



# **THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT | DECEMBER 4, 2022

## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

PROCESSIONAL  
HYMN

*Hymn 1*

OPENING

Leader Surely the Lord is coming soon.

ACCLAMATION

People **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

THE COLLECT FOR  
ADVENT

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.** Let us pray,  
**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of  
darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this  
mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in  
great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in  
his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we  
may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

COLLECT OF PURITY

**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.**

## THE DECALOGUE

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God.  
You shall have no other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
Honor your father and your mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
You shall not murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
You shall not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
You shall not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**  
You shall not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.**

## THE CONFESSION

**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 TRISAGION

Holy God holy and mighty  
Holy Immortal One  
(Have mercy have mercy on us)

Have mercy have mercy  
Have mercy  
Have mercy have mercy  
On us

## THE ABSOLUTION

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. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.  
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

## SONGS OF PRAISE

*Hymns*

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.** Let us pray,  
**Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S COLLECT

**Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please note: there will be no nursery or children's programs during 5 pm services.*

Nursery (6 months - 2 years) and preschoolers will meet in the fellowship hall / daycare space. Our lower elementary class (ages 5-7) will meet **in the new 1st floor classroom next to the church office**, the upper elementary (ages 8-11) will continue to meet in the church office. **Parents need to continue to escort their children of nursery age and preschool age** to and from the fellowship hall.

### THE LESSONS

*Please draw your attention to the reading of the lessons.*

## LESSONS

*TODAY'S OLD TESTAMENT LESSON IS FROM MICAH 6:8-7:7*

### **Micah 6:8-7:7**

8 He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

9 The voice of the Lord cries to the city—  
and it is sound wisdom to fear your name:  
“Hear of the rod and of him who appointed it!

10 Can I forget any longer the treasures of wickedness in the house of the  
wicked,

and the scant measure that is accursed?

11 Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales  
and with a bag of deceitful weights?

12 Your rich men are full of violence;  
your inhabitants speak lies,  
and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 Therefore I strike you with a grievous blow,  
making you desolate because of your sins.

14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied,  
and there shall be hunger within you;  
you shall put away, but not preserve,  
and what you preserve I will give to the sword.

15 You shall sow, but not reap;  
you shall tread olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil;  
you shall tread grapes, but not drink wine.

16 For you have kept the statutes of Omri,  
and all the works of the house of Ahab;  
and you have walked in their counsels,  
that I may make you a desolation, and your inhabitants a hissing;  
so you shall bear the scorn of my people.”

## Micah 6:8-7:7 Cont'd

Woe is me! For I have become  
as when the summer fruit has been gathered,  
as when the grapes have been gleaned:  
there is no cluster to eat,  
no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.

2 The godly has perished from the earth,  
and there is no one upright among mankind;  
they all lie in wait for blood,  
and each hunts the other with a net.

3 Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well;  
the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,  
and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul;  
thus they weave it together.

4 The best of them is like a brier,  
the most upright of them a thorn hedge.  
The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come;  
now their confusion is at hand.

5 Put no trust in a neighbor;  
have no confidence in a friend;  
guard the doors of your mouth  
from her who lies in your arms;

6 for the son treats the father with contempt,  
the daughter rises up against her mother,  
the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 But as for me, I will look to the Lord;  
I will wait for the God of my salvation;  
my God will hear me.

*After the lesson is read:*

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM

**Psalm 82**

1 God has taken his place in the divine council;  
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**2**

**“How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked?”**

**3**

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;  
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

**4**

**Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

**5**

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,  
they walk about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6**

**I said, “You are gods,  
sons of the Most High, all of you;**

**7**

nevertheless, like men you shall die,  
and fall like any prince.”

**8**

**Arise, O God, judge the earth;  
for you shall inherit all the nations!**

*After The Psalm Is Read:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

**THE GOSPEL  
LESSON**

Matthew 3:1-12

*Before the lesson is read:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Christ!**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*After the lesson is read:*

The Gospel of the Lord!

**Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

THE SERMON

"Love Gives Discipline" Jacob Rodriguez

PRAYERS OF THE  
PEOPLE

*Please kneel or be seated, as you are able, and let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, 'hear our prayer.'*

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

*Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:*

Lord, kindly spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples will desire peace and gather under the Prince of Peace. Deliver your church from all enmity, prejudice, and everything that hinders us from godly union.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For Foley Beach, our Archbishop; Steve Breedlove, our Bishop; Alan Hawkins, our Bishop Coadjutor; and for all the clergy of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:*

*Give grace to your servants that they may live and proclaim your Word, faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and shepherd your people with humility and courage.*

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service. For Joe Biden, our President, and for Muriel Bowser, our mayor.

*Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:*

Lord, send down on those who hold public office the Spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

**PRAYERS OF THE  
PEOPLE**

For nations now engaged in war and internal conflict: We especially pray for [an end to the suffering of the Ukrainian people, repentance for the perpetrators of the war, and an end to the violence and hatred].

*Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:*

*Have mercy, Lord, on our broken and divided world and banish from us the spirit that makes for war and sinful conflict. Grant that barriers which divide may crumble, suspicions disappear and hatreds cease.*

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad. We remember today, Jim Hagan - Serving at Coalition for Christian Outreach and the Augustine Center.

*Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:*

*Almighty God, prosper, protect, support, and sustain all those who live, preach and teach the Gospel at home and in distant lands. Endue them with burning zeal and love that they may turn many to righteousness.*

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

I now invite your petitions and thanksgivings. If you pray aloud, please pray loudly enough so that everyone may hear, and end your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy".

*[After time is given for public prayers, the Deacon or Priest will conclude with this collect, followed by the corporate praying of the Lord's Prayer]:*

*Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  
As Christ our Savior has taught us, we are confident to say:*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed by 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 NICENE  
CREED

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.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**And also with you**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *NEW TO REZ?*

Please use the Connect Card in the pews to let us know, or click [here](#) to fill out the form. We'll reach out to you with information.

### *UPCOMING AT REZ*

#### **TODAY! | CHRISTMAS ARTS MARKET**

12 pm - 5 pm at Rez in the side yard.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 | REZ YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

5 pm at Rez (before the lessons & carols service at 7 pm)

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 | LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE**

7 pm at Rez. Invite your family and friends! **(No 5 pm service)**

#### **FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 & 17 | REZ OPERA: AMAHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS**

7-9 pm at Rez. Tickets Required. Children under 12 free

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

5 pm at Rez.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 | MORNING CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

10 am at Rez (no evening service)

#### **ADVENT SEASON | CLOTHING DONATIONS DRIVE**

Provide clothing for migrants and refugees who have newly arrived in our area.

#### **THURSDAYS | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP**

Thursdays at 10 am at Rez. Contact Cheryl Nilson [cheryl.nilson@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.nilson@gmail.com)

### *SPIRITUAL FORMATION*

#### **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY | MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM (8AM)**

In-person 7:45 AM on Tuesdays at Rez Church.

#### **WEEKLY | REZ GROUPS**

Join a group at [rezchurch.org/rezgroups](http://rezchurch.org/rezgroups) or through the Church Center [mobile app](#).

### *GIVING*

- ONLINE** | Church Center App  
Venmo (@RezChurchDC)
- MAIL** | P.O. BOX 77211, Washington, D.C. 20013

## THE TABLE OF THE LORD

### THE OFFERTORY

*Before the offering:*

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:16*

*Giving options:*

Church Center App

Venmo @RezChurchDC

P.O. BOX 77211, Washington, D.C. 20013

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Offertory Hymn*

### THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

### THE SANCTUS

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 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION*

THE ACCLAMATION  
OF FAITH

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

THE PRAYER OF  
HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE MINISTRATION  
OF COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

HYMN(S)

*Hymns*

THE POST  
COMMUNION  
PRAYER

**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.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*God blesses his people and sends them out into all the world on a mission, to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to serve as ambassadors of his kingdom.*

All our problems,

**We send to the cross of Christ!**

All our difficulties,

**We send to the cross of Christ!**

All the devil's works,

**We send to the cross of Christ!**

All our hopes,

**We set on the risen Christ!**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Hymns*

THE DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**