are changing lives every day. You are helping the church grow. You make this church what it is. You empower transformation. Thank you for your presence and care. Please make your 2025 financial commitment now. Simply use the Giving button on your CoR App or the **QR Code to your right.**

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG - As we gather together for worship today it is



important to wear your nametag to help us all remember names or just meet for the first time. Don't have a nametag yet? Sign-up for one in the narthex/lobby near the entrance to the chapel. It will be ready for you next Sunday in the nametag cabinet.

NEW TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER? - Ready to learn more about our ministries? Considering



membership? Use the QR code at the left to join our Newcomer group and receive information about ministries, events, membership and access to our CoR App.

TODAY'S OFFERING - We encourage you to give your offering electronically today through our CoR App. (Search Redeemer Cincy in your app store.) Or you may choose to give online via our secure online system using the QR Code at right. There are also two collection spots in the narthex (look for the Give Here signs) where you may deposit your offering safely.

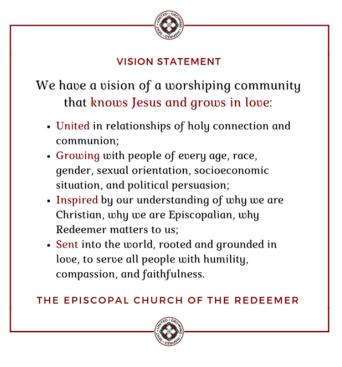


WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday: 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PARKING: Parking is on the street. Please pay attention to the signs indicating proper parking zones. Accessible parking is available in the front on Erie, in the back parking lot, and on the west side of Raymar.

ACCESSIBLE REDEEMER: The front entrance has a ramp and there is an elevator inside the back door and to the left. Accessible restrooms are located in the Lobby inside the front entrance. The nave is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for assistance.



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