

CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures for ever.

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 DECALOGUE

Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Celebrant: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

TRISAGION

Holy God

Holy and mighty

Holy immortal One

Have mercy, have mercy on us

Text: Traditional

Music: Fernando Ortega

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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Verse 1

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Verse 2

Fear not I am with you oh be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

Verse 3

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

Verse 4

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to his foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake
I'll never no never no never forsake

Bob Kauflin

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

GENESIS 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

1 PETER 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

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.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MARK 1:9-13

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Edward Combe

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: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

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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.

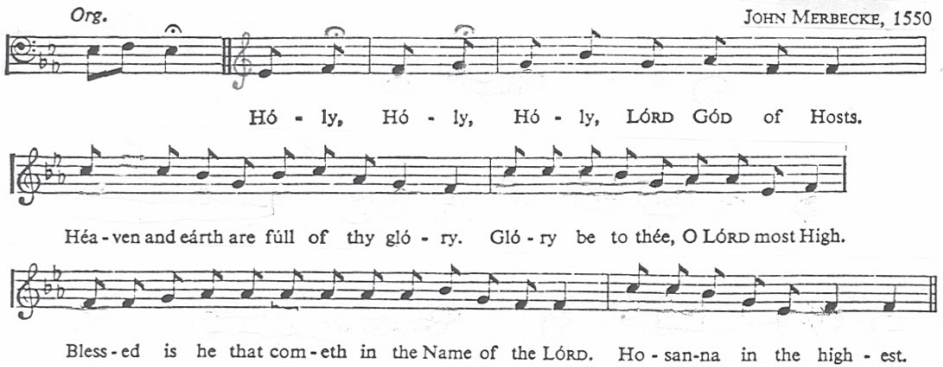
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

Org. JOHN MERBECKE, 1550



Hó - ly, Hó - ly, Hó - ly, LÓRD GÓD of Hosts.

Héa - ven and eárh are fúll of thy gló - ry. Gló - ry be to thée, O LÓRD most High.

Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the LÓRD. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People:

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.



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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.

THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again
Come and see, and now believe, come take part in the Mystery

This is the Body of Christ
Broken that we may be saved
This is the Blood of Christ
Given that we might live
That we might live

Body of Christ, Bread of Heaven, be true food for me
Blood of Christ, Cup of Salvation, be true drink for me

Words: adapted from the Book of Common Prayer
Music: K. Wehr, 2003

ROCK OF AGES

Verse 1

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Verse 2

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked come to Thee for dress
Helpless look to Thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

Verse 3

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and Thou alone

Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyes shall close in death
When I rise to worlds unknown
And behold Thee on Thy throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee

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I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Verse 1

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto Me and rest
Lay down thou weary one
Lay down thy head upon My breast
I came to Jesus as I was
Weary and worn and sad
I found in Him a resting place
And He has made me glad

Verse 2

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Behold I freely give
The living water thirsty one
Stoop down and drink and live
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life giving stream
My thirst was quenched my soul revived
And now I live in Him

Verse 3

I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark world's Light
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright
I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done

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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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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/>

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
February 14, 2021	\$236,217	\$234,611

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"Looking at his disciples, Jesus said..." Luke 6:20-49

Weekly Readings and Reflections Morning Prayer • Compline Groups Generosity

LENT BAGS

Pick up a bag of resources for Lent in the narthex after today's worship service.

LUKE FOR LENT

You are invited to read through the Gospel of Luke during the 40 days of Lent with youth and adults of Church of the Redeemer, following a reading plan included in our Lent Bags. Weekly opportunities for reflection on passages from Luke 6 will be provided through written reflections posted each Monday, Morning Prayer, and Compline small groups.

40 DAYS OF GENEROSITY

'Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.' - Luke 6:38

Throughout the season of Lent, and as the focus of [our Good Friday offering](#), we will be collecting to support St. Paul's Dormitory for orphans in Ma Ra Moe refugee camp in Thailand.

Fr. James, who is responsible for the dormitory and school, also invites our prayers for the students in their final exams and the unrest in neighboring Myanmar. Our connection with Fr. James and St. Paul's is through our brothers and sisters at St. John's Karen Anglican Church.

WOMEN'S INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Women's Inductive Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke meets **Monday nights, 7-8:15 p.m.** via Zoom. It is never too late to join us! Come to spend time with the Lord Jesus in the winter and spring of 2021 and to discover how Jesus responded to people like us! The Luke LifeChange study is 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 BIBLE STUDY - THURSDAY MORNINGS

Women's Thursday morning Bible study will begin again on **Feb. 4 at 9:30** via Zoom, making changes to our meeting venue as the pandemic and weather allow. We will be studying Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, using the NavPress LifeChange Bible Study Guide in Ephesians as our guide. God's message of New Life in Christ is as pertinent and timely for us today as it was for the nascent church -- together we will discover the strength of God's Spirit to help us believe and live in loving harmony with Him and one another. Please contact [Cindy Calvin](#) with questions and to RSVP.

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

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.

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

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

Our Lenten Morning Prayer series will include reflections from Luke 6 as part of our journey through the Gospel of Luke.

Login information and an order of service is available on our website at:

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

PRAYER FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN - FRIDAYS, 12-12:30 P.M.

Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Friday, to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers - the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

Visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/> to participate.

kidCONNECT

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.

Today's Preacher - Rev. Dr. Edward Combe

Edward was born and raised in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Since 1994, Edward and Isobel have lived in Minnesota, where Edward took up a faculty position in Dental Biomaterials at the University of Minnesota. He retired fully from that position in December 2012, after 50 years in academic life. He is married to Isobel, whom he met in Manchester. They have two daughters and two grandchildren in England.

Edward was a licensed lay reader for 20 years in the Church of England, and then studied part time for ordination on the Northern Ordination Course (Manchester). He was ordained as a deacon and priest (1989 and 1990) by the bishop of Chester. He spent five years as a nonstipendiary (volunteer) minister in a parish in suburban Manchester, while continuing academic work.

He is a keen supporter of Manchester City (not United!) soccer club and manages to go to about three games per season when on vacation.

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