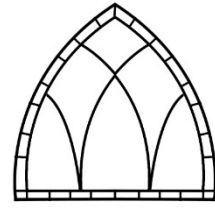


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE REDEEMER  
Shelby, NC



**Sunday, April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – 9:30 a.m.**

*Welcome to Redeemer! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. There are candles available at the devotional candle stand, located behind the pews on the right-hand side of the altar rail. Please feel free to light a candle representing your prayers or intentions for today, before the service or during communion.*

## **The Word of God**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *The Old Rugged Cross – arr. Dale Wood*

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *O bless the Lord, my soul (H 411)*

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The people standing, the Presider says*

*Presider*            Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*             **His mercy endures for ever.**

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*The Presider may say*

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.**

### **OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One.  
***Have mercy upon us.***

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider*            The Lord be with you.

*People*             **And also with you.**

*Presider*            Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 126

*Remain seated.*



*(Italics: repeat last measure)*

- <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of <sup>1</sup> **Zion**, \*|  
then were we like those who <sup>1</sup> **dream**.|
- <sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with <sup>1</sup> **laughter**, \*|  
and our tongue with shouts of <sup>1</sup> **joy**.||
- <sup>3</sup>Then they said among the <sup>1</sup> **nations**, \*|  
“The LORD has done great things for <sup>1</sup> **them**.”|
- <sup>4</sup>The LORD has done great things for <sup>1</sup> **us**, \*|  
and we are glad in- <sup>1</sup> **deed**.||
- <sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O <sup>1</sup> **LORD**, \*|  
like the watercourses of the <sup>1</sup> **Negev**.|
- <sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with <sup>1</sup> **tears** \*|  
will reap with songs of <sup>1</sup> **joy**.||
- <sup>7</sup>*Those who go out weeping, carrying the <sup>1</sup> **seed**, \*|  
will come again with joy, shouldering their <sup>1</sup> **sheaves**.||*

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## **SEQUENCE HYMN *Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun* (H 141)**

### **GOSPEL: John 12:1-8**

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

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE CREED**

*All stand.*

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We are called, especially during this holy season, to lift up all the needy world to God. Let us pray for those who are in need, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

For the church, that during these days of Lent we may clear away much that is needless and become true ministers of reconciliation, praying especially for... let us pray to the Lord; **Lord have mercy.**

For this nation and all nations, especially... that we have the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and live in harmony and peace, let us pray to the Lord; **Lord have mercy.**

For the outcasts, the alienated and rejected of this world, that all may come to know God's welcome to join us at the table, let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

For this community, that we may seek the lost and rejoice when they are found, let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are sick, for all the dying, for all who grieve, for all who are lonely, for those whose burden is too deep for words, especially... let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have gone before us, family, friends, and neighbors, mighty saints and repentant sinners, especially... let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

*Mighty God, mercifully hear the prayers of your people. Give us zeal in our ministries and joy in our work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

*Healing Prayer offered at the Altar Rail.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*Presider*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*             **And also with you.**

# **The Holy Communion**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Presider says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *Let us break bread together on our knees (H 325)*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow (H 380 v 3)*

# **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The People remain standing.*

*Presider*           The Lord be with you.

*People*             **And also with you.**

*Presider*           Lift up your hearts.

*People*             **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

**SANCTUS S 124 Holy, holy, holy**

**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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.



All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Presider*

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***therefore let us keep the feast.***

### **INVITATION**

*The Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All are invited to God's Table. If you wish to receive communion, please come forward to the altar rail on either side. You may consume the wafer and sip from the larger chalice, or you may intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine from the smaller chalice before you consume it. It is perfectly OK to consume only bread if that is your preference. If you do not wish to consume the bread and wine but would like to receive a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest. Please use the hand sanitizer that is available up front or in your pew prior to coming to the altar rail. This will reduce the transmission of illnesses and protect those in our parish who are vulnerable. Thank you!*

## **THE SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

In the name of God and of this parish, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**We who are many are one body, because we share one Bread, one Cup.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy* (H 470)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING VOLUNTARY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* – arr. Dale Wood**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday, April 6, Lent 5**

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour immediately following Eucharist in the Narthex

Worship Leader Training & Refresher after Coffee Hour in the Sanctuary

**1:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist at Navion Assisted Living (1425 E Marion St.)

**3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.** Celtic Symbol Workshop in the Admin Parish Hall

**5:00 p.m.** Celtic Eucharist outside near Columbarium, weather permitting

### **Monday, April 7**

**4:00 p.m.** Mindful Monday Walk with Anita

### **Tuesday, April 8**

**9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer in the Chapel

**10:30 a.m.** Packing of Bags for Food Pantry

**7:00 p.m.** Tuesday Night Book Club on Zoom

### **Wednesday, April 9**

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Shepherd's Table Lunch Distribution

**12:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist in the Chapel with Pam

**4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Food Pantry Box Distribution

### **Thursday, April 10**

**11:30 a.m.** Redeemer Classics in Admin Parish Hall

**5:30 p.m.** Healing and Holy Eucharist in Chapel with Anita

**8:00 p.m.** Compline on Zoom

### **Saturday, April 12**

**10:00 a.m.** Sacred Craft (Parish Hall)

## **Formation Opportunities during Lent**

**Mindful Monday Walks with Anita** Mondays at 4:00 p.m. March 3 through April 14.

**Tuesday Redeemer Book Club Discussion** on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. with Anita on March 11 through April 8. Our book selection is *Curveball* by Peter Enns.

# **Holy Week At Redeemer**

## **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025:**

- **9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary
- Coffee in the Narthex Following Worship
- **1:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist at Navion
- **3:00 p.m.** Lenten Retreat in Small Parish Hall with Jane and Anita

## **Monday, April 14, 2025:**

- Self Guided Stations of the Cross on the Labyrinth Available in the Small Parish Hall
- **12:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist in Chapel with Anita
- **4:00 p.m.** Mindful Walk with Anita (Meet under the Gazebo)

## **Tuesday, April 15, 2025:**

- Self Guided Stations of the Cross on the Labyrinth Available in the Small Parish Hall
- **9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer in the Chapel w/ Pam
- **10:30 a.m.** Packing of Bags for Food Pantry
- **12:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist in Chapel with Anita

## **Wednesday, April 16, 2025:**

- Self Guided Stations of the Cross on the Labyrinth Available in the Small Parish Hall
- **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Shepherd's Table Lunch Distribution
- **12:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist in Chapel with Anita
- **4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Food Pantry Box Distribution

## **Thursday, April 17, 2025:**

- Self Guided Stations of the Cross on the Labyrinth Available in the Small Parish Hall
- **6:00p** Stations of the Cross in Sanctuary with Deacon Michele
- **7:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary

## **Friday, April 18, 2025:**

- **11:00 a.m.** Stations of the Cross in Sanctuary with Becca
- **12:30 p.m.** Good Friday Service in Chapel
- **7:00 p.m.** Good Friday Service in Chapel

## **Saturday, April 19 2025:**

- **11:00 a.m.** Celebration of Life for Janet Woy in Chapel
- **7:00 p.m.** Easter Vigil (Start Outside and then Enter Sanctuary)

## **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025:**

- **9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary
- Coffee in Narthex following worship
- **1:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist at Navion