

WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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GATHERING SONG

JERUSALEM RIDGE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Said by one

The first commandment is this:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.

THE CANTICLE

BEATITUDES

Said by all

Matthew 5:1-12

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Chorus

(Oh come come come come)
Come to the church in the wildwood
Oh come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale

Verse 1

*There's a church in the valley by the wildwood
No lovelier spot in the dale
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale*

Verse 2

*Oh come to the church in the wildwood
To the trees where the wild flowers bloom
Where the parting hymn will be chanted
We will weep by the side of the tomb*

Verse 3

*How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning
To list' to the clear ringing bell
Its tones so sweetly are calling
Oh come to the church in the vale*

Verse 4

*From the church in the valley by the wildwood
When day fades away into night
I would fain from this spot of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light*

Ralph Carmichael, William S. Pitts
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READING

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Read by one

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.’”

HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Leader God is

All **One God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is - seen and unseen.**

Leader God is

All **Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, divine and human, our Savior. His life, death, and resurrection reveal to us that God is love.**

Leader God is
All **The Holy Spirit, at work in the world. Speaking through prophets past and present, inspiring us, holding us accountable, leading us to grow into the full stature of Christ.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

PRAYERS

Leader With all our hearts and minds, let us pray to God responding, "God of love, hear our prayer"... We pray that Your love will find a way to heal our wounded world and guide our nation and leaders to a path of justice and peace. Help us to know Jesus and grow in love.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader United in relationships of holy connection and communion, we share a heart with those who feel separated or cast out for any reason. Help us reach out in love.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader We pray for this beloved community, in the spirit, growing with all people. Help us make it safe for all to live with integrity and for all to live in peace.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader Inspiring us through our church, through Scripture, through the Word made flesh in Jesus, and through the sacraments, help us to deepen our relationship with You.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader We pray for people and places that long for relief from suffering, ... and those we name now, silently or aloud. God remind us that we are not alone.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader We give thanks for all the moments of grace that sustain us, ... and those we name now, silently or aloud. Your love and grace abound. Give us eyes to see your goodness in the world around us.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader We pray for those who have died. Remembering ... and those we name now, silently or aloud. Comfort those who grieve.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader God of love, send us into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

CONFESSIO

God, you have called us to be Love in the world

God, you have called us to love the world

We do not always recognize our belovedness;

We do not always recognize the belovedness of our neighbor;

We know we harm our relationship with you

And our relationships with each other

With words said and unsaid

With deeds done and undone

We ask for your unreserved forgiveness.

We ask for your unconditional love.

Help us to forgive without reservation.

Help us to love without condition.

In Jesus' name, Amen

ABSOLUTION

The magnitude of your sins

Can never compare

With the immensity of God's grace

Out of the abundance of God's love
You are forgiven. **Amen**

PEACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*At the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry
He invited his friends to share a meal.*

*This meal became a defining ritual in our common life as Christians.
We call it communion.*

Jesus invited his friends to the table. They gathered around it together.

They shared this meal, this holy nourishment of God's love.

Today Jesus invites us again to the table. You are invited to follow the cross and draw near. If you would like to join us near the altar, you are welcome. If you would like to stand back a bit and watch, you are welcome. If you believe this meal is for you, you are welcome, if you are unsure or unready, or simply do not want to partake, you are welcome.

This is our communion with God. You are invited as you are.

SONG

ANGEL BAND

*My latest sun is sinking fast,
My race is nearly run;
My strongest trials now are past,
My triumph is begun.*

Refrain:

*Oh, come, angel band,
Come and around me stand;
Oh, bear me away on your snowy wings
To my eternal home;
Oh, bear me away on your snowy wings
To my eternal home.*

*I know I'm near the holy ranks
Of friends and kindred dear—
I hear the waves on Jordan's banks,*

The crossing must be near.

*I've almost reached my heav'nly home,
My spirit loudly sings;
Thy holy ones, behold, they come!
I hear the noise of wings.*

*Oh, bear my longing heart to Him,
Who bled and died for me;
Whose blood now cleanses from all sin,
And gives me victory.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer has been adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco.

In the beginning, God of creation,
your wind swept over the face of the waters,
stirring up life from the heights to the depths.
Your spirit raised us from dust and formed us to be like your children
with one common breath.

**We couldn't see where the wind had come from
we couldn't tell where the wind would go.
Divided, we hid behind walls turning away from the breath of life.**

But you spoke through the prophets,
you gave visions to those enslaved,
you spoke in the whirlwind and promised salvation.

**You breathed on Mary, your listening servant,
making your Word alive in her flesh.
You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath
receiving your Spirit in the river Jordan.
He proclaimed freedom to captives, good news to the poor,
he gave hope to the suffering,
and life to the dead.**

On the night before he died for us,

Jesus was at supper with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to them saying: "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."

Therefore, God of endless mercy,
of all the things that are yours we offer you these,
which are yours especially.

We offer them gladly, as he told us,
giving thanks for his death and resurrection.
Filled with your Spirit, and drawn together in his peace we praise you and we bless you:

**We praise you,
We bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, our God:**

Pour out your Spirit once more
to make this bread and wine the body and blood of Christ,
that we might blow through the world with his love
healing and forgiving,
reconciling like Jesus until the heights and depths,
are filled with your children from every tribe and language and people and nation,
joined with the communion of saints, we are bold to say:

**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.**

*I was standing by my window
On one cold and cloudy day
When I saw the hearse come rolling
For to carry my mother away*

*Will the circle be unbroken?
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky*

*I told the undertaker
Undertaker, please drive slow
For this body you are haulin'
How I hate to see her go*

*Will the circle be unbroken?
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky
I followed, close behind her
Tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid her in the grave*

*Will the circle be unbroken?
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PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the rear of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Holy Spirit,

**enlighten our thinking,
strengthen our will,
guide us and give us courage
that we may serve God.**

Let us go forth with God.

Amen.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Philip DeVaul
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Melanie Slane
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Julie Saucerman
<i>Great Commandment</i>	Julia Saucerman
<i>Intercessor</i>	Maria Cole
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Erisman
<i>Sacristan</i>	Mark Bass
<i>Ushers</i>	Hollis & Mark Bass
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Brian Babb
<i>Greeters</i>	Liz Cramer

Altar Guild

Kelli Wisecup, Patricia Kovach, Lisa Senter

Flower Guild

Laurie Maguire, Edie Zimmerman, Christine Bennett, Cindy Bryden

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of George M. Callard by Linda, Paul, George D., David, Will, and Susie.

Flowers in our worship spaces are a beautiful gift to God, those who attend worship, and those being honored or remembered. A contribution to the Flower Fund is a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one for special life events such as birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, confirmations, in thanksgivings for, in memory of, or to beautify our spaces.

If you would like to make a donation of \$50.00 please use our online form under the give tab on the website, www.redeemer-cincy.org, or call the church office.

Welcome to Church of the Redeemer! We have a vision of a worshipping community that **knows Jesus and grows in love**. A community that is **united** in relationships of holy connection and communion. A community **growing** with people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, and political persuasion. A community **inspired** by our understanding of why we are Christian, why we are Episcopalian, why Redeemer matters to us. A community **sent** into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness. Come, join us on the journey.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer!

We love the sound of kids in our service.

Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

Relax: It's OK for kids to be kids. We offer coloring pages, worship bags, and books they can use during the service.

Sit Close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, pray, respond, etc. and kids will follow your lead.

Wander: It's OK to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids wander.

Need to Leave? No problem, there are spaces to take a break - kids need that sometimes. Come back when you're ready!

Ask: Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14 NRSV

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

VISITING OR CHECKING US OUT TODAY? THINKING OF JOINING?

Church of the Redeemer may be the place for you. Here's how to connect:

JOIN US for coffee and hospitality after the worship services in the Great Hall.

ASK QUESTIONS and join the Newcomer group at the Welcome Table, found in the Narthex (Lobby). If you like, sign-up for a name tag. Greeters, ushers, clergy, and friendly people would love to talk to you!

CHILD CARE is available in the Playroom for children (**age 3 and younger**) each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am through 12:15 pm. During **10:00 am education hour**, children (**age 3-6**) may join Godly Play in the Playroom; (**grades 1-4**) are invited to Club CoR in the Great Hall (Cloister Side); (**grades 5&6**) gather in the Library for Middle CoR; and youth (**grades 7-12**) meet in the Youth Café in the upstairs kitchen.

Questions about children's programming? Contact our Minister for Family Discipleship, Tym House at tym@redeemer-cincy.org.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED? Contact Nancy Schwartz, Director of Operations:

nancyschwartz@redeemer-cincy.org or 513.321.6700



Church of the Redeemer has at its center the love of God in Jesus Christ. We are nourished by this love, empowered by the knowledge that we belong to God unconditionally, and equipped by our church to share love and blessing with the world around us. The gift you make facilitates the blessing of our community and the spiritual nourishment of so many. You are contributing to practical ministries that are transforming lives every day.

You are not paying the church back for what it is doing in your life, you are paying it forward to create opportunities for everyone who connects with our church. You are helping the church grow. You make this church what it is. You empower blessing and belonging. **Please make your 2024 financial commitment now. Simply use the Giving button on your CoR App or the QR Code to your right.**



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YOUR NAME
Here

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG - As we gather together for worship today it is important to wear your nametag to help us all remember names or just meet for the first time. Don't have a nametag yet? Sign-up for one in the narthex/lobby near the entrance to the chapel. It will be ready for you next Sunday in the nametag cabinet.



NEW TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER? - Ready to learn more about our ministries? Considering membership? Use the QR code at the left to join our Newcomer group and receive information about ministries, events, membership and access to our CoR App.

TODAY'S OFFERING - We encourage you to give your offering electronically today through our CoR App. (Search Redeemer Cincy in your app store.) Or you may choose to give online via our secure online system using the QR Code at right. There are also two collection spots in the narthex (look for the Give Here signs) where you may deposit your offering safely.



WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday: Morning Prayer Podcast
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Thursday: Morning Prayer Podcast

PARKING: Parking is on the street. Please pay attention to the signs indicating proper parking zones. Accessible parking is available in the front on Erie, in the back parking lot, and on the west side of Raymar.

ACCESSIBLE REDEEMER: The front entrance has a ramp and there is an elevator inside the back door and to the left. Accessible restrooms are located in the Lobby inside the front entrance. The nave is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for assistance.

CALENDAR

Look for more details on events on our website: redeemer-cincy.org/events.

Church of the Redeemer offers a variety of worship, education, and fellowship events for all ages. A quick glance at our calendar provides a look at both our recurring opportunities, as well as those special events we have throughout the year. You can access the church calendar on our website under the Connect tab, on our CoR App using the Calendar button, on our TV sign in the narthex (lobby), and by using the QR code at right.



VESTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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VISION STATEMENT

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