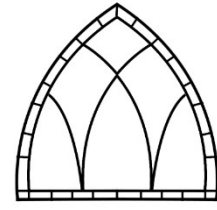


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE REDEEMER
Shelby, NC



Sunday, March 16, 2025 – Second 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

ENTRANCE HYMN *Praise to the living God (H 372)*

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 27

Remain seated.



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I ¹ **fear?** *|

the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be a- ¹ **fraid?**|

²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my ¹ **flesh,** *|
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and ¹ **fell.**||

³Though an army should encamp a- ¹ **gainst me,** *|
yet my heart shall not be a- ¹ **fraid;**|

⁴And though war should rise up a- ¹ **gainst me**, *|
 yet will I put my trust in ¹ **him**.||
⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD;
 one thing I ¹ **seek**; *|
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my ¹ **life**;|
⁶To behold the fair beauty of the ¹ **LORD** *|
 and to seek him in his ¹ **temple**.||
⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his ¹ **shelter**; *|
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
 and set me high upon a ¹ **rock**.|
⁸Even now he lifts up my ¹ **head** *|
 above my enemies round a- ¹ **bout me**.||
⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great ¹ **gladness**; *|
 I will sing and make music to the ¹ **LORD**.|
¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I ¹ **call**; *|
 have mercy on me and ¹ **answer me**.||
¹¹You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my ¹ **face**.” *|
 Your face, LORD, will I ¹ **seek**.|
¹²Hide not your face from ¹ **me**, *|
 nor turn away your servant in dis- ¹ **pleasure**.||
¹³You have been my helper;
 cast me not a- ¹ **way**; *|
 do not forsake me, O God of my sal- ¹ **vation**.|
¹⁴Though my father and my mother for- ¹ **sake me**, *|
 the LORD will su- ¹ **stain me**.||
¹⁵Show me your way, O ¹ **LORD**; *|
 lead me on a level path, because of my ¹ **enemies**.|
¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my ¹ **adversaries**, *|
 for false witnesses have risen up against me,
 and also those who speak ¹ **malice**.||
¹⁷What if I had not believed
 that I should see the goodness of the ¹ **LORD** *|
 in the land of the ¹ **living**!|
¹⁸Oh, tarry and await the LORD’s pleasure;
 be strong, and he shall comfort your ¹ **heart**; *|
 wait patiently for the ¹ **LORD**.||

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

The people sit.

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

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Creator of the earth and skies (H 148)*

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

All stand.

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

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

³¹Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *The Rev. Anita Ware*

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 isn't 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, especiallylet 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.**

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

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 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* (H 304)

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

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

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.

EPICLESIS

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 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee (H 635)*

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 16, Lent 2

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour immediately following Eucharist in the Narthex

11:00 a.m. Adult Formation in the Admin Parish Hall

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

Monday, March 17

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

Tuesday, March 18

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

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

Wednesday, March 19

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, March 20

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

8:00 p.m. Compline on Zoom

Formation Opportunities during Lent

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

Exploring Celtic Christianity Adult Formation Series throughout March.

Tuesday Redeemer Book Club Discussion on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. with Anita on March 11, 18, 25 & April 1 & 8. Our book selection is *Curveball* by Peter Enns.

Hike Church on Saturday, March 29th at 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Restrooms at Broad River Greenway