

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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*Our service begins on page 323 in the blue Book of Common Prayer.*

*The Prayers of the People can be found on page 392.*

## THE COLLECT

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as surpass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

**Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

## THE RESPONSE

**Psalm 67**

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## **THE SECOND READING**

**Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

# THE GOSPEL

John 5:1-9

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

## COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

*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.**

## IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

### WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

**Birthdays** in the next week: Allyn Raifstanger, Owen Mallon, Ron Heinlen, Sarah Shirey, McKenna Johnson, Ann Marie Bazeley, Priscilla Prouty, Bob Helton, Abigail Hebbeler, Thomas Federl, Ben Perez, Emma Perez, Sam Perez, Vere Gaynor, Dave Blocksom, Liz Schildknecht, Mohab Foad, Kristin Theobald.

**Anniversaries** in the coming week: Sarah & Ben Blemker, Jr., Diane & John Hopper, Jr., Jenn & Peter Bekins, Jennifer & Tim Strom, Glenna & Arthur Light III, Cynthia & Dave Blocksom, Anne & John Krug.

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Philip DeVaul

*Deacon*

The Rev. Gary Lubin

*Lector*

Polk Laffoon

*Lay Reader*

Tom Hill

*Intercessor*

John Schenk

*Bankers*

Bob Campbell, Missy Holzman, Cynthia Walker (alt.)

*Bread Guild*

**Brian Babb**, Hollis Bass, Guy Byars

*Flower Guild*

Melanie Schottelkotte, Christine Bennett, Jenny Gale, Sharon Smith

*Altar Guild*

Rachel Votaw, Missy Darling, Karen Murphy, Karen Staffiera

*"Summer Break"*

The Rev. Gary Lubin

