



The Redeemer

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHORAL EVENSONG

DECEMBER 5, 2021

4:00PM

Welcome to The Redeemer. We're glad you're here!

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In accord with CDC guidelines, we strongly recommend the wearing of masks inside the building.

Hand sanitizer stations are located in the rear center aisle.

Sunday Worship at The Redeemer

8:00am-Rite I

Holy Eucharist: without music

9:30am-Holy Eucharist with music

Choral Matins

(last Sunday of the month)

& via Livestream

4:00pm

Evensong - Informal - Vespers Eucharist

"Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: It is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the 24 in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong ... it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and [people] which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshiper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience." *from Coventry Cathedral*

Offerings and pledge envelopes may be left in the alms basins at the back of the church.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Clair de Lune (Pieces de Fantaisie)

Louis Vierne

The congregation stands as the procession enters during the prelude.

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Other sentences added by the Officiant.

HYMN 72

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

sung by all, standing

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The congregation kneels.

Officiant and People

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from 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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those 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.

Officiant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



PRECES AND RESPONSES

Gabriel Jackson

sung by the officiant and choir

O Lord, open thou our lips,
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

PHOS HILARON HYMN 26

O gracious Light

Conditor alme siderum

sung by all, standing

The congregation is seated.

PSALM 113

sung by the choir

Laudate, pueri
John Cantrell

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.
 - 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
 - 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.
 - 4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
 - 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
 - 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
 - 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
 - 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.
- Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

LESSON *from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-12*

This is evidence of the righteous judgement of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marvelled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat, from Evening Service in Bb

C. V. Stanford

sung by the choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

LESSON *from The Gospel According to Luke 1:57-68*

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.'

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

said by all, standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

sung by the choir

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

The congregation kneels.

*Lord have mercy upon us.
 Christ have mercy upon us.
 Lord have mercy upon us.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

people and officiant

**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.**

SUFFRAGES

sung by the choir

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

the Collect of the Day and others chosen by the officiant

The congregation sits.

ANTHEM

Still shining in the light (w/ English Horn)

G. Rudolph

sung by the choir, Meghan Woodard, English Horn,

One starlit eastern night angelic heralds sang; on trembling shepherds shone a light, while heav'n with music rang. That holy night men knew that God was near. But in the roar and glare of our world's crowded life; it's tumult, strain and anxious care, it's fear and cruel strife; how hard it is to know that God is near. Yet when the Son of God lay in a manger bare, a heedless crowd around him trod and saw no glory there. They knew it now, but God was very near. Then grant us Lord the sight thy glory now to trace, still shining in the holy light of Christ our Saviour's face: in Him to find thy presence always here.

The congregation stands.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

said by all

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we thine unworthy servants

do give thee most humble and hearty thanks

for all thy goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,

give us that due sense of all thy mercies,

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;

and that we show forth thy praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to thy service,

and by walking before thee

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

said by the officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VERSES

said by the officiant

HYMN 54 *Savior of the nations, come!* Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
sung by all, standing

*Please remain standing as the procession departs. Following their departure,
the congregation may be seated for the postlude or depart in silence.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Scherzo, from Symphonie VI* Louis Vierne

The Rev. Jo Ann B. Jones, Officiant

Dr. Michael J. Diorio, Organist / Director of Music

Alexander Leonardi, Michael Stairs Organ Scholar

Chancel Choir

Lectors

Charles Merwin, Ken Schwenke

Acolyte

Jim Jordan

*Please join us next Sunday, December 12 at 5:00pm
for our annual Nine Lessons & Carols Service.*

Evensongs are held every first Sunday of the month at 4:00pm during the academic year.

4:00pm Sunday services continue with:

Second Sunday - Informal Eucharist

Third Sunday - Vespers

Thank you for worshiping with us in this service. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community. It is a beautiful way to reach out in the midst of pandemic. Please drop your offering in the plates at the back of the church, mail your offering envelope. There are many additional ways to give at www.TheRedeemer.org/give.

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