



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Officiant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Verse 1

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Verse 2

Holy holy holy all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Verse 3

Holy holy holy though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love in purity

Verse 4

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

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ACTS 26:19-32

¹⁹ "Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰ but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. ²¹ For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. ²² To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: ²³ that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."

²⁴ And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind." ²⁵ But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. ²⁶ For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." ²⁸ And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?" ²⁹ And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

³⁰ Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. ³¹ And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, "This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment." ³² And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN 9:13-23

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Dawn Lundgren

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

THE COLLECT

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

See music on facing page.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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*Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

Celebrant and People:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

Celebrant and People:

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins just as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours
Forever and ever. Amen. Amen.

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

*The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

Outdoors: Greeters will dismiss and direct one representative of each household to receive Holy Communion from the Table at the front or rear of our gathering, depending upon where you are seated. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Single-person households are welcome to receive and consume at the Table. Household representatives will distribute and consume with their family members at the place where they are seated.

Indoors: Greeters will dismiss you by row to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your open palm to receive and wait to consume the bread after you have returned to your pew.

Prayer Ministry

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

If you are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with the following prayer:

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

HE'S ON OUR SIDE

Verse

Our help has come in the Name of the Lord
The One who formed all the earth and the sky
Behold He comes to destroy the chains of death
And raise us up to life

Chorus

O bless his name for he has given us
Everything we need to fly
Our broken wings they have not hindered us
We have the Lord He's on our side

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REVIVE US AGAIN

Chorus

Hallelujah Thine the glory
Hallelujah amen
Hallelujah Thine the glory
Revive us again

Verse 1

We praise Thee O God
For the Son of Thy love
For Jesus who died
And is now gone above

Verse 2

We praise Thee O God
For Thy Spirit of light
Who has shown us our Savior
And scattered our night

Verse 3

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain
Who has borne all our sins
And has cleansed every stain

Verse 4

Revive us again
Fill each heart with Thy love
May each soul be rekindled
With fire from above

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Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

A digital copy of today's bulletin with links is available at:
<https://oftheredeemer.org/events/gathered-worship/>

HOLY IMAGINATIONS

As we make our way through the Book of Acts this summer, let's engage our imaginations. Kids, youth and adults are all invited to share artwork based on the Sunday Acts passage. No deadlines, and you are welcome to return to earlier passages and prompts anytime.

[Upload your work here.](#)

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Are you on offense or defense for the Gospel? How are you carrying the hope of the Gospel to those around you?
- "Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are." ~St. Augustine. This quote implies informed action. How important is worship, prayer and revival to that action?

[Click here to listen to songs that encouraged Deacon Dawn as she prepared today's sermon.](#)

Today's Preacher - Deacon Dawn Lundgren

Dawn grew up in a pastor's family and received a degree in nursing in 1975. She earned her M. Div. in 2008 and was ordained to the diaconate in 2017. She has served as a missionary in Japan, and as a volunteer for international students, neighborhood schools, and ministries such as Alpha and All Things New prayer ministry. She serves Church of the Redeemer in ministries of prayer, pastoral care, missions and outreach. She and her husband, John, have four adult children and 13 grandchildren and live in Roseville.

GATHERED WORSHIP



Outdoor gathered worship will continue in the months of September and October while weather permits. RVSPs are no longer needed for outdoor gathered worship. Preparations are being made for indoor gathered worship beginning later in October.

- Mask use: Adults and all children who are able are expected to wear masks when arriving, leaving, moving among others, and singing.
- Online participation will continue to be offered and facilitated.

Indoor Contingency

In the event of rain or excessive heat, a cancellation notice for our outdoor service will be sent out day-of. Please view [this linked video explanation of our protocols for gathered worship indoors](#). We have space in the sanctuary for 75 people to gather for worship indoors and online participation will be offered for households and Better Together groups. Use of masks is expected of adults and children who are able. When needed, a separate RSVP for the indoor worship service will be sent out via email on Sunday morning.

Youth of the Redeemer

This coming school year we are excited to launch Church of the Redeemer's first formal Youth Group! Youth will be meeting once a week for a time of fellowship, teaching, and sharing. We will be exploring the question "What is our salvation for?" through the video curriculum "For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles." We ask for your prayers as we move forward in developing youth programming.

kidCONNECT

KidConnect - Gathered

As long as the weather allows, children in K-3rd and 4th-5th will be able to gather outside before

the Sunday worship service for bible engagement and connection with their peers. Children will come every other week with children in the same family on the same week. Please watch for more details via email about start time, location and other info for KidConnect-Gathered next week!

MORNING PRAYER

Join us in worship on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. each week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available at:

<https://ofthereedeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/>

PASTORAL CARE & BENEVOLENCE

Please contact [Fr. Paul](#), [Deacon Liz](#), or [Deacon Dawn](#) if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

READING OF ACTS 23 & 24

This summer we're studying the book of Acts together as a church. For the context around recent sermons, enjoy these [readings of Acts 23 & 24](#) by Fr. Paul and Caleb Molstad.



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