



the
**Church of
Our Redeemer**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

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We are glad to be worshipping with you today.

Prelude

Fughette in C

G.F. Handel

Welcome

Candle-lighting

Acolyte lights the candles and invites worshippers to do the same at home.

Liturgy of the Word

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn *Not here for high and holy things, v. 1-4*

See next page



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 *2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 *3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Opening Sentences

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

Praise Hymn *You are Salt for the Earth* Haugan
Atrium Singers - Recorded February 2013



*You Are Salt For The Earth, Oh People,
Salt For The Reign Of God!
Share The Flavor Of Life, Oh People:
Life In The City Of God!*

Refrain:

Atrium: First time
Congregation & Atrium: repeat refrain together
*Bring Forth the Reign of Mercy,
Bring Forth the Reign of Peace.
Bring Forth the Reign of Justice,
Bring Forth the City of God!*

Congregation & Atrium: repeat refrain

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Collect of the Day Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

Book of Common Prayer, p. 717

Please say the Psalm in unison with the lay reader.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?]
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Gospel Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Blue Hymnal 482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to....

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Kate Ekrem

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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.

Prayers of the People Form VI

Book of Common Prayer, p. 392

Leader In peace, we pray to you, O God. For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

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

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

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

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

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for John, Tom, Jack, June, Harry, Darryll, Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Richie, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan. Hear us Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life. Please add your own thanksgivings. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **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, especially for Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Jim, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald, and Philip. Please add your own prayers. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

A Stewardship Prayer

Gracious God, abundant are the blessings you have freely and joyously given us. We are grateful for the opportunities you provide for living generous and compassionate lives of love, prayer, and service. Help us now and always to offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure freely and joyously to you, O God. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by The Rev. Bill Hibbert, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rapid City, South Dakota

Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:

Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

Presider adds concluding collect.

Confession & Absolution

Book of Common Prayer, page 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.

All **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 neighbor 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.**

Presider 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.

Rite-13: A Celebration of Adulthood

Lindsey, Hannah, and Juliette

The Presentation of the Celebrities

Sponsors: We present *Lindsay, Hannah, and Juliette*, who this day move from childhood to adulthood.

Celebrant

Dear People of God: The transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's great gifts. Today we celebrate the gift of adulthood with these young people.

Lindsay, Hannah, and Juliette, by the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood, and have grown strong. Now it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy.

Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

Celebrities: **I am.**

Psalm 139 (Domine, Probasti)

The Congregation reads the Antiphon.

Celebrities

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

Antiphon: **Your works are wonderful, and
I know it well.**

Celebrities

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvelously
made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it
well.

Antiphon: **Your works are wonderful, and
I know it well.**

Psalm 139:1, 8-9, 12-15, 22-23

Celebrities

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished
in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there were none of them.

Antiphon: **Your works are wonderful, and
I know it well.**

Celebrities

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness
in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Antiphon: **Your works are wonderful, and
I know it well.**

The Prayer for the Parents

Celebrant

When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, *Lori and John, Peter and Jeanne, and Andy and Valerie* stand watching their children grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them.

O God, bless *Lori and John, Peter and Jeanne, and Andy and Valerie*. Rejoice with them as their children become adults. Strengthen them that they may support their son and daughter as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them with your Spirit, that they may comfort them although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

The Charge to the Young People

Presider Dear friends of Lindsay, Hannah, and Juliette: As they move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. Will you stand by them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Young people **We will, with God's help.**

The Charge to the Congregation

Presider As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God which spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become adults?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Presider

Will you guide, guard and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

People **We will, with God's help.**

The Blessing

Lindsay, Hannah, and Juliette, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of adulthood; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

Lindsay, Hannah, and Juliette, may Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, rest upon you this day and for evermore.

The People respond, AMEN.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

Your financial offering can be shared online at: <https://www.our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2/>

Musical Offering

River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

Redeemer Adult Choir - October 2017



*As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, Show me the way
O Sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O Sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray*

*O brothersrobe and crown, etc.
O fathers, starry crown, etc.
O mothersrobe and crown, etc.
O sinnersstarry crown.*

Blessing of the Gifts

We bless and offer to God all the gifts that have been shared.

All **All things come from you, O Lord.
Of your own have we given you.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

All:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

All **Amen.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn *O God Our Help in Ages Past, v. 1-6*

Blue Hymnal 680

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying:

The love of God enfold you, the power of Christ protect you, the leading of the Spirit guide you, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.

Dismissal

Acolyte Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Acolyte extinguishes candles.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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