

WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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OPENING SONG

BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, preschool & elementary aged children are invited to the back of the sanctuary to join kids chapel.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Said by one

Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

CONFESSION

God, you have called us to be Love in 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

Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE



Lord, have — mer - cy, Christ, have — mer - cy.

Lord, have — mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

THE CANTICLE

SONG OF HOSEA

Said by all

Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to our God,
Who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds,
After two days revive us,
On the third day restore us,
That in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord,
Whose justice dawns like morning light,
Its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower,
Like spring rain that water the earth.

Please be seated.

READING

MARK 8:31-38

Please be seated. Read by one

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

WERE YOU THERE

Verse 1

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 2

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Verse 3

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

Verse 4

*Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?*

Please stand as you are able.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant We believe

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

Officiant We believe

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

Officiant We believe

All **God is 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**

Officiant With God's help

All **We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of
the bread, and in the prayers.**

Officiant With God's help

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

Officiant With God's help

All **We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Officiant With God's help

All **We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.**

Officiant With God's help

All **We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity
of every human being.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of hope, help us who struggle in our daily life and work.

When we lose our purpose,

renew our remembrance of you.

When we bow to hatred,

renew our trust in you.

When we take offense at others,

renew our life in you.

When we compromise our values,

renew our faith in you.

When we cherish regrets,

renew our freedom in you.

When we surrender to sorrow,

renew our joy in you.

As we accept your love, ever new, and offer our prayers unto you:

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

Hold us, and all people, in your loving care,

and may we be hope for others.

PEACE

The officiant continues

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are invited to follow the cross and draw near. All are welcome to join us around the altar.

Walk in love, as Christ loves us

SONG

SWEET COMFORT

Verse 1

Whatever my God ordains is right

His holy will abides

I will be still whatever He does

And follow where He guides

Chorus

*Sweet comfort sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart*

Verse 2

*Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow need or death be mine
He holds me in His hand*

Bridge

*This bitter cup I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand unshaken
I trust upon the Lord*

Verse 3

*He is my God though dark my road
He holds me I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains is right
To Him I leave it all*

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COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Celebrant O Mother of our salvation.
 You are worthy of blessing and praise,

1 You speak and creation comes to life.

2 You breathe and we are filled with your Spirit

You come with healing in your wings.
You loosen the bonds of sickness
To let the oppressed go free.

**You shelter the poor and feed the hungry the bread of life.
And when the night is darkest you break upon us like the dawn
and your touch makes us rise.**

1 *Now we give you thanks that you have shown the greatness of your love
 by sending your Son Jesus Christ to share our fragile flesh and bear our every burden.*

2 *Your Son Jesus did not turn his face from shame and loss,
 but took up our suffering and death.*

**He suffers with the sick, the injured and the dying.
By his passion and death he rescued us from evil and binds up every wound.**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared supper with his friends.
He blessed bread, broke it, gave it to them and said,
“This bread is my body, given for you and all humankind making covenant between us.
Whenever you eat it, remember me.”
Then he blessed the wine and said,
“This is the cup of life, my blood poured out for all, making covenant between us.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”
Now whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the healing power of your
Son by whose wounds we are healed.
Give us your power so that we may praise you and bless you:

We praise you, we bless you, and we give thanks to you, Lord our God.

We celebrate the healing power of Jesus’ sacrificial death and resurrection in these gifts of
bread and wine. Now send your Spirit upon them that they may become his life-giving
body and blood. May Christ, the risen Son, rise in us and make us one with you, one with
each other, and one with all creation. Even now Christ stands with us and in Christ’s
presence we see new life where our pain and sorrow is transformed into the glory of your
kingdom; where with Mary, and all the 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

FRACTION

Lamb of God, — you take a - way — the
 sins — of the world: — have mer - cy on us. —
 Lamb of God, — you take a - way — the sins of the
 world: — have mer - cy on us. — Lamb of God, — you
 take a - way — the sins of the world: —
 grant us — peace. —

COMMUNION MUSIC

NOW AND AT THE HOUR

*Oh Spirit of God
 Speak Your peace, speak Your peace
 Oh Spirit of God
 Speak Your peace, speak Your peace*

Now and at the hour of our death

Amen, amen

Now and at the hour of our death

Amen

Oh merciful God

Forgive us, forgive us

Oh merciful God

Forgive us, forgive us

For all the things we have done and left undone

For all the things we have done and left undone

Oh Son of God

Rescue us, rescue us

Oh Son of God

Rescue us, rescue us

Now and at the hour of our death

Amen, amen

Now and at the hour of our death

Amen

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.

A SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Show our hearts your way,
and we shall follow.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Philip DeVaul
<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Herschel Wade
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Maria Andrews
<i>Prayers</i>	Maria Cole
<i>The Great Commandment</i>	Brian Weinewuth
<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	Brian Weinewuth & Julie Anne Baur
<i>Greeter</i>	Carter Kemper
<i>Sacristan</i>	William Montgomery
<i>Ushers</i>	Jared & Kylie Utah
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Brian Babb
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Andrea Rogers, Julia Joyce, Lisa Senter, Sarah Kate Rasche
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Kathleen Stengel, Lynne Zajak

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Megan Darling Feichtner & Charles Darling IV by Missy & Chuck Darling.

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.

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.

ASK QUESTIONS and join our Newcomer group at our 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) and youth (**grades 5-8**) gather in the Library for Middle CoR.

Questions about children's programming? Contact our Minister for Children and Families, Hannah Teetor at hannah@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.



JOIN OUR NEWCOMER GROUP - 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 here: <https://redeemercincy.tpsdb.com/Give/offering>. 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

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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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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

