



The Sower by Eva Koleva Timothy



REDEEMER
ANGLICAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO REDEEMER

We are a parish committed to **Gospel Formation for Missional Presence** here in the urban heart of Richmond. We do this through the **7 essential practices** of the Church that seek to answer the deepest, most fundamental questions of every human being.

STORY • *What story am I in?*

Telling the story of the Bible as the true and better narrative in which to understand God, ourselves, each other, and this world.

IDENTITY • *Who am I?*

Embracing a new identity in Jesus that is received, stable, and secure.

BELONGING • *With whom do I belong?*

Finding belonging in the church community and extending hospitality to strangers.

VIRTUE • *How do I change?*

Cultivating virtue through redemptive habits.

CONTEXT • *Where do I make my life?*

Seeking to understand our context in the city in this cultural moment.

VOCATION • *What is my purpose?*

Laboring in renewed vocations for the common good.

IMAGINATION • *How do I love?*

Reordering our imaginations through mystery and beauty.

Our hope is that in today's worship service—in the liturgy, in the music, in the sermon, and in the sacrament—you experience a taste of what it means to be formed by the Gospel of Jesus. Over time, we hope that this shapes us into the kind of people who will be missionally present to our neighbors and city. If you are interested in learning more, please scan the **Connect QR** code on the back page, talk to our staff after the service, join us for coffee hour, and sign up for a Newcomer's Dinner. We would be honored and delighted to know you and welcome you.

MARCH 03, 2024

Advent • Christmas • Epiphany • **Lent** • Easter • Pentecost • Ordinary Time

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*Please help us maintain a peaceful space for worship by kindly: **moving** to the center of your section, **silencing** your cell phone, and **refraining** from food or drinks.*

PRELUDE

Before the service begins, during the instrumental prelude, you are invited to sit or kneel, quieting your heart, mind, and body. You may find it helpful to reflect on the artwork on the front cover or to reflect on the events of the past week. This is a time to be still and know that the Lord is God.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

As I age
in the world it will rise and spread,
and be for this place horizon
and orison, the voice of its winds.
I have made myself a dream to dream
of its rising, that has gentled my nights.
Let me desire and wish well the life
these trees may live when I
no longer rise in the mornings
to be pleased with the green of them
shining, and their shadows on the ground,
and the sound of the wind in them.

Planting Trees, Wendell Berry

From the church's earliest days, Lent was a time of preparation for Easter. Lent is traditionally focused on repentance—changing our attitudes, words, and lifestyles to better follow in the way of Jesus. The Christian life is a life of repentance. Beginning at baptism and continuing throughout our lives, we are more and more turning away from sin and self-centeredness and more and more turning towards Jesus to experience true freedom and rest.

Symbolizing that
we can only come
to God through
Jesus, the cross
leads us into
worship.

PROCESSION

Please stand as the hymn begins.

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

CCLI SONG #3874967

Henry Lyte, Bill Moore

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,
Twill but drive me to thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with thee.

THE WORD OF GOD

ACCLAMATION

Leader Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Declaring why we have gathered to God and each other.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Leader Let us pray.
People **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.**

Collectively acknowledging our need for help in order to truly worship God.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Leader Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And a second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.
— Matthew 22:37-40

Reminding us that our lives are to be defined by love for God and others.

KYRIE

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

Asking for mercy, as we routinely fail to love God and others.

Singing with
hearts overflowing
with wonder and
gratitude for God's
glory and his
mercy.

SONG OF PRAISE

All standing.

WE LABOR UNTO GLORY

Porter's Gate

My God, my God, where e'er I go, glory.
Where I reap and where I sow, glory.
And my hands they grip the thorn, glory.
In the still and in the storm, glory, glory.

Refrain:

Oh, we labor unto glory
'Til Heaven and Earth are one,
Oh, we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes.

The sun it shines and then goes down, glory.
Rain, it pours and beats the ground, glory.
Dust, it blows and ends my days, glory.
Hearts they burn beneath your gaze, glory. (*refrain*)

My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound, glory.
Where thorns no longer curse the ground, glory.
Trim the wick, ignite the flame, glory.
My work, it will not be in vain, glory. (*refrain*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

CHILDREN INVITED TO ATTEND CLASSES

Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to attend Redeemer Kids classes at this time.

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

**People Almighty God, heavenly Father,
you have blessed us with the joy and care of children;
give us calm strength and patient wisdom
as we bring them up,
that we may teach them to love
whatever is just and true and good,
following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Expressing our collective hope for what God will do amongst us today.

Volunteers and 2nd-5th graders are dismissed first, followed by children 1st grade and under.

*4th-5th graders will return for the Nicene Creed. All others will return or be picked up before the Holy Communion.

SONG OF RESPONSE

PSALM 126

Isaac Wardell

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.

Refrain:

Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing.
The seeds of your Kingdom,
For the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry,
Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord. (*refrain*)

NICENE CREED

All standing.

Leader Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

People We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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],
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneeling or seated.

Praying silently or aloud for those in need in our church, our city and the world.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying,

Leader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the whole world,
and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

For the faithful ministry of our Parish, our Diocese,
our Province, and the Global Anglican Communion,
including our local partner churches:
Church of the Incarnation, in the West End,
All Souls Anglican Church, in Manchester, and
Resurrection Anglican Church, in Midlothian.

For the good and fruitful proclamation of the Gospel
in our city and in the world.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ
who are persecuted for their faith.

For our city and nation, for those in authority,
and for all in public service who serve the common good.

For all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,
or any other adversity.

For all who have departed this life in the certain hope
of resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

For all other needs that weigh heavy on our hearts
and all blessings for which we are grateful.

Leader Heavenly Father,
grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our only Mediator and Advocate,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

If you pray aloud,
please raise your
voice so that others
can hear.

Having named much of what is broken and painful in our lives and city, we turn to a time of confession because sin (human rebellion against God) is the true, underlying cause of all the suffering in the world.

After confessing the truth about ourselves, we are comforted by the good news of God's mercy and forgiveness to us through Jesus. The priest, speaking what God has already declared to be true, absolves us of our sins. We are clean. We are free.

Preparing for communion by sharing the peace of Jesus with each other.

CONFESSION

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silently confessing our sins.

People **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.**

ABSOLUTION

Leader Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who sincerely repent
and with true faith turn to him,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All standing.

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All seated.

For all announcements, see the back page or visit redeemerrva.churchcenter.com.

CHILDREN RETURN

*Parents may now pick up their three year-old and Pre-K children from Redeemer Kids.
Please bring your security tag with you.*

Nursery is available through the end of the service.

THE OFFERING

Gifts can be made online at redeemerrva.org/give.

PSALM 126

Isaac Wardell

Refrain:

Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing.
The seeds of your Kingdom,
For the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry,
Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.

Reflecting God's
generosity by freely
giving away our
resources.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All standing.

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader *Prayer of thanks and praise.*

SANCTUS

**People Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

All kneeling or seated.

Leader *Prayer of consecration.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Borrowing language from Isaiah 6:3 and Rev. 4:8, this hymn (Latin for “holy”) joins the voice of the church with angelic beings in praising God.

Retelling the story of redemptive history, we remember the wonderful mystery of God coming to us in Jesus to give his life for our redemption and the renewal of all things.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray:

People **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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader ~~All~~ **Alleluia!** Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Who may receive? All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine.

What if I have a reason to avoid bread or wine today? It has long been the conviction of the church that if you receive only the bread or only the wine, you have received the sacrament in full. Therefore, if you have a personal need to refrain from either the bread or the wine this week, know that you are still fully communing with Christ and his Church.

What if I need to avoid gluten or alcohol? The station nearest the piano offers gluten-free bread and alcohol-free wine for those who need it.

What is being served? All but one station offer port wine and in-house baked sourdough bread.

How do I receive? At all stations you are welcome to either drink the wine directly from the cup or to dip the bread into the wine before consuming.

Prayer: If you would like to receive prayer for anything in your life, members of the prayer team are available at the prayer station by the main doors.

Honoring God, seeking his agenda, asking for provision, forgiveness and deliverance, and remembering he is in control.

Partaking of God's past, present, and future grace to us in the physical bread and wine and being nourished by the spiritual presence of Jesus.

While you are waiting to receive the bread and wine, think about your relationship with God. If there is anything between you and God, confess it to Him. You want to approach the communion table with a clear conscience, not hiding anything.

COME ALL YE WEARY

Paul Zach, Kate Bluett

Come all you weary; come all you distressed:
Come to his stillness; find in him your rest.
Lay down your labors and lay down your works,
Take on his shoulders and easier yoke.
Come all you weary, find in him your rest.

Come all you righteous; come you who are strong:
Come when you have fallen; come when you've gone wrong.
Lay down your striving and thirst for acclaim;
Drink of his comfort and rest in his name.
Come all you weary, find in him your rest.

Come all you wounded; come all you betrayed:
Come to his shadow; rest here from the fray.
Come to his arms as the Savior draws near;
Bring him the pain that you bear even here;
Come all you weary, find in him your rest.

Come all you hopeful; come you who want more.
Come disappointed; come aching and sore.
Why spend your money on what has to fail?
Come to the one who alone can prevail.
Come all you weary, find in him your rest.

BLESS THE LORD

Taize Community, Jacques Berthier

Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.

DOXOLOGY

People Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

All standing.

Glorifying God for who he is—
the Holy Trinity:
Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Leader Let us pray.
People Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Like guests leaving
a feast, we thank
our host and
prepare to go back
out into the world
to labor for his
kingdom.

BENEDICTION

Leader May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you
wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing
once again to our doors.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
People Amen.

Opening our
hands and hearts
to receive God's
blessing to us.

Following the cross
out of worship and
into the world,
remembering that
Jesus goes before us
in all things.

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

CCLI SONG #3874967

Henry Lyte, Bill Moore

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain.
In thy service, pain is pleasure,
With thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Fathers smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
Gods own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

COMMISSION

Leader *Allcluia! Allcluia!*
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**
 Allcluia! Allcluia!

AFTER THE SERVICE

BOOK TABLE

Stay after the service to peruse the book table located through the double doors next to the nursery. You'll find a variety of titles to help you explore each of Redeemer's 7 Practices with greater depth and clarity.

COFFEE HOUR @ THE VMFA

Immediately after the 9:00 a.m. service and before the 11:00 a.m. service, you are invited to walk over to the VMFA rear lawn for a time of outdoor fellowship. Blanchard's Coffee is provided for adults and juice boxes for kids. Parents, keep an eye on your children to ensure they do not play near the historical chapel or climb trees. Help us be good neighbors

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups meet across the city each week. You're invited. Visit redeemerrva.org/small-groups for more information

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

A wheelchair ramp is located to the left of the main doors on the Grove Avenue side of the building. Please ask a greeter for assistance.



PARKING

Free parking is available in the Retreat Doctor's Hospital parking lot (third floor and above) located on N. Robinson St. between Grove Ave. and Floyd Ave.

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REDEEMER NEWS



STATIONS ON BOULEVARD VOLUNTEERS

During Holy Week Redeemer is hosting an installation of 12 paintings of the Stations of the Cross. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for 2-hour slots (8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) to engage with passersby who have questions about the installation and Redeemer. Come enjoy the artwork and help us bring this installation into the neighborhood! Register at the URL below under the “News” tab.

EASTER CHOIR

You're invited (no matter your musical background or experience level!) to join the Easter Choir under direction of our Artist In-Residence, Orlando Palmer, as he will arrange and teach 3 songs to be sung on Easter Sunday. Contact Orlando (orlando@) for more details.

REDEEMER IS HIRING

View job descriptions for two open positions: Production Manager and Communications Coordinator. Click “News” at the the URL below.

BAPTISM CLASS

TONIGHT, March 3 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Come and learn more about the sacrament of baptism—what it is, what it means and symbolizes, how it's done, who it's for, and what the church has historically understood about baptism. This class is open to anyone who would like to come. Drinks and dessert will be served. Childcare is not provided. Email Dan Marotta (dan@) for more information.

NEWCOMERS' DINNER

Monday, March 4 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.

A relaxed evening where we get to know each other and talk about the vision for Redeemer Anglican Church over dinner— wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages served. Bring your questions and your appetite and get to know some other new people at Redeemer too. Children are welcome, but childcare is not provided. RSVP at the URL below.

FOUNDATIONS CLASS

Sunday Evenings, beginning March 17 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

This 7-session class is designed to orient you to Redeemer's work of Gospel Formation for Missional Presence through 7 Practices. It is a first step towards Confirmation & Membership for all students (high school and up) and adults. The next date for Confirmation & Membership is May 12, 2024. Cost: \$25 per individual taking the class. Dinner and childcare are provided. Register at the URL below.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31

March 31 is Easter Sunday. As a part of this special day, we will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism. Please register at the URL below if you or your child(ren) plan to be baptized.

URBAN HOPE VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

Sunday, March 23 | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Urban Hope, one of Redeemer's Justice & Mercy partners that provides low cost housing solutions, is hosting a volunteer day to to complete landscaping and general property maintenance projects that will assist with the long-term sustainability of their properties. Urban Hope needs our help to repair and beautify their affordable rental units! Pizza lunch will be provided. Register at the URL below.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY—March 24

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. | Holy Communion Services

*Please gather outside on the sidewalk along Arthur Ashe Boulevard to process into the sanctuary at the start of each worship service.

*Full nursery and Children's Ministry provided.

MAUNDY THURSDAY—March 28

5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. | Foot-washing and Holy Communion Services

*Please wear slip-off shoes or sandals.

*Childcare and nursery are not provided at either service.

GOOD FRIDAY—March 29

5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. | Services of Prayer and Confession

*Please wear black or gray clothing.

*Childcare and nursery are not provided at either service.

EASTER SUNDAY—March 31

**We expect the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services to be full. If you are able to attend the 7:00 a.m. service, please do so and help us make space to welcome our neighbors to Redeemer at the other service times.*

7:00 a.m. | Holy Communion Sunrise Service

*Childcare and nursery are not provided at this service.

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. | Baptism & Holy Communion Services

*Full nursery and Children's Ministry provided.