



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 3, 2021

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

People: To us a son is given.

Celebrant: 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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

⁷ For thus says the Lord:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

‘O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ “Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’

¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
declares the Lord.”

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to Him
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MATTHEW 2:1-12

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

TESTIMONIES OF THANKSGIVING

Each year we set aside a Sunday around the New Year as an opportunity for anyone who is willing, to come forward to share a testimony of how God has been at work in their life. Please limit the length of your testimony to two to three minutes.

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.

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.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

THE PEACE

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

People: And with your spirit.

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.

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:

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. (2x)

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 sing 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.

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 and People:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

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.

You will be dismissed from each section row-by-row and Communion servers will shift from section to section. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and return to your seat before consuming.

Distribution of Reserved Sacrament

Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please [sign up for our weekly email](#) for information about times and locations of distribution.

Prayer Ministry

In respect for the safe gathering guidelines, we are not offering in-person prayer ministry during Eucharist. [Please follow this link to our website](#) to view a list of prayer ministers offering prayer by phone or Zoom. You may also contact Deacon Dawn (dawn@oftheredeemer.org) or another member of our clergy to share personal prayer concerns. Prayer ministry is always private and confidential.

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.

Sanctus

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Our Father

Alison Ritch

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BRIGHTEST AND BEST

Verse 1

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid
Star of the east the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid

Verse 2

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining
Maker and monarch and Saviour of all

Verse 3

What shall we yield Him in costly devotion
Incense of Edom and offerings divine
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine

Verse 4

Vainly we offer each ample oblation
Vainly with gifts would His favour secure
Richer by far is the heart's adoration
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Tune: Paul Calvin, 2009

As with Gladness Men of Old

W. Chatterton Dix, 1860

Adapted (1861) from a chorale by Conrad Kocher, 1838

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly man-ger bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;

1. as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
2. there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heaven and earth a-dore;
3. so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
4. and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

1. so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
2. so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
3. all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly King.
4. where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

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: Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

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/>

EPIPHANY - WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

Epiphany, the season after Christmas, celebrates Christ, the light of the world and his first appearing to the Magi. This year we will celebrate this feast together through a dramatic reading of Matthew 2:1-12, followed by small group table-talk with other members of the church body, both young and old. Prepare a dessert and join us via Zoom, this **Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.** Connection information and more ideas on how to keep the feast at <https://oftheredeemer.org/events/>

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Did you know that Christmas isn't just one day each year but a whole season of celebration in the church calendar? Visit oftheredeemer.org to read daily reflections on scripture from members of our church body.

WOMEN'S INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

A women's inductive Bible study on the Gospel of Luke will begin **Monday night, January 11th, 7-8pm via Zoom.** Please join us to spend time with the Lord Jesus in the winter and spring of 2021! The Luke LifeChange study will be our guide. We will adjust our meeting venue as the pandemic and the weather allow. Contact Barbie Anderson at bwanderson70@comcast.net with questions and to RSVP.

WOMEN'S LISTENING PRAYER - JAN. 7

Women's Listening Prayer will gather in small groups over Zoom on **Thursday, January 7th from 7-8:30 p.m.** We hope you will consider joining us - we would love to have you! Our time will be spent listening to the Lord and one another through the liturgy of compline, discussion, and prayer.

Please [sign up](#) by Tuesday, January 5th and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact [Haley Scharf](#) or anyone on the planning team.

MEN'S LISTENING PRAYER - JAN. 13

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Join us for a time of worship via ZOOM for the first 15 minutes, followed by sharing of reflection questions, journaling, and intercession in breakout groups. Our reflection questions this winter center on habits of leadership drawn from the book [Rare Leadership](#). You may join with the same facilitator from past months or sign up with a different one if you wish [using this link](#).

REFUGEE LIFE MINISTRY

For the next year, Church of the Redeemer has committed to support the Htoo family through a Refugee Life team. This is a great opportunity for service, partnership, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at St. John's Karen Anglican church, where the Htoos are members. Please contact Kyong Song (kyongmin.song@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd like to participate.

YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

Resumes January 10

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoom-in option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

PARENTCONNECT

Book Reads and Conversation in the New Year:

Choose a book that would suit your stage of parenting or interest and mark your calendar to join the zoom conversation with other parents from Restoration Anglican and Church of the Cross.

[Spiritual Parenting](#) by Michelle Anthony - "It's hard enough to train kids to behave, but good behavior isn't what Jesus calls for in the Bible. God wants hearts and souls that are shaped in vibrant faith and love toward Himself and others."

- Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

[Spiritual Conversations with Children](#) by Lacy Finn Borgo - "Listening to a child's journey with God is a sacred gift we can give them. Family is the most deeply formational social context we will ever live in."

- Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

[Like Dew Your Youth](#) by Eugene Peterson - "My purpose is to block any approach that reduces adolescence to a problem that must be solved and insist that it is an experience to be entered into by the middle-aged as well as by the young as a means for growing up."

- Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.



Resumes January 10

KidConnect - Gathered

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather every week at Calvary on Sundays from 3:45 - 4:15 for bible engagement and connection with their peers. Videos of story presentations or lessons are sent out to families each week for children unable to join in person.

K-3rd - Sonia Keillor and Steffie Williams

4th-5th - Sara Bramsen and Liz Stewart

KidConnect - Zoom

Nursery and Preschool children are invited to join [Miss Anna](#) and [Miss Julie](#) from 9:00-9:30 on Sunday mornings. We'll gather around with our friends for stories, songs and lots of movement.

MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

Join us in worship via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

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://oftheredeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/>

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As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
December 27, 2020	\$161,231	\$194,555

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