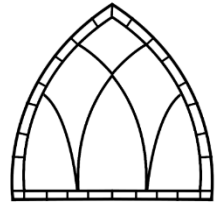
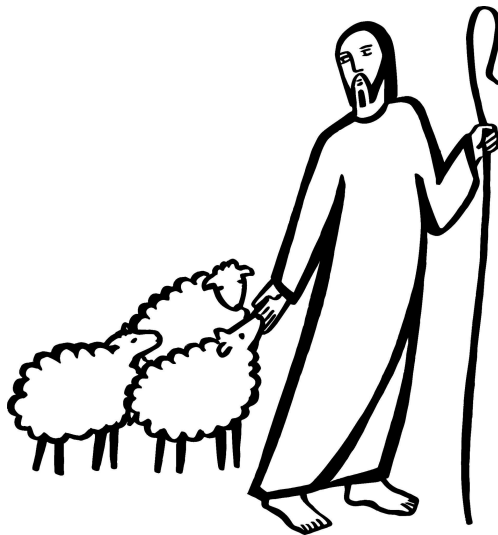


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE REDEEMER  
Shelby, NC



**The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Happy Mother's Day**



**Sunday, May 11, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

# The Word of God

**Opening Voluntary: That Easter Day with Joy was Bright – Dale Wood**

**Processional Hymn: H 645** “The King of love my shepherd is”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant 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.**

**Gloria: S 278** Glory to God

*The following is sung, all standing*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

### First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

## Psalm: Psalm 23

*Remain seated.*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my **shepherd**; \*

I shall not be in **want**.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green **pastures** \*

and leads me beside still **waters**.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my **soul** \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's **sake**.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no **evil**; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they **comfort me**.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **trouble me**; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running **over**.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life**, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for **ever**.

## Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor

any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn: H 664** "My Shepherd will supply my need"

**Gospel: John 10:22-30**

*All stand.*

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Anita Ware

## **The Nicene 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**

*All kneel or sit as able.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Healing Prayer offered at the Altar Rail.*

*All stand.*

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

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Hymn: H 691** “My faith looks up to thee”

**Presentation Hymn: H 380** “From all that dwell below the skies”

**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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.



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 129** “Holy, holy, holy”

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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: S 154** Christ our Passover

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion of the People**

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

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [***Amen.***]

## **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 Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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**

**Recessional Hymn: H 708** "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Closing Voluntary: He Leadeth Me – arr. Gordon Young**

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### **May is our Month to honor Mothers**

Traditionally May is the month during which we honor our mothers and the contributions they have made to our lives. The members of the Altar Guild also chose May to honor Miss Emma Frick, the “Mother” of Sunday School at Redeemer who was confirmed at Redeemer in 1892 and was a faithful member until her death in 1928. Because Redeemer was considered a mission parish, the congregation was served by a series of ministers who came at least once a month to conduct services for the “church people” with the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches lending their houses of worship. When the second church building was constructed in 1903, there were fourteen communicants at Redeemer, including Miss Frick and her mother.

Miss Frick organized the Sunday School in 1906 and was the sponsor, either as superintendent or teacher, as long as she lived. She also worked to erect and furnish the church constructed in 1903. She was described in The Shelby Star in 1940 as “One of the most outstanding figures in the church’s history, one who kept it going by sheer force of her personality, when times were thin and support of the church was meager.” Miss Frick also worked to document the history of Redeemer and its communicants for the Missionary District of Asheville. Those records indicated in 1921 that there were 50 children enrolled in the Sunday School.

Emma Frick died in May 1928, a victim of the fire at the Central Hotel (now the Charles Building fronting on Warren Street) where she had a room. She had escaped from the fire on February 23, 1928 but cut her hand during the escape and died from blood poisoning. With her passing the lay leadership of Redeemer was weakened and after about a year, the Sunday School ceased to exist.

As Redeemer moved into a new building in 1940, the current Lutz-Austell Chapel, members were able to work on refinishing the original pews, revitalizing the Sunday School, and engaging in more music during worship. It was during this time that the brass altar cross, now in the chapel, was given in memory of Miss Emma Frick by friends in the church and communicants of other churches who were touched by her dedication to Redeemer. Mrs. Grace Vickery was instrumental in organizing this memorial cross which was dedicated on Easter Sunday in 1940.

The Altar Guild traditionally provides flowers for the church on Mother’s Day in honor of the work that Miss Emma Frick contributed to this parish and moves the flowers to her gravesite in Sunset Cemetery following the service. As we ponder the years of dedication that she gave to Redeemer, perhaps we can replicate her passion for the ministry of Sunday School moving forward in this world!