

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
February 2, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you. Help us so to know you that we may truly love you; and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Lift up your heads, he mighty gates” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for
no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

—Words: Georg Weissel (1590–1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)
Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789

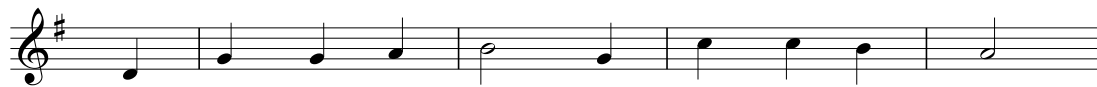
ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

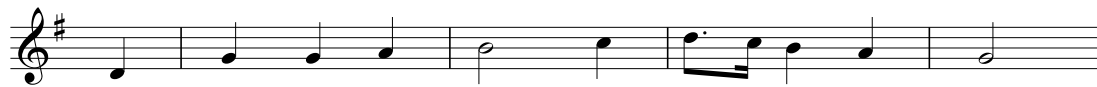
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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.


SONG OF PRAISE “How wondrous and great” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*




1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;



How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:



O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thhy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,



Thou on - ly, art ho - ly, thou on - ly, su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

—Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759–1858), alt. para. *The Song of the Redeemed*
Music: *Lyons*, attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

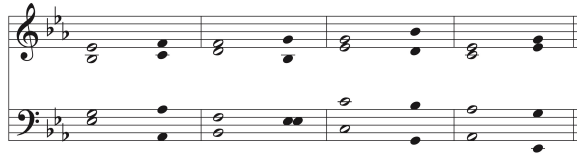
A reading from the Book of Malachi (3:1–4).

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24:7–10 *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2015)

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 “Who is this King of glory?” *
“The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 “Who is he, this King of glory?”
“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (2:14–18).

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “How bright appears the Morning Star” *Everyone sings.*



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a



from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.

—Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608);
arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:22–40).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*Children may join Erin Keck for Children's Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.*

SERMON

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,
2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
3 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, keep - er of the sky and sea.
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church catho - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bo - dy's res - sur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y, born to bring a - bun - dant life.
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come a - gain to save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends; and for our parishioners who have asked our prayers:

ED Archer

CHIP Beets

KEN Bell

PEGGY Bradley

DAVID & NANCY Cazalet

GAIL Cox

LOIS & RON Dearolf

JUDY Dernbach

DANA & DEWELL Downey

DOUG Emblar

ED Hochnedel

MARGE Hudson

PATRICK Hundley

ANGELA Lister

FRANCIS Lloyd

ELLEN Lo-Curto-Martinez

ANN McClain

TOM McConnell

NATALIE McNutt

MARCELLUS Mitchell

DALE Oakley

PAT Pagni

KENT Parish

BELLE Parman

ALLAN Philp

MARILYN Randall

JANE Reed

RARA Schlitt

DENISE Tibedo

SUE Wager

and

ALICE & FRED Wegmann

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; and we remember their families and friends who grieve. We pray especially for the repose of the souls of parishioner Tom Schlitt, husband of Rara Schlitt; and parishioners Carol Glore and Peter Calvert.

Silence.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

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

The people may kneel or bow. Silence is kept for a space.

All: Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.*

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

—Words: St. Theresa of Avila (151–1582), adapted
Music: J. Jerome Williams (b. 1938)

HYMN “God of mercy, God of grace” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -
face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry
Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -
tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

—Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874–1948)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to his command, O Father:

All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
 All: 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Humbly I adore thee” *Everyone sings.*



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

—Words: Attr. Thomas Aquinas (1225?–1274); sts. 1–3, tr. *Hymnal* 1940; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal* 1982
Music: *Adoro te devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697

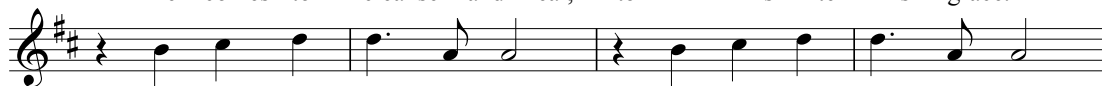
HYMN “Be still, for the presence of the Lord” *Everyone sings.*



1. Be still, for the pres - ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here;
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round;
3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place:



come bow be - fore him now with rev - er - ence and fear:
he burns with ho - ly fire; with splen - dor he is crowned:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.



in him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
how awe - some is the sight, our rad - iant King of Light!
No work too hard for him, in faith re - ceive from him.



Be still, for the pres - ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.
Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

—Words and Music: David Evans, 1986

HYMN “Lord God, you now have set your servant free” *Everyone sings.*

Lord God, you now have set your ser - vant free
to go in peace as prom - ised in your word;
my eyes have seen the Sa - vior, Christ the Lord,
pre - pared by you for all the world to see,
to shine on na - tions trapped in dark - est night,
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, and their light.

—Words: Rae E. Whitney (1927–2023), para. *The Song of Simeon*
Music: *Song 1*, Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,
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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I 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,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

HYMN “Be thou my vision” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

—Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931);
tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt.

Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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