

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 18, 2025 | 9am



VISION STATEMENT

We have a vision of a worshiping community that knows Jesus and grows in love:

- United in relationships of holy connection and communion;
- Growing with people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, and political persuasion;
- Inspired by our understanding of why we are Christian, why we are Episcopalian, why Redeemer matters to us;
- Sent into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness.

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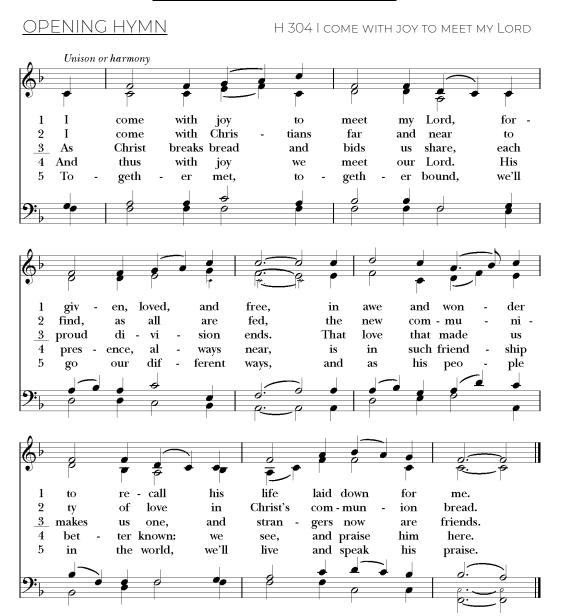
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, preschool \mathscr{E} elementary aged children are invited to the back of the sanctuary to join kids chapel.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Please stand as you are able.



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day "collects" our individual thoughts into unified prayer that we might respond to the lessons we are about to hear.

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 11:1-18

Please be seated.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Iesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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ANTIPHON

- I Hallelujah!

 Praise the LORD from the heavens; *

 praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, 'all you'angels of his; *
 —'praise him, 'all his'host.
- mf 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
 - 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

ANTIPHON

- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
 for he commanded, and they were cretated.
 - 6 He made them stand fast for ever; and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass a way.
- ff 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
 - 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;

ANTIPHON

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

All turn toward the Gospel.



THE GOSPEL JOHN 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN

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THE HOMILY

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

Please be seated for the homily. Please stand, as you are able.

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.

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

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Kristin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us, Lord;.

For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People Most merciful God,.

We confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY OCULI OMNIUM CHARLES WOOD

As well as placing your offering in the plate, 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 located 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 securely.

THE DOXOLOGY

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

The Peace is an extension of Christian greeting and teaching. It symbolizes our intent to forgive as we are forgiven, to live in peace - shalom, harmony - with all persons.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

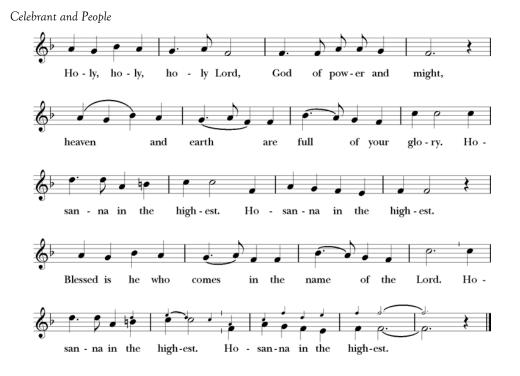
People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) exemplifies that the Eucharist is the action of the whole Church, even of the whole creation, by sharing the song of the anaels and the company of heaven (Isaiah 6:1-3, Psalm 118:25-26, Revelation 4:8)

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).

The people may stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues

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;

The Celebrant continues

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 Mary and 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.**

We ask that the Holv 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. 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.

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.

Please be seated until directed forward by the ushers. 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.

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.

THE COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.



Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

Music: McKee, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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.

POSTLUDE

Toccata -

Gaston Belier

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Herschel Wade

Preacher The Rev. Phillip Devaul

Assisting Priests The Rev. Joyce Keeshin

Deacon The Rev. Gary Lubin

Sacristan Tom Kirkwood

Lector Nico Rumboll

Lay Reader David Haffner

Chalice Bearer Steve Zimmerman

Acolytes Wesley DeVaul

Intercessor Julia Sebastian

Ushers Edward Polaski and Bill Killen

Altar Guild Kathe Kissel, Katy Mallon, Brian Weinewuth

Bread Guild Kathy Krug

Flower Guild

Musicians Church of the Redeemer Choir

Dr. L. Brett Scott, Choir Director; Greg Miller, Assistant Choir Master

Kelly Hale, Organist

IN THANKSGIVING AND MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their grandchildren Alexander, Spencer, and Emmy Wolf and Charlie and Daphne Simpkinson by Janet and John Simpkinson. And in loving memory of Karen's Father, Stan Kjelby by Karen and Bob Schlanz.

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 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. 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); (**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



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.



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.

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CALENDAR

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

Church of the Redeemer offers a variety of worship, education, mission, and fellowship events for all ages. A quick glance at our Events Page provides a look at both our recurring opportunities, as well as those special events we have throughout the year. You can access the church Events Page on our website under the Connect tab, on our CoR App using the Events button, and by using the QR code.



VESTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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