

WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024 | 11AM

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OPENING SONG

JESUS PAID IT ALL

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.

THE CANTICLE

A SONG OF JUDITH

Said by all

Judith 16:13-16

I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
rocks melt like wax at your presence.

But to those who fear you, *
you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Please be seated.

READING

JOHN 15:1-8

Read by one

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CALLED ME HIGHER

Verse 1

*I could just sit, I could just sit and wait for all your
goodness, hope to feel Your presence
I could just stay, I could just stay right where I am and hope
to feel You, hope
to feel something again*

Verse 2

*I could hold on, I could hold on to who I am and never let You
change me from the inside
I could be safe, I could be safe here in Your arms and never
leave home, never let these walls down*

Chorus 1

*But You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord
But You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord, You'll lead me*

You'll lead me Lord

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You'll lead me Lord*

Bridge

I will be Yours, oh, I will be Yours for all my life

I will be Yours, oh, I will be Yours for all my life

*I will be Yours, oh, I will be Yours for all my life so let
Your mercy, Oh*

*I will be Yours, oh, I will be Yours for all my life so let
Your mercy light the path before me*

Chorus 2

*But You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord*

*But You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord*

Elisha A. Hoffman (1829-1929)

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Please stand as you are able.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

You are invited to offer your own prayers after each petition either silently or aloud.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Kristin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader

Hear us, Lord,;

For your mercy is great.

Leader

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PEACE

The officiant continues

We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church;
to make peace a reality.

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

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Celebrant It is with all our hearts and all our minds

**We give thanks to you, Mother and Father of all creation
You make all things and call them good.**

**You love us into being,
You form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.**

When we turn away, when we ignore your love

**You remain steadfast. You are faithful to us.
You liberate us from captivity,
Freeing us to love your world more fully
You set before us the way of life.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your people birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and give us to one another

**We who were lost people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death into his Life.**

On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my Body which is broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

On the third day you raised Jesus from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.

On that day Jesus was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
And so, remembering these your
mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and 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 Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all may feast at your heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, and
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
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.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

Verse 1

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory*

Verse 2

*Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished*

Verse 3

*I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom*

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.**

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Show our hearts your way,
and we shall follow.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Herschel Wade
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Joanna Leiserson
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>The Great Commandment</i>	Maria Andrews
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Maria Andrews
<i>Prayers</i>	Bill Scharffe
<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	Paige DeVaul & Becca Morehous
<i>Sacristan</i>	Julie Knapton
<i>Ushers</i>	Lisa & Ryan Andrews
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Shelley Dumoulin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Andrea Rogers, Julia Joyce, Amanda Rasche, Sarah Kate Rasche
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Blake Gustafson, Angela Lyman, Kathe Kissel, Lynne Zajac

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 located 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.

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! 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.

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



YOUR NAME

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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.

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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.

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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

