

WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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OPENING SONG

UNAWARE

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 15:9-17

Read by one

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

EVERY STONE

Verse 1

You might just have missed the mark

If you're keeping everyone away

Didn't mean to

Didn't want to

Well we might just leave a mark

If you don't give anyone a say

Never want to

Never mean to

Chorus

Every stone I've thrown has gone away

Has gone away

Has gone away

Every stone I've thrown has gone away

Has gone away

*It's gone away
Away Away...*

Verse 2

*It's a notion
That doesn't matter even if we stay
And it's overrated
And manipulated
Nobody ever has a say
It makes me wonder who can wait
And attest my patience
Cause it's not worth waiting*

Chorus

*Every stone I've thrown has gone away
Has gone away
Has gone away
Every stone I've thrown has gone away
Has gone away
It's gone away
Away*

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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 continues with a collect

God of hope, from you come every blessing and all peace: Show us that, in the midst of our struggles, you are with us. Give us the abundance of your grace that we may do the work you give us to do and that we may be for the world a sign of your presence; through Christ, the Way and the Truth. **Amen.**

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

Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Be what you see. Receive what you are, the Body of Christ.

COMMUNION MUSIC

FOREVER REIGN

Verse 1

*You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love
On display for all to see
You are light, You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope
You have covered all my sin*

Verse 2

*You are peace, You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life,
In You death has lost its sting*

Chorus

*Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms*

The riches of Your love
Will always be e-nough
Nothing com-pares to Your em-brace
Light of the world, for-ever reign

Verse 3

You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here
In your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

Chorus

Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love
Will always be e-nough
Nothing com-pares to Your em-brace
Light of the world, for-ever reign

Bridge

My heart will sing,
No other name
Jesus Je-sus 2x

Chorus

Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love
Will always be e-nough
Nothing com-pares to Your em-brace
Light of the world, for-ever reign

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the world as we prepare to be sent out.

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. Melanie Slane
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>The Great Commandment</i>	
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Elise Allred
<i>Prayers</i>	Maria Cole
<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	Elise Allred &
<i>Sacristan</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	Maria & Andrew Cole
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Kathy Krug
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Staffiera, John Morabito, Katy Mallon
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Francie Morrison, Lynne Zajac, Michelle Kirk

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Cheryl & Ed Polaski; in thanksgiving for Jessica, the daughter of Jeanne & Mike Plunkett; and in loving memory of Bobbie Mosher by John Mosher.

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

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.

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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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 Cynthia Walker, Pastoral Board Co-Chair

Larry Kissel, Mission Board Co-Chair
 Elizabeth Coley, Mission Board Co-Chair



VISION STATEMENT

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

