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TRANSGENDER DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE AND RESILIENCE
2026 CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY
FÉLI HERNANDEZ
FORWARD
TOGETHER

IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S CREATION V, TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

PRELUDE "Prelude in A Minor" - J. S. Bach

HYMN Called as Partners (NCH 495)

1 Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

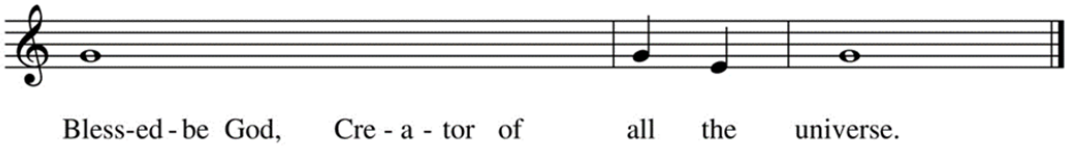
2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

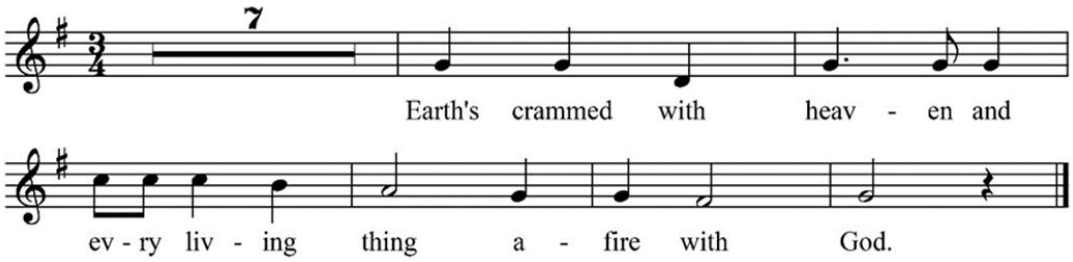
A COLLECT FOR DISCERNMENT

God of all wisdom and vision, guide Redeemer as we discern new directions and pursue the creation of your realm here. Grant that we will be open to your guidance in searching for a new priest and choosing our future. Thank you for our heritage and help us discern your new vision for our community as we continue welcoming all, learning and doing in new ways, and walking in justice as God's love in the world. Amen.

GREETING *Leader*



The soloist sings first and then the congregation responds,



Be a gardener. Dig a ditch, toil and sweat.
And turn the earth upside down.

Seek the deepness and water the plants in time.
Continue this labor and make sweet water to run; and noble and abundant fruits to spring.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God is with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, we come before You with hearts open to love and acceptance.
We seek Your guidance in fostering a world where every individual, regardless of their identity, is embraced and celebrated. May Your spirit of inclusivity shine through us, breaking down barriers and building bridges of understanding.
Help us to stand in solidarity with our LGBTQ+ siblings, reflecting Your unconditional love now and forever. **Amen**

THE FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

After the reading the reader says,
Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

The people respond
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: An excerpt from Lili Elbe's book: "Lili: A Portrait of the First Sex Change", 1931

After the reading the reader says,
Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

The people respond
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Response before the Gospel
Glory to you, O Christ.

Response after the Gospel
Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE NECROLOGY and PRAYERS

As those who have died by Anti-Transgender violence are named, a candle is symbolically snuffed. Following this the people will be invited to add their intercessions and thanksgivings, silently, aloud or in the chat.

The prayers conclude with one of the readers saying,
With these our prayers,
The people respond,
We proclaim and celebrate your love for all people, O God.

Following the Necrology and Prayers, "What Have You Taught Your Children Today" is sung as the candles are lighted, in memory and hope for a new day when all are valued for who God made them to be.

THE PEACE

Presider: Let us embrace one another in peace,
And serve God in friend and foe,
In neighbor and stranger
Peace be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

From this point forward in the service, we will be using the liturgy as done in the Orthodox-Catholic Church of America as we celebrate the Eucharist with Bishop Walker

Preparation and Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: O God, holy, mighty one, who accepts the sacrifice of praise from your people
Accept the prayers we now offer to you.
Help us to offer these gifts we have been given for our sake and for all creation.
Grant us the grace to be a living sacrifice, acceptable to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Anaphora

The Eucharistic Prayer of Hippolytus of Rome

Who died at the lead mines of Sardinia 236 or 237, commemorated on August 13

Presider: The grace and peace of God our Father, the love of the Lord Jesus the Christ,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: We always give thanks to you, O God and Father,
Through your beloved son, Jesus the Christ.
Who in these last days you sent as savior and redeemer
and messenger of your will.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider: Jesus is your eternal word. In him all things are created.
In him you are well pleased.
You sent Jesus from heaven into the Virgin Mary's womb.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he was made flesh and blood in Mary's womb,
born for us a savior and brother and servant of all.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people,
Jesus was willing to stretch out his hands and suffer,
so that all who believe in you may never suffer eternal death.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider: When Jesus was betrayed,
He willingly gave up his life so that death would be destroyed,
So that the bonds of the evil one would be broken,
And hell trod down for ever.

Before his death, Jesus took bread and gave thanks to you, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which shall be broken for you.

Likewise also he took the cup and blessed it, saying,
This is my blood,
The blood of the new and everlasting covenant,
which is shed for you,
When you do this, remember me.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider: Remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus,
We offer to you, Father, this bread and cup, giving you thanks
Because you hold us worthy to stand before you
And minister to you these Holy Mysteries.

We ask that you would send your Holy Spirit upon this offering of your Church
And gathering her into you,

May you grant to all who receive these holy gifts a sharing in your Holy Spirit
May this Holy Spirit strengthen us in faith, hope and love,
So that we may walk in your Way, and enjoy praising you for ever.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider: And now, Father, we ask you to send your +Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these offerings and
make this +bread the precious body of your Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: And make that which is in this +chalice,
The precious blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: Changing + and transmuting + them by your Holy Spirit +

All: **Amen, amen, amen.**

Presider: For it is through Jesus the Christ, and in Jesus the Christ
In the community of the Holy Spirit
That all honor and glory, praise and thanksgiving are yours,
Almighty Father, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider: It is the Holy Spirit who prompts us to pray these words learned from Jesus:
All: **Our Mother, 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.
Amen.

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Rite of Holy Communion

Presider: The bread we break, is it not fellowship in the Body of Christ?
The cup we share, is it not fellowship in the Blood of Christ?

All: **We who eat this bread and drink this cup shall have life everlasting**
God shall raise us up on the last day.

This or another refrain may be repeated until the breaking and pouring action is finished.

Presider: The table is furnished. The wine and grape juice are poured.
Let us flee from ignorance and let us proclaim this unique and powerful mystery!
The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David has prevailed. Alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider: Here are God's gifts for God's people
Remember that Christ has died for us. Feed on him faithfully.
Partake of this heavenly food and drink with hearts full of thanks and praise.

All: **O Christ, we are unworthy of your calling,**
Yet in faith we share this sacred banquet. Help us always to walk in your way.

For those who are worshiping in person, please know that you are welcome to receive communion no matter how old you are, whether or not you have been baptized or if you belong to any church. This is God's table and all are welcome. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may choose to either dip your wafer in or receive wine or grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (NCH 345)

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in the hand,
Christ our God to earth descending,
our full homage to demand.

2 Monarch great, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth Christ stood,
Lord of all, in human vesture -
in the body and the blood -
Christ will give to all the faithful
bread of life for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
as the shadows clear away.

4 At Christ's feet the six-winged seraphs,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, God most high!

CLOSING HYMN The Church's One Foundation (NCH 386)

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our God;
we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.

3 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

4 Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

The Closing Rite

The blessing cross is handed to the presider.

Presider: May this worship bear fruit in our lives.
May God be praised in our words and deeds.
May we walk with God and be blessed
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Let us embrace one another in peace,
Then go forth to serve God in friend and foe,
In neighbor and stranger
Peace be with you!
And also with you!

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Sonata 1 - Mvmt 3 - Charles Ore

VESTRY NOTES – November 8TH 2026

Today, we are honored to welcome **The Rt. Rev. Dr. Lynn Elizabeth Walker, SSB, FRSA**, who is leading this year's **Transgender Day of Remembrance and Resilience**. Bishop Walker shares her story of courage, determination, and grace, reminding us that every story has power. Prepare to be inspired.

Bishop Walker lives in Upper Manhattan with her spouse, Francesca, and their three cats. She enjoys competitive ballroom dancing and visiting her family in Buffalo whenever possible. A member of the **Orthodox Society of Saint Basil**, she teaches philosophy at **Dominican University** in Blauvelt, New York. She brings many years of experience working with nonprofit organizations in New York City that provide housing and support services for LGBTQIA+ youth and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Her academic interests include ecclesial history, military history, medieval literature, monasticism, and late Victorian crime literature. She is the author of *Forward! Thoughts of a Trans Woman on the Christian Journey* (Wipf and Stock, 2024). Copies of her book are available for purchase, and she will be happy to sign them.

Bishop Walker serves the **Orthodox-Catholic Church of America** as both Ecumenical Officer and Bishop. She has served parishes in New Jersey, Western New York, and New York City. The liturgy for this service blends elements of our tradition with hers, offering an opportunity to open our minds and hearts in new ways as we worship and learn together.

Please join us in extending a warm Redeemer welcome to Bishop Walker!

Colleen Hintz for the vestry

ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*** The Serendipity Stitchers** welcome you. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
Our gatherings are full of laughter, delicious treats, and plenty of good company. No experience necessary. Please get in touch with Veronica for more information.

*** The Book Group** meets online at 7pm:
November 30 - ONE FOR THE MONEY - Janet Evanovich
December 28 - THE CALAMITY CLUB - Kathryn Stockett
January 25 - AETNA - Paul Yoon
February 22 - UNLESS - Carol Shields
March 29 - WHISTLER - Ann Patchett Please support your local bookshop and Redeemer by ordering from our online Bookshop. https://bookshop.org/shop/Redeemer

*** Moms for Comfort: A New Ministry for Redeemer**
Redeemer is honored to partner with Moms for Comfort, a local ministry that provides groceries, diapers, and other essential supplies to immigrant families in our community. By offering space, support, and volunteers, we are helping extend compassion and practical care to neighbors in need.
We invite parishioners to join this meaningful ministry through volunteering, donations, and prayer. You can donate online: https://bit.ly/4kzdqTv

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