



The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

The Presentation of our Lord

Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8:00 am
February 2, 2025



Latimore, Kelly. *La presentación de Cristo en el templo*,
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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.

The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Response

Psalm 24:7-10

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
 "The LORD, strong and mighty,
 the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
 "The LORD of hosts,
 he is the King of glory."

The New Testament

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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.

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.**

Participants

- Celebrant & Preacher* The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
- Deacon* The Rev. Gary Lubin
- Lector* Russ Morrison
- Lay Reader* David Haffner
- Intercessor* Megan Feichtner
- Bread Guild* Liz Coley

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.

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.

Calendar

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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