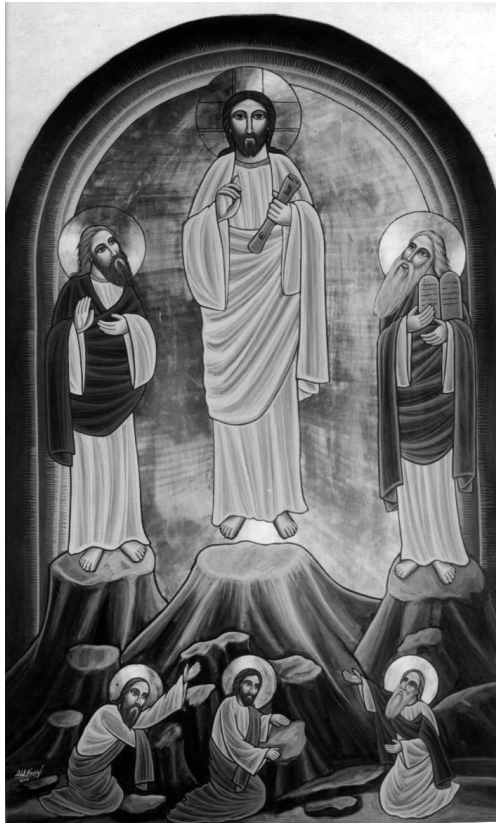


Divine Worship
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The Church of the
Redeemer



Quinquagesima Sunday
February 19, A.D. 2023

Welcome to *The Church of the Redeemer*

- ❖ This booklet contains our liturgy, the order we follow in worship. You'll see the Scripture readings and songs that change from week to week as well as prayers we offer every Sunday.
- ❖ The shape of our Sunday worship is ancient and comes from the *Book of Common Prayer*. Its language is not our everyday language, but a more formal, elevated speech that connects us to the majesty of God and to the larger body of Christ (on earth and in heaven) that worships God together in one Spirit. It's not so much what we've chosen as what we've received, and we treasure the heritage that passed it to us.
- ❖ Not everything we do is "scripted," though. We may pray or sing or "amen" in ways that aren't in the book but spring up from our own hearts. We believe the liturgy has "breathing room" – space for the Spirit to move in fresh ways during the service.
- ❖ Incense is a biblical symbol of our prayers rising to God and his presence with us. We use high-quality, natural materials that present little to no risk for irritation or allergic reaction. Check out Father Edgerton's (free) book for more on incense and its role in the Church.
- ❖ We teach obedience to 1 Corinthians 11:4-16 regarding head coverings in worship, but we recognize that many do not believe this Scripture still applies to the Church. Those who adhere to this teaching, those who do not, and those who are unsure are all welcome to worship according to their own consciences on the matter. Fr. Edgerton has a (free) book in the lobby that offers the historic Christian understanding of this text and practice.

Please *don't* get stressed about whether you're "doing everything right." Like most things, both liturgical and ex tempore worship are things we grow into with time, practice, and devotion. We all had a first time too and understand!

Do focus on the words we sing and pray.

Do join your heart and voice with ours toward God.

Do receive the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We're so glad you came to worship the Lord with us!

Today, our vicar and pianist are assisting our sister parish. Holy Cross in Amelia, Virginia, as they consecrate their building and bless their new parish hall. Deacon Jameson will be ministering the Word and will distribute the Holy Communion from elements consecrated by the vicar last Sunday.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*, 1876.*

*Music: St. Denio, Welsh melody, from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, by John Roberts, 1839*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
But-of all Thy rich graces this grace, Lord, impart
Take-the veil from our faces, the vile from our heart.

All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee,
And so let Thy glory, Almighty, impart,
Through Christ in His story, Thy Christ to the heart.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

BLESSED be God, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

¶ A Psalm, Hymn, or Anthem may be sung when the Minister enters or, after a sentence of Scripture, the Minister may say,

People. The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said the COLLECT FOR PURITY following.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ The Decalogue may be omitted, provided it be said at least one Sunday in each month. But Note, that whenever it is omitted, the Minister shall say the Summary of the Law, beginning, Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

¶ Then may the Minister say,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ Here, if the Decalogue has been omitted, shall be said,

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Let us pray.

OALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said the COLLECT OF THE DAY.

OLORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Exodus 24:12-18

THE Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.
People. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99. Dominus regnavit.

THE LORD is King, let the people tremble; *
He sits between the Cherubim, let the earth be moved.

- 2 The LORD is great in Sion, *
and high above all people.
- 3 They shall give thanks unto Your Name, *
which is great, wonderful, and holy.
- 4 The King's power loves judgement; You have established equity, *
You have executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

- 5 O magnify the LORD our God, and fall down before His footstool; *
for He is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among His priests,
and Samuel was among those who called upon His Name: *
these called upon the LORD, and He heard them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the cloudy pillar; *
for they kept His testimonies, and the law that He gave them.
- 8 You heard them, O LORD our God; *
You forgave them, O God, though You did punish their wicked doings.
- 9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship Him upon His holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is holy.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
world without end. Amen.

Philippians 3:7-14

BUT whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector. This is the Word of the Lord.
People. Thanks be to God

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer, and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson, HOUSTON 1966

I want to walk as a child of the Light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The Star of my life is Jesus.

*In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the Light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the Brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Son of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

*In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the Light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run, with patience, the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Minister. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
St. _____.

All. Glory be to thee, O Lord!

St. Matthew 17:1-9

AND after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

Minister. The Gospel of the Lord.

All. Praise be to thee, O Christ!

¶ Then shall be said the CREED commonly called the Nicene.

Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the ☩ Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Children ages 5 and under are invited (but not required) to go with the teacher to the classroom for a Bible story, prayer, and snack time. They will return to the sanctuary for the Peace and Holy Communion.

¶ Then shall follow the SERMON. After which, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and begin the OFFERTORY.

¶ The Offering of the congregation having been gathered, it may be dedicated to the Lord in these words following, or the Long Meter Doxology, or other suitable words, said or sung.

ALL things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own have we given
thee. *Amen. 1 Chronicles 29:14*

THE RECEPTION OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

¶ Then the Minister may ask the secret intercessions of the congregation for any who have desired the prayers of the church. After which he shall say,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [**alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, [especially Joseph our President and Roy our Governor,] that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, [especially Foley our Archbishop, Ray our Presiding Bishop, Peter our Bishop, and Paul our minister,] that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

With our Diocese we ask your especial grace and favor towards Fr. Josiah Jones, Dcn. Bill Barto, and the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church in Chantilly, Virginia.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they

may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. [*The congregation may offer their petitions.*]

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ Then shall this GENERAL CONFESSIOIN be made, by the Minister and all those who are minded to receive the reserved sacrament, humbly kneeling, and saying,

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from **A**thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ If the Minister be not a Presbyter, he shall remain kneeling, and read the Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ All stand. The Minister says to the people,

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People.

And with thy spirit.

¶ Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the Minister shall proceed, saying,

Minister. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister. Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

¶ Then shall the Minister, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

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O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

¶ Then shall the Minister first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the people also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling. And sufficient opportunity shall be given to those present to communicate. And when he delivers the Bread, he shall say,

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

¶ And the Minister who delivers the Cup shall say,

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); trans, *Hymnal Version*, 1939.
Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697, slightly altered.

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whatever th'Son of God hath told;
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live;
to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.

Jesus, whom now veiled I by faith descry,
what my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord deny,
that thy face unveiled, I at last may see,
in the blissful vision blest, my God, of thee.

Presbyter. Let us pray.

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared

for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

¶ Then, all standing, shall be said or sung the *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*, or some suitable Hymn.

GLORY to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father.
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen*.

¶ This exchange, from the Kenyan prayer book, occurs before the BLESSING. The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Holy Table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

<i>Minister.</i>	All our problems
<i>All.</i>	We send to the cross of Christ.
<i>Minister.</i>	All our difficulties
<i>All.</i>	We send to the cross of Christ.
<i>Minister.</i>	All the devil's works
<i>All.</i>	We send to the cross of Christ.
<i>Minister.</i>	All our hopes
<i>All.</i>	We set on the risen Christ.

Now Thank We All Our God

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1636; Trans. by Catherine Winkworth (Anglican), 1856
Music: NUN DANKET Johann Cruger, 1647; Harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

¶ The Deacon dismisses them with these or other words.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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*Be filled with the Spirit
For the sake of the world.*

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