THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2025 9 AM Preschool and elementary aged children are invited to Donuts & Jesus in the chapel. They will return to their families in the sanctuary for communion.

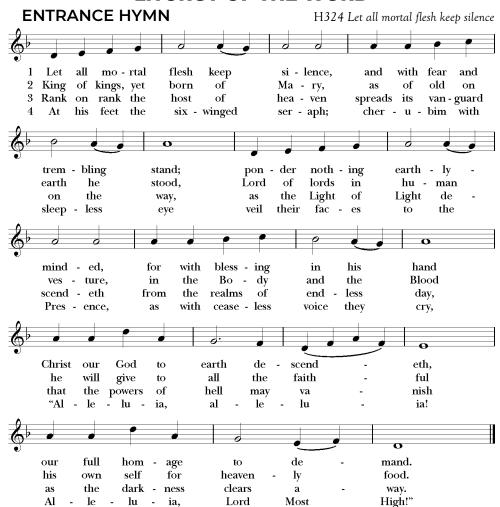
Please stand for the singing of the Entrance Hymn.

Those who wish to do so bow in reverence to acknowledge God's presence as the cross passes by. PRELUDE 6 Pièces pour orgue sans pédale N.1 Prélude

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

WELCOME

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860; harm. after The English Hymnal, 1906

OPENING ACCLAMATION

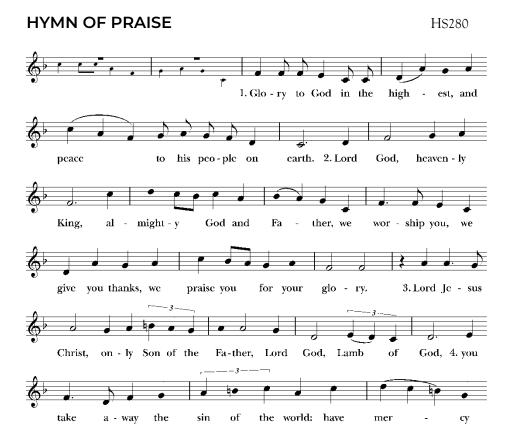
Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.

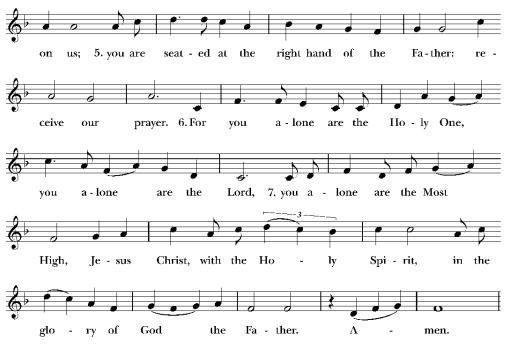
People You come to your people and set them free.

All 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 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.

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.





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

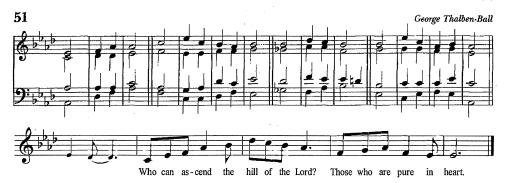
Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



ANTIPHON

- mf 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O ever lasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
- f 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *

 "The LORD, strong and mighty,
 the LÖRD, mighty in battle."
- mf 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O ever lasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
- f "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

 "The LORD of hosts,

 he is the King of glory."

ANTIPHON

SECOND LESSON

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 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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All face the reader.

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *People* **Glory** to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN

517 How lovely is thy dwelling place, v. 3

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.

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 apostolic (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.

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.

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 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 Enriching our Worship 1

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The offertory sentence reminds us that our offerings

are our response to God's care and nurture. Please stand as vou 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 beoble 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."

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Celebrant

And also with you. People

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria

Stephanie Martin

PRESENTATION HYMN

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. Celebrant And also with you. Peoble Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



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 26:2628,
Mark 14:22-24,

Luke 22:19-20).

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;

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 beoble's response is called the Great Amen.

If you wish to receive the bread the 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 lips for a sip of wine. You may also leave the bread in your hand and dip it in the wine.

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 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.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

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 *Nunc dimittis* 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.**

Please stand for the singing of the Closing Hymn.



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THE DISMISSAL

The people respond

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sonatina in C major, Op. 36, No. 1, Allegro M. Clcmente

the world.

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Herschel Wade

Preacher The Rev. Joyce Keeshin

Deacon The Rev. Gary Lubin

Acolytes Kieran Rodway, Quinn Rodway, Rhys Rodway

Sacristan William Montgomery

Lector Kathy Krug

Lay Reader Steve Zimmerman

Chalice Bearer Ed Ewbank

Intercessor Julia Sebastian

Ushers Kathe & Larry Kissel

Greeter

Bread Guild Liz Coley

Musicians Church of the Redeemer Choir; Ningjing Wu, organist,

Dr. Brett Scott, choir director

Flower Guild Melanie Schottelkotte, Kathe Kissel, Christine Bennett, Cindy Bryden

Altar Guild Andrea Rogers, John Morabito, Pattie Kovach, Julia Joyce

IN MEMORY AND THANKSGIVING

The flowers that beautified our worship spaces last week were given to the glory of God in honor of Jane and Bill Killen's Wedding Anniversary by Bill Killen and in memory of my mother, Joy Cavaliere by Jeanne Plunkett.

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces today 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.

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! 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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Matthew Solomon, Education Board Co-Chair Bain Massey, Education Board Co-Chair

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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 OR 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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