

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 12, 2021

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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Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

From Isaiah 60

Verse 1

Arise shine for your light has come and the glory of God is on you Arise see when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you The Lord will arise upon you

Chorus

Nations will come to your light lift up your eyes and see We'll gather together and come to you And your love will be all that we know Your love will be all that we know

Verse 2

Arise come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you Fear not for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe Redemption to all who believe

Bridge

The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need and violence will end all the wars that we wage will cease We will glorify your name We will glorify your name.

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LORD MOST HIGH

Verse 1

From the ends of the earth (ECHO) From the depths of the sea (ECHO) From the heights of the heavens (ECHO) Your name be praised

Chorus

Throughout the endless ages You will be crowned with praises Lord Most High Exalted in every nation Sovereign of all creation Lord Most High be magnified

Verse 2

From the hearts of the weak (ECHO) From the shouts of the strong (ECHO) From the lips of all people (ECHO) This song we raise Lord

Don Harris / Gary Sadler © 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI License No. 11097686 Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-9

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"
⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

- our God is merciful. ⁶ The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
- ⁹ I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**.

Alleluia

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, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord Alleluia, Alleluia, Sing Praise to His Name

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark. People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ** Rev. Paul Calvin

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 deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, 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/ using this QR code:

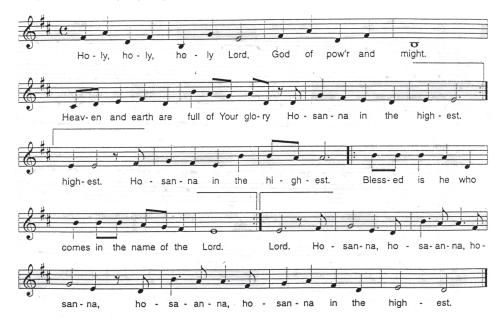


Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

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:



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: 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, O 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 to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. 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.

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.

Alleluia

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Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, Lamb of God You take away, You take away, You take away, All of our sin Have mercy on us

This is the good news This is the gift of life This is the the body and blood of Christ for the life of the world

Sing Hallelujah Sing Hallelujah Sing Hallelujah

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Come All Ye Pining

Verse 1

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, The heights and depths unknown, Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, In thy beloved Son.

Verse 2

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of every good; Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood!

Verse 3 Here shall your numerous wants receive A free, a full supply; He has unmeasured bliss to give, And joys that never die.

Chorus

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, The Saviour's bounty taste; Behold a never-failing store For every willing guest.

From **All Things New**, www.redmountainmusic.com From the hymn "Lord, We Adore Thy Boundless Grace" by Anne Steele. Gadsby #1039

See How Good It Is (Psalm 133)

Verse 1 See how good it is Gathering with friends Welcoming the stranger in See how good it is

Verse 2 Sad divisions cease We're ordained as priests Spreading out God's joyful feast See how good it is Chorus

When God's children live as one By the Spirit we become The open arms of God To a world in need of love

Verse 3 See the earth renewed By the morning dew All creation sings the truth: "See how good it is!"

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My God, My Portion, and My Love

Verse 1 My God, my portion, and my love, My everlasting all! I've none but Thee in Heav'n above, Or on this earthly ball.

Verse 2 In vain the bright, the burning sun Scatters his feeble light; 'Tis Thy sweet beams create my noon; If Thou withdraw, 'tis night.

Verse 3 And whilst upon my restless bed, Amongst the shades I roll, If my Redeemer shows His head, 'Tis morning with my soul. Verse 4 Were I possessor of the earth, And called the stars my own, Without Thy graces and Thyself I were a wretch undone.

Verse 5 Let others stretch their arms like seas And grasp in all the shore, Grant me the visits of Thy face, And I desire no more.

text: Isaac Watts tune: Mack Wilburg

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

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 presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



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Nursery and Preschool - 4:15 p.m.

Continuing into the fall, nursery and preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Sonia with questions.

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

Begins this Sunday, September 12, 4:25 p.m.

Children in these grades will engage with biblical stories and the liturgy of the church using the Godly Play approach. This curriculum uses storytelling and open-ended response to encourage a deep and intrinsically-motivated faith in children.

Contact Sonia or Rachel with questions.

4th - 5th Grade

Begins this Sunday, September 12, 4:25 p.m.

This year we will base our teaching on a curriculum called Echo the Story, which presents the big picture of God's story through chronological Bible narrative. This will be the first in a two-year sequence, Old Testament this year and New Testament next year. Contact Sara or Steffie with questions.

Kids' Listening Prayer, for K-5th grades, begins September 26 on Fourth Sundays, 3:45–4:15 p.m.

Youth Group

Weekly on Sundays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Youth in 6th-12th grades will meet on Sunday afternoons in the Activity Center at Calvary for large group activities and small group discipleship.

Small group leaders are Caleb Dahl, Courtney Hubers, Caleb Mostad, Katie Pitchford, and Colten Wilson. Please be in touch with them with any questions or encouragements as they minister to and with our youth.

Director of Youth Ministry - Job Posting

With more than 30 members of our church in junior high and high school and many more rising into that age group in the years to come, ministry with youth is a significant priority for our church. As a new and added resource to our youth ministry team in the coming ministry year, we are seeking to hire a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. Their primary responsibility will be to nurture our youth in relationship with God, each other, and with our local church body; equipping them for the work of ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Join us in prayer for the search process, the candidates, and the youth of Church of the Redeemer!

Use this QR code to view and share the job description and supporting information.



Women's Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We have come through another year since our last gathering at Shepherd's Hill Farm and look forward to a day of rest and retreat.

Our retreat this year is planned for your rest, for connection with friends and sisters in Christ, for study and reflection on a favorite story from Scripture in the story of Naomi and Ruth, and for time dedicated to laughing, playing, exhaling. Use this QR code for more information and to RSVP:



Refugee Life Ministry Team

Church of the Redeemer is forming a Good Neighbor team (formerly Refugee Life) to welcome a refugee family from Syria: Father mid-30's, Mother mid-20's, Daughter - 6, Son - 4 who arrived in Minnesota this past Thursday, Sept. 9. Please be in prayer for this family as they adjust to a new home and new country.

Please contact Cheryl Krusen if you would like to participate.Please contact Cheryl Krusen at cakrusen@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Audio/Visual team

Volunteers are needed to help set up and operate sound and video systems during our Sunday services this fall. Training is provided. Please contact Rev. Jacques Kustritz if you are interested at texbass15@ yahoo.com.

Set-Up & Take-Down Help Needed

We are in need of some additional set-up and take-down help on Sundays. Set-up takes place from 3:00-3:30, before the service, and take-down occurs in the half hour following the service. Volunteers serve about once a month.

Please contact Sonia Keillor at sonia@oftheredeemer.org if you are able to serve in this way.

Men's Listening Prayer

Men's Listening Prayer is a monthly gathering of the men of the church for worship, testimony, and prayer. James 1:19-27 will be our guiding scripture of the year as we seek to be men who are "doers of the word,

and not hearers only." Our first gathering of the ministry year will be held outside at Fr. Paul's home on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. Subsequent gatherings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning on Oct. 6. Use this QR code for location information.



Women of Redeemer Bible Studies

This year we will study the book of Acts, a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. As we study this narrative of the early Church, we will also be reading New Testament letters as they are relevant to the life of the first century body of Christ. Meeting plans will be sensitive to public health guidelines.

- Mondays at 7 pm beginning **September 13**. Contact Barbie Anderson, bwanderson70@comcast.net, 651-491-3536.
- Thursdays at 9:30am beginning **September 16**. Contact Cindy Calvin, cindycalvin@me.com, 612-889-9963.

MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 7:30 A.M.

After a summer hiatus, Morning Prayer will resume via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week, beginning September 15.

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 using this QR code:



Messenger Films resumes production on *Let Me Have My Son* this coming September 29 thru October 10. We are in need of volunteers in a number of areas:

- Lodging for several members of the cast and crew coming from outof-town. Three to four individual guest rooms needed.
- Local use of two or three vehicles (or volunteer drivers) for out-oftown cast and crew.
- Prayer support
- Extras

Contact Cris Krusen if you are able to help at ck@messengerfilms.com.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
Sept. 5, 2021	\$68,862	\$60,000

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 <u>https://oftheredeemerorg/give/</u>

<u>Staff</u>

Rev. Paul Calvin - Rector

Sonia Keillor - Administrative Assistant

Rev. Liz Stewart - Deacon Pastor of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation Sabbatical Sept. 1–Nov. 30

Ministry Teams

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