

COMMEMORATION OF THOMAS MERTON

Episcopal Church of  
**The Redeemer**

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CHORAL EVENSONG  
DECEMBER 9, 2018  
5:00 PM

Welcome to The Redeemer. We're glad you're here!

The order for worship is found within this leaflet. The Book of Common Prayer page numbers for the liturgy are indicated throughout. If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the guest book in the entrance or fill out one of the cards in the pew and make yourself known to those around you—parishioners and staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have about our liturgy, programs or facilities. Information on parish activities can be found in the enclosed *News from The Redeemer* and on www.TheRedeemer.org.

**Sunday Worship at  
The Redeemer**

7:45am-Rite I  
Holy Eucharist:  
without music

9:00am-Rite II Holy Eucharist -  
our principal service - with  
choirs and children's chapel

11:15am-Choral Matins  
Morning Prayer  
(Second Sundays)

**5:00pm-Choral Evensong**  
(Second Sundays)

Offerings and pledge envelopes may be left in the alms basins at the back of the church. No collection will be taken during the liturgy.

**VOLUNTARY**                      *Improvisation on Verbum supernum prodiens*                      M. Diorio

*The congregation stands as the choir and clergy enter during the prelude.*

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Officiant*    Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Other sentences added by the Officiant.*

**HYMN 63**                      *O heavenly Word, eternal Light*                      Verbum supernum prodiens  
*sung by all, standing*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Officiant*    Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
*The congregation kneels*

*Officiant and People*    **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*    The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The congregation stands.*

**PRECES AND RESPONSES**

*sung by the officiant and choir*

O God, make speed to save us.  
*O Lord make haste to help us.*  
O God, make speed to save us;  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Alleluia*

*The congregation is seated.*

**PSALM 62**

*Said responsively by half verse*

- 1 For God alone my soul in silence waits;\*  
**from him comes my salvation.**
- 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation,\*  
**my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.**
- 3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together,\*  
**as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?**
- 4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor;\*  
**lies are their chief delight.**
- 5 They bless with their lips,\*  
**but in their hearts they curse.**
- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits;\*  
**truly, my hope is in him.**
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation,\*  
**my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor;\*  
**God is my strong rock and my refuge.**
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people,\*  
**pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,\*  
**even those of low estate cannot be trusted.**
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath,\*  
**all of them together.**
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;\*  
**though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,\*  
**that power belongs to God.**
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,\*  
**for you repay everyone according to his deeds.**

**LESSON from the Book of Isaiah 57:14-19**

It shall be said, 'Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way.' For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not continually accuse, nor will I always be angry; for then the spirits would grow faint before me, even the souls that I have made. Because of their wicked covetousness I was angry; I struck them, I hid and was angry; but they kept turning back to their own ways. I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will lead them and repay them with comfort, creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the LORD; and I will heal them.

*Following the reading:*

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

Richard Webster

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**MAGNIFICAT**

*sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

*Evening Service in D*

William Harris

**LESSON from the Gospel According to John 12:27-36**

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.' After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

*Following the reading:*

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

**NUNC DIMITIS**

*sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

*Evening Service in D*

William Harris

*A time for meditation is provided here.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*said by all, standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES**

*sung by the officiant and choir*

The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*  
Let us pray.

*The congregation kneels.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*people and officiant*

**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.**

**SUFFRAGES**

*sung by the officiant and choir*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
*And grant us thy salvation.*  
Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
*And make thy chosen people joyful.*  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*For only in thee can we live in safety.*  
Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
*And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*  
Let thy way be known upon earth;  
*Thy saving health among all nations.*  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

**THE COLLECTS**

*The Collect of the Day and others chosen by the officiant.*

*The congregation is seated.*

**ANTHEM**

*Ave Maria*

Camille Saint-Saens

*sung by the choir*

*Sung in Latin*

Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*English translation*

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*The congregation stands.*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*said by all*

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**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

*said by the officiant*

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**CLOSING SENTENCES**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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**CLOSING VERSES**

*said by the officiant*

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**HYMN 68**

*sung by all, standing*

*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

Llangloffan

*Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart during the postlude.*

**VOLUNTARY**

*Cantabile*

J. Jonger

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**The Rev. Jo Ann B. Jones, Officiant**

**Dr. Michael J. Diorio, Organist / Director of Music**

**Adrian Binkley, Organ Scholar**

**The Women of Redeemer & Chancel Choirs**

**Anna Gerrity, Sam Chew, Lectors**

**Sev Fahr, Acolyte**

*Evensongs are held every second Sunday of the month at 5:00pm during the academic year and are sung by one of our many choirs. The Redeemer Choir will sing in January.*

*Mark your calendar to be with us for our annual Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00pm.*

*If you do not wish to take this service sheet and "News from The Redeemer" along with you, please deposit them in the basket in the Narthex to be recycled. Thank you for your help.*

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