

WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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OPENING SONG

BEAUTIFUL THINGS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Said by one

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

THE CANTICLE

SONG OF CHRIST'S GOODNESS

Said by all

**Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.**

**Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.**

READING

LUKE 2:22-40

Read by one

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak

about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Leader God is
All **One God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is - seen and unseen.**

Leader God is
All **Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, divine and human, our Savior. His life, death, and resurrection reveal to us that God is love.**

Leader God is
All **The Holy Spirit, at work in the world. Speaking through prophets past and present, inspiring us, holding us accountable, leading us to grow into the full stature of Christ**

Leader With God's help
All **We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

PRAYERS

You are invited to offer your own prayers after each petition either silently or aloud.

Intercessor When we labor and are laden with worries and cares,

All **Refresh us, O Christ.**

Intercessor When our hands are not ready to accept help,

All **Renew our trust, O Christ.**

Intercessor When we grow weary of loving others,

All **Love us, O Christ.**

Intercessor We offer you the cares of our hearts:

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

Intercessor As we lift our hopes and joys to you,

All **Hear us, O Christ. Amen.**

Celebrant Holy One, you know our needs before we ask: Grant that we may persevere in our prayers for the needs of all creation, and renew our trust in your loving care for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

God, you have called us to love the world.

We do not always recognize our belovedness;

We do not always recognize the belovedness of our neighbor;

We know we harm our relationship with you

and our relationships with each other

with words said and unsaid,

with deeds done and undone.

We ask for your unreserved forgiveness.

We ask for your unconditional love.

Help us to forgive without reservation.

Help us to love without condition.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The magnitude of your sins
can never compare
with God's immeasurable grace.

Out of the abundance of God's love
you are forgiven. **Amen.**

PEACE

We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church;
to make peace a reality.

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are invited to follow the cross and draw near. All are welcome to join us around the altar.
Walk in love, as Christ loves us.

SONG

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 2

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.

When my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer has been adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray,

Creator of all, it is right to give you thanks,

for your voice alone brought light and life to birth when all began.

1 *You spoke each one of us into being,
 and named us with the name that you alone could speak.*

2 *You called us to be lovers of creation,
 and to care for each other as you care for us.*

**But we betrayed your trust —
and we in turn became the victims of betrayal.**

The bond of trust became the bondage of division:

male and female, Jew and Gentile,

enslaved and free, oppressor and oppressed.

Our hearts became the haunt of demons;

sin and sickness held us captive;

and our own kin cast us out.

Yet you did not desert us,

but instead sent your Word of Love to seek us out,

to gather in the lost and outcast.

1 *Jesus did not turn away from us,
 but called us to your table and made us partakers in your life.*

2 *He threw open the doors of freedom, casting out the shadows of our hearts
and greeting us as God's beloved community.*

1 *In place of judgment, Christ gave compassion;*

2 *in place of condemnation, healing.*

**And even as Christ came to share our suffering,
he called us to be a witness to his own;
to follow in the way that led to the cross;
and to see with our own eyes the depths of your forgiveness.**

And when the night was darkest, and our loss complete,
Jesus broke upon us like the dawn,
and shattered death itself within the empty tomb.
He called us once again by name,
and chose us to be bearers of the Word of Love.

For on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to them and said :

“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in 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 of this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Faithful God,
of all the things that are yours, we offer you these,
which are yours especially.
We offer them gladly, as he told us,
giving thanks for his death and resurrection.

And having seen the glory of the Risen Christ,
we praise you and we bless you:

We praise you, we bless you, and we give thanks to you, Lord our God.

Now, we pray,
send your loving Spirit upon this bread and this wine,
that it may be the life-giving body and blood of your Christ,
and send your spirit upon us to make us one with Christ in your covenant of love.

Give us courage not to cling to what is past, but to proclaim the freedom of new life,
as together with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Be what you see; receive who you are. The Body of Christ.

COMMUNION MUSIC

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the rear of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant	The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Preacher	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
Deacon	The Rev. Gary Lubin
Prayers	Jane Allan
The Great Commandment & Scripture Reading	Elise Allred
Chalice Bearer	Elise Allred, Paige DeVaul
Greeter	Keenan Beauchamp
Sacristan	Kelli Wisecup
Ushers	Lisa & Ryan Andrews
Bread Guild	Ryan Andrews
Altar Guild	Andrea Rogers, John Morabito, Pattie Kovach, Julia Joyce
Flower Guild.....	Melanie Schottelkotte, Kathe Kissel, Christine Bennett, Cindy Bryden

IN MEMORY AND THANKSGIVING

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in memory of David Knoll by Pat Knoll, Wilford Lawrence Romney by Nicky Bade, and Cliff and Jacque Weake by Gay Weake.

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.



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Please contact communications@redeemer-cincy.org with any questions.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

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!

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.

ASK QUESTIONS and join our Newcomer group at our 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. During 10:00 am education hour, children (**age 3-6**) may join Godly Play in the Playroom; (**grades 1-4**) are invited to Club CoR in the Great Hall (Cloister Side) and youth (**grades 5-8**) gather in the Library for Middle CoR.

Questions about children's programming? Contact our Minister for Children and Families, Hannah Teetor at hannah@redeemer-cincy.org.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED? Contact Nancy Schwartz, Director of Operations:

nancyschwartz@redeemer-cincy.org or 513.321.6700



Church of the Redeemer has at its center the love of God in Jesus Christ. We are nourished by this love, empowered by the knowledge that we belong to God unconditionally, and equipped by our church to share love and blessing with the world around us. The gift you make facilitates the blessing of our community and the spiritual nourishment of so many. You are contributing to practical ministries that are transforming lives every day. You are not paying the church back for what it is doing in your life, you are paying it forward to create opportunities for everyone who connects with our church. You are helping the church grow. You make this church what it is. You empower blessing and belonging. **Please make your 2024 financial commitment now. Simply use the Giving button on your CoR App or the QR Code to your right.**



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YOUR NAME
Here

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.



JOIN OUR NEWCOMER GROUP - 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 here: <https://redeemercincy.tpsdb.com/Give/offering>. There are also two collection spots in the narthex (look for the Give Here signs) where you may deposit your offering safely.



WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday: Morning Prayer Podcast
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Thursday: Morning Prayer Podcast

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VESTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

