

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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THE COLLECT

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.**

THE FIRST READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 98

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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: Elise Allred, Francie Morrison, Isabella Harris, Ann MacDonald, Steve Kent, Laurie Fairlie Weil, Dave Shirey, Crosley Gough, Jan Hill, David Cook, John Hassel, Heather Vance, Keith Beatty, Lindsey Jennings, Constantine Slane.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Beth & Bill Flynn, Kristin & Mike Theobald.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The Rev. Joyce Keeshin |
| <i>Preacher</i> | The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane |
| <i>Acolytes</i> | Sam Harris |
| <i>Sacristan</i> | Kelli Wisecup |
| <i>Lector</i> | Nancye Van Brunt |
| <i>Psalmist</i> | Elise Allred |
| <i>Chalicians</i> | Debb Norman, Nancye Van Brunt |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | Anny Stevens-Gleason |
| <i>Healing Prayer</i> | |
| <i>AV</i> | Jacob Senter |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Elise Allred, John Allred |
| <i>Greeters</i> | Bain Massey, Richard Massey, Keenan Beauchamp |
| <i>Bankers</i> | Larry Kissel, Janet Simpkinson, Bob Campbell (alt.) |
| <i>Bread Guild</i> | Carol Hall, Ryan Andrews , Les McNeill |
| <i>Flower Guild</i> | Blake Gustafson, Christy Bornemann, Vicky Carroll, Francie Morrison |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Kelli Wisecup, Adrea Beatty, Julia Joyce, Sheila Maxwell, Rachel Votaw |
| <i>Children's Liturgy</i> | Brad Gough, Elizabeth Ross |

