

# THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

## Advent 3

### December 14th, 2025

***Please observe silence before our service begins, including silencing phones and other devices.***

Welcome to Church of the Redeemer. We are glad you're here. We believe that all people are worthy of love and belonging, and we welcome all to this community who share that belief.

Everything you need for worship will be found in this service bulletin or in one of our hymnals. Our 8:00 service is spoken. The 10:30 service has music. Where "hymnal" is listed, we refer to the blue "Hymnal 1982" in the seatback in your pew. Where "WLP" is listed, we refer to the green "Wonder, Love, and Praise" hymnal at your pew. Occasionally, we use additional music resources. When this is the case, we hand the necessary resource to you before the service begins.

You will notice that our congregation worships with body as well as mind and Spirit. Please note that while sitting, standing or kneeling are customary for prayer, we understand that not all bodies are the same. We trust you to make a choice that is right for you.

During communion, all are invited to come forward. If you do not wish to receive, you may simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead of bread or wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, you may choose to go back to your seat after receiving bread only. In our tradition, we believe bread alone confers the entirety of the Eucharistic grace. If you are unable to come forward for communion, simply wave or catch the priest's eye as she scans the room after communion. She will gladly come to you.

We sincerely hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

## The Holy Eucharist (omit hymns at 8:00)

**Opening Hymn**    *The King shall come when morning dawns*

Hymnal 73

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

### Hymn of Praise:

8:00: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

10:30: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 5,6)*

Hymnal 56  
(The Blue Book)

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV)

Canticle 15    *Luke 1:46-55*    The Song of Mary    *Magnificat*

¶ *Read responsively by half verse.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
**and has lifted up the lowly.**  
 He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**  
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**  
 The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

## Reading

James 5:7-10(NRSV)

## Gospel Acclamation (omit at 8:00)

♩ = 72      B      Em      Am      Em      B      D      G      D      Em      Am      BSUS      B      Em      (*fine*)

Let us praise your name, God our Sa - vior, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise and

G      C      D      Em      B      D      G      C      D      Em      B      D.C.

bless your name, God our Sa - vior, praise and bless your name, al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

## The Sermon

Rev. Theresa Newell

## 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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**

*After each bidding:*

*Intercessor:* Let us see your glory, O Lord;

*People:* **Come to us and save us!**

## **Confession**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All:* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

## **Benediction and Peace**

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Watchmen, tell us of the night*

Hymnal 640

## **The Holy Eucharist**

*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 our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when

he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People:* **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People:* **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant (monotone on G):* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**The congregation chants on a monotone G.**

Our Fa-ther in Hea-ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come,  
your will be done, on Earth as in Hea-ven. Give us to-day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those  
who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us  
from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power,  
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-e-ver. A-men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

### AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re-deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Communion

### Hymn

*Thy Kingdom Come! on bended knee*

Hymnal 615

## Post-communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

*¶The Celebrant blesses the people*

### Hymn

*Rejoice, rejoice believers*

Hymnal 68

## Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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





## Prayers

- +**Pray for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission;** Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury designate; Igreja Episcopal do Brasil
- +**The Episcopal Church:** Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Seminary of the Southwest; The Dioceses of Colombia; Dominican Republic
- +**The Diocese of Olympia:** Phil, the Bishop; St. Stephen's, Longview; St. Peter's, Seaview; St Anne's, Washougal
- +**Church of the Redeemer:** Theresa our priest, the Vestry serving this parish, and all the members of this congregation
- +**Pray for all in authority:** António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations; Donald, President of the United States; J.D, Vice President of the United States; Bob, Governor of Washington; Teri, Chair of the Tulalip Tribes; Cecile, Chair of the Duwamish Nation.
- +**Pray for the welfare of the world,** especially all victims of the conflicts in Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine, Israel, and Haiti. All Immigrants and Migrants in the United States and around the World. The victims of earthquake, flood, mass shootings, Hurricane Melissa and wildfire. Hopelink Kenmore Place, Heron Haven Kenmore Senior Women's Shelter, Camp United We Stand, and for all those without adequate housing in our community.
- +**Pray for those who need healing,** especially Kathy, Fritz, Ginny, Jean and Dick, Elizabeth, Richard, Shereen, John, Robert, Tina, Al, Carol and Larry, Laurie, Teri, John, Alan, Ron, Josiah, Fr. John, his family and caregivers.
- +**Pray for our needs and the needs of others.**
- +**Pray for those in the Armed Forces and their families,** especially Cully, Bede, and AJ.
- +**Pray for our enemies.**
- +**Give thanks for the blessings of this life:** those celebrating the anniversary of their birth, especially Ron, and Teri; those celebrating the anniversary of their Baptism, especially Holly; those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage, especially Ron and Elizabeth.
- +**Pray for all those who have died,** especially Keith

## **Announcements**

### **Advent Tea for All - TODAY**

Please join your siblings in Christ for an Advent Tea in the parish hall on Sunday, December 14th at noon.

### **All Parish Work-Party—December 20th**

The next All Parish Work Party will be on Saturday December 20th, beginning with morning prayer at 9:30am followed by the work party at 10am. See the Font for details.

### **Greening of the Church—December 21st**

We will be greening the church after the 10:30 service on December 21st., and we invite you to stay and help with this project. The Choir will be providing treats.

### **Hopelink Kenmore Place Holiday Meal**

We are now collecting monetary donations towards gift cards for a Holiday meal for each family. Our goal is to provide \$100 gift cards to each of our eleven families. Please Click on this QR code to donate.



### **Youth Night-January 10th 5PM**

Youth Night January 10th, 5pm. Join us for pizza and smores as we gather at Megan Motley's home. A separate email with more details and RSVP information will be sent directly to parents of our youth group. Please contact Rev. Theresa for further information.

### **Open Office Hours – Wednesdays 10-Noon**

Rev. Theresa is now offering weekly open office hours and all are welcome to come talk with her. This is the perfect time to stop by and just chat with Rev. Theresa, or to bring up any questions for her that you would like to discuss. Rev. Theresa will be at Kenmore Diva Espresso (6728 NE 181st St. Kenmore, WA 98028) on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon **with the following exceptions:** Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)

### **Spiritual Companions Group– Alternate Wednesdays at 7 pm**

This small group meets to listen to one another and help us notice God's presence in our lives. We are spiritual companions to one another in our life's journey with Jesus. Please email Rev. Theresa with questions or if you like to join us: [tnewell@redeemer-kenmore.org](mailto:tnewell@redeemer-kenmore.org). We will be meeting in the church library. **Next Meeting is December 17th.**

## **Heron Haven Kenmore Senior Women's Shelter Needs our Help**

Kenmore Senior Women's Shelter, run by Lake City Partners, is now open and needs supplies. Current Items requested are women's socks, jigsaw puzzles, and treats. All items need to be new and in their original packaging. Note that toiletry items are not needed at this time.

Please place your donations in the box in the narthex (entry hall), located in entry to the nave.

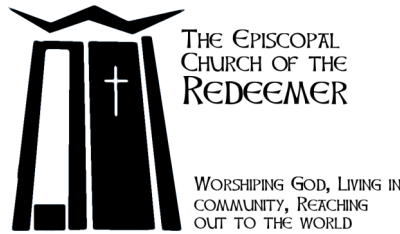
## **Episcopal 101: An Enquirer's Class**

This class series is for anyone who would like to examine or deepen your faith. We will reflect on our experiences of faith, the Bible, and liturgy in light of the Book of Common prayer and our Episcopal experience. Those hoping to complete Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation should make sure you have come for each topic. **Please refer to The Font for specific topics and dates.**

## **Save the Dates**

Several important dates are afoot for upcoming fun gatherings, meetings and visits. We invite you to mark your calendars so that you don't miss any gatherings that you would like to attend.

- December 24: Christmas Eve Services will be 4:00 (Family-Friendly Service) and 8:00 pm (Full service with incense). (Note there is no service on Dec. 25.)
- January 10: NOTE: January work party is moved to January 10th.
- January 18: Bishop will visit. **We will have one service at 9:30 am.** Brunch and Q&A with Bishop Labelle will follow the service.
- January 25: Annual meeting. **We will have one service at 9:30 am.** The service will be followed by the annual meeting and then lunch together in the parish hall.



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## **Leadership**

### 2025 Vestry

Susan Switzer, (Sr. Warden) Jordan Markezich (Jr. Warden), J.P. McGlinn (Treasurer), Earl Beede, Jill Gray, Eric Haskins, Carolyn Templin, Richard McAlister, Gina McGlinn, Megan Motley.

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**Priest in Charge**

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**Communication Coordinator**

Lee Darrow

**Volunteer Musicians**

Bob Chapman, Carrie Beede

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The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer acknowledges that we occupy land which the Duwamish and Snohomish people have inhabited from time immemorial to present day. We pray for the Duwamish and Snohomish nations and all Coast Salish people, and for discernment, that we can live in a more just and equitable relationship with them and all people.

As part of your sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving during this service, we invite you to donate financially to Church of the Redeemer. Before the service starts, you may leave a cash donation in the collection plate on the table inside the entrance to this room. You may also scan the QR code to make an online donation at [https://bit.ly/COR\\_Giving](https://bit.ly/COR_Giving).



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