



the
**Church of
Our Redeemer**



January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 9:30_{A.M.}

Thank you for participating in our virtual worship. Tune in from either our

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*You may wish to have candles ready to light,
and a cross to place in your home worship area.
We are glad to be worshipping with you today.*

Prelude

Turn, Turn, Turn

Text from Ecclesiastes, Music: Peter Seeger, Arr. Judy Collins

Vocal and Piano: Dr. Bernadette Colley, Church of Our Redeemer, August 2016

Welcome

Introit

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice (2x)

Rejoice!, Rejoice! And again I say Rejoice! (2x)

Liturgy of the Word

Candle-Lighting

The acolyte lights the candles and invites worshippers to do the same.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Sky (v. 1-3)*

Blue Hymnal 427

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

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.

Hymn of Praise *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The Reader concludes

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

BCP, P. 754

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Gospel Hymn

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart (v. 1-2)

LEVAS 119

*1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart
Draw it from earth; through all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art
And make me love thee as I ought to love*

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*2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay
No angel visitant, no opening skies
But take the dimness of my soul away*

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Kate Ekrem

Please stand in body or in spirit.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

by David Adam, Church of England

Leader As seekers from many places were called to worship before the Christ child, open our ears to your call, and open our eyes to your glory. We pray for all seekers, for all who walk in darkness and look for the light. We pray for your church, that it may be drawn ever towards you. Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

Leader Lord God, we pray that the rulers of this world may seek the peace and justice of your kingdom, and that the resources of the world may be used for the relief of those in need, and to your praise and glory. Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

Leader We pray for all who work in our local communities, for a sharing of talents and awareness of needs. We thank you for the gifts you have given to us, and we seek to use them rightly. May our homes be places where the Christ abides and is welcomed. Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

Leader We pray for all who are in sorrow, pain or distress; we remember especially Royce; Adele, Patricia; Enid, Bill, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Mary, Joan, John, Tom Tsaros, Jack, June, Darryll; Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan.

We remember all who are struggling for justice and freedom.

Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially Fred, Grayson, Mary, Sarah, Darlene, Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, John, Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald; and Leon. May they have fullness of life in your kingdom. Give hope and strength to all who mourn, and bring a new light into their darkness. Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

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 O Lord our God, you call us in the depths of our being, you have a purpose for us, open our ears to hear your call, open our hearts to your love, open our minds to your purpose, that we may know you and give ourselves fully in your service.

Confession

BCP p. 360

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.

Presider and people:

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.

Absolution

Presider and People:

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 in body or in spirit.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God 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 our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2

Musical Offering *This Little Light of Mine* Arr. Mark Patterson
Esperanza Academy Singers, Church of Our Redeemer, April 2015

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and God of might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest*

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary)

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Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

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.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, saying

May Christ be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (V. 1,4, 5)
Redeemer Band & Choir
Recorded and mastered 2020-21

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-t-y of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

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