



The Presentation of Our Lord
February 1, 2026
10:00 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*
The Venerable Harry Leip, *Deacon*

Established 1855 in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "We Walk By Faith"

Eugene Hill

The congregation stands

The Presider greets the people with these words



Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

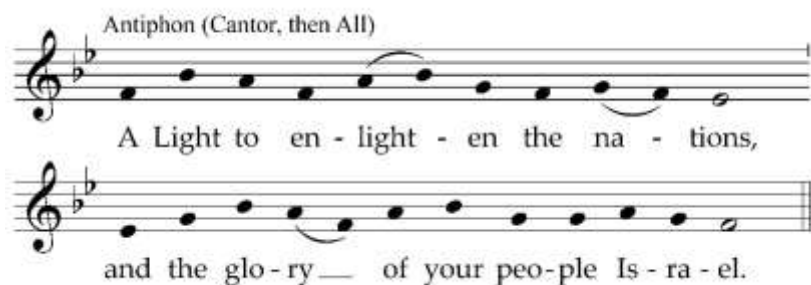
Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon and Anna: We humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use.

Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the Light of the World, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candles are blessed with incense and holy water.

The following canticle is sung, during which the candles of the people are lighted.



The Cantor sings the verses, the People respond with the Antiphon

Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see. [**Antiphon**]

A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *[Antiphon]*

Setting: Mode 8 antiphon melody; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947).
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The Presider then sings the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today thou didst reveal to the aged Simeon and Anna thy light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. ***Amen.***

The Procession

The Deacon invites the Procession

Let us go forth in peace.

In the Name of Christ. Amen.



During the Procession, the following hymn is sung

The Hymnal 1982, #257

O Zion open wide thy gates

Edmonton

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with five staves (one for each voice part) and a piano accompaniment line with two staves (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let
2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the
3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his
4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all

1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,
2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with
3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes
4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things
5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly

1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

Words: Jean Baptiste de Santet  il (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. Music: *Edmonton*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760; harm. *Hymnal 1982*; alt. melody and bass from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.

After the hymn, the following is sung



We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord,



In the midst of your tem-ple.



Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth.



Your right hand is full of jus-tice.

Gloria in excelsis

The Hymnal 1982, #421

Allein Gott in der Höh

Altered text



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, the Al - might - y.
we for judge-ment there must stand, have mer - cy Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev., alt.;

para. of *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541)

Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, who didst make this day holy by the presentation of thy Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the bearer of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

After the Collect, all extinguish their candles.

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-3

Thus says the Lord, 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Psalm 84 (Hymnal S411)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my Ruler and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house; *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height; *
the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

O God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God, *
and look upon the face of your A-nointed,

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked;

For God is both sun and shield *
and will give grace and glory.

No good thing will God with-hold *
from those who walk with in-tegrity.

O God of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

In his temple now behold him

Lindsborg

1. In his tem - ple now be - hold him, See the long - ex -
2. In the arms of her who bore him, Vir - gin pure, be -
3. Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blest you,
4. Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less

pect - ted Lord, An - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
hold him lie, While his a - ged saints a - dore him,
weak and poor, Make us see your great sal - va - tion,
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be - gi - ven

God has sent the pro - mised word. Now to praise him,
Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
seal us with your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us,
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther

his re - deem - ed shall break - forth with one ac - cord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God most High!
in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
and the Spir - it, God of ma - je - sty su - preme!

Words: Henry J. Pye (1825-1903), alt.

Music: *Lindsborg*, Robert Leaf (1936-2005).

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson

A period of silent reflection is observed.

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.*

Prayers of the People

The Deacon or another person appointed leads the prayers

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Make your wisdom, in its rich variety, shine through all faithful people, and give your holy church grace to bear the gifts of truth and love to all your children on earth. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Give your justice to the nations and their leaders, and give your mercy to all whose decisions affect the peace and well-being of the world. Where we have power ourselves, open our ears to the cries of the weak, the poor, and the needy, and open our hearts to answer their call. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Bless this community, that in your light we may each become a servant, one to the other. Bring us together in story and in song, in joy and in sorrow. Let every person who comes among us find connection and kinship in this place. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

O God, we know that you hold this world and all its children dear in your heart. With longing and thanksgiving, we pray for the grace to receive your gifts as well as the grace to offer back those same gifts to you and your world. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Have mercy on those among us who journey in sickness, fear, or any kind of trouble, especially Nan, Bill, Kitty, Nan, Nicole, Etta, Barbi, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Gloria, Dolores, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and those we name now _____. Grant them rest, relief, and peace. *Silence.*

Christ our light, ***shine in our hearts.***

We remember those who have died, especially those we name now _____. Show them your Child, O God, for they have traveled far to be with you. *Silence.*

Christ our light, ***shine in our hearts.***

Celebrant

We make these prayers with boldness and confidence to you, O God, in the Name of Christ our light, the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion in the way, and our journey's end. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

The Deacon, or other Minister leads the Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, naming before God those things we have done, those things we have left undone, and those things done on our behalf.

Silence is kept for a time as we recall where we have sinned against God and our neighbors.

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:
Lord, have mercy.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.

People ***Christ, have mercy.***

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and the splendor of God the Creator:
Lord, have mercy.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Celebrant Be assured of God's love, forgiveness and grace.
May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Holy Spirit enable you to grow in love. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Incarnate Christ be always with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Choir Anthem

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Hugh Benham

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Lord, we they presence seek;
May ours this blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.

--J. Keble & W. J. Hall

The Hymnal 1982, #517

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Brother Jame's Air

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C (*Expansive Language, Fixed Response*)

Celebrant *People*
 May God be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, singing

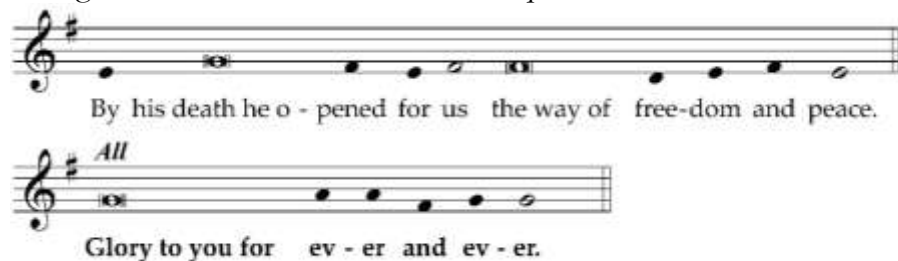
It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God,

sustainer of the u-ni-verse. *All*
 Glory to you for ev-er and ev-er.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill;

You made us the stewards of your cre - a - tion. *All*
 Glory to you for ev - er and ev - er.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.



Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Powell, S-129)



The Celebrant continues, speaking

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

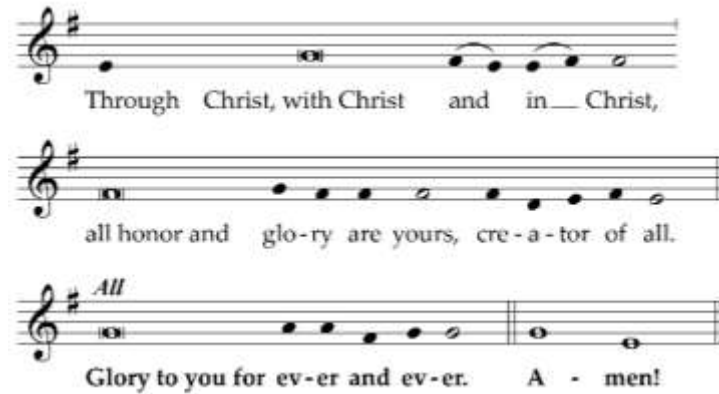
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.



The Lord's Prayer – contemporary

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People & Celebrant

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Fraction Anthem

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung

Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;
in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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Invitation to Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself, so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love, all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

Following the direction of the ushers, come forward to the communion rail, where you may kneel or stand. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

To receive the bread, your right palm on top of your left palm. *Gluten-free wafers are available.* Please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. To receive the wine, please help guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not receive wine, you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread.

Due to our Diocesan health policy, we ask you not to dip your communion bread into the chalice (*i.e.*, intinction). If you are not comfortable drinking directly from the chalice, you are welcome to receive just the bread; or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you.

If you are unable to come to the altar rail, notify an usher, and we will bring communion to you.

As Communion is ending, the People remain seated to sing the following

Now let your servant

Conditor alme siderum



1. Now let your ser - vant go in peace.
2. Be - fore the peo - ples you pre - pare
3. Child, you are cho - sen as a sign
4. Now let us sing our Sav - ior's praise,

Let praise and bless - ing here in - crease;
Your way of life which all may share.
To test the hu - man heart and mind;
And tell God's good news all our days.

For in our midst your word is done
Your sav - ing pow'r is now made known;
For se - crets hid - den in the night
While breath is ours, let praise be heard

And you have sent your Prom - ised One.
A - mong the na - tions love is shown.
Shall be re - vealed in pierc - ing light.
For God's own faith - ful, sav - ing Word.

Words: *Nunc dimittis*, Luke 2:29-35, Ruth C. Duck (1947-2024),

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Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, Sarum plainsong, Mode IV.

Post Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray

People & Celebrant

***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, O God, 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.***

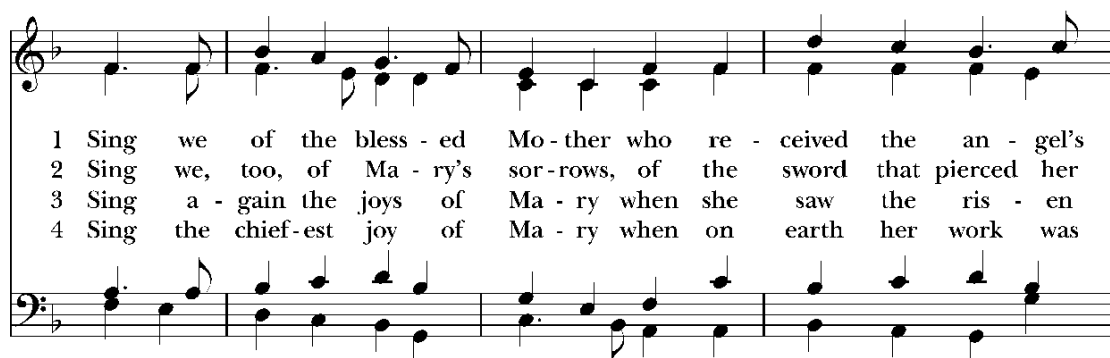
Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

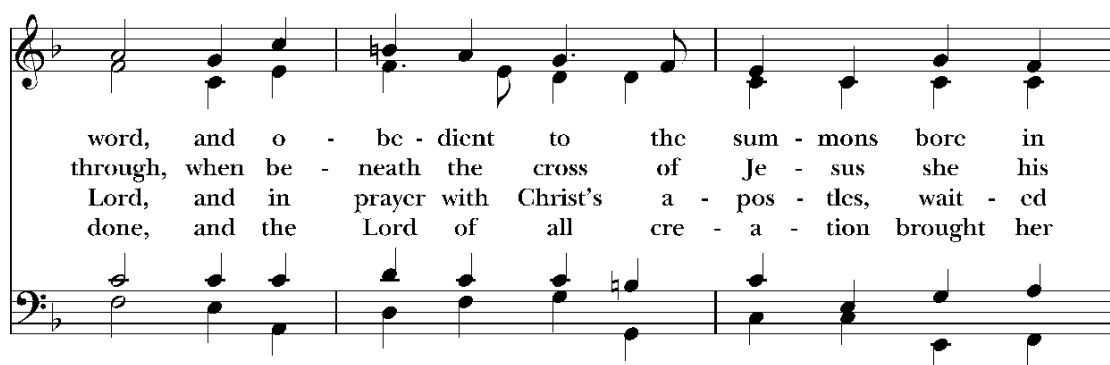
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Sing we of the blessed Mother

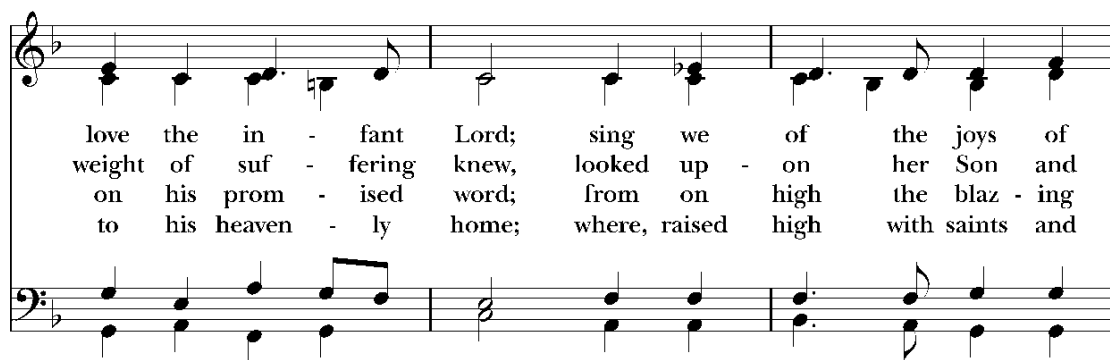
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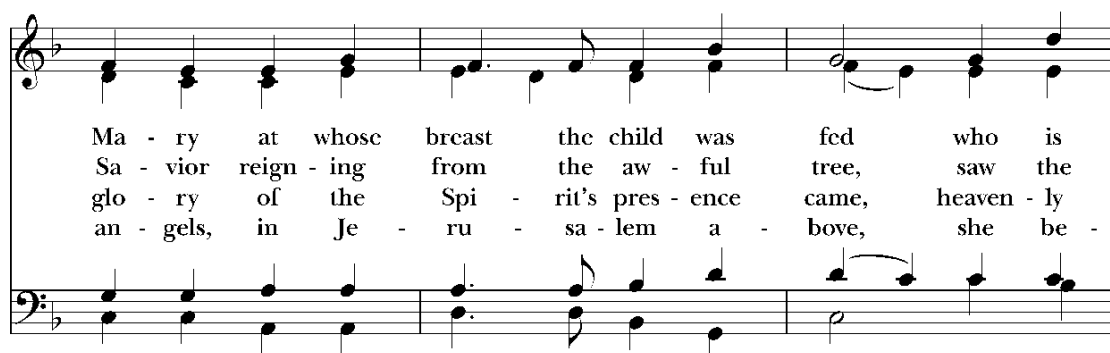
1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was



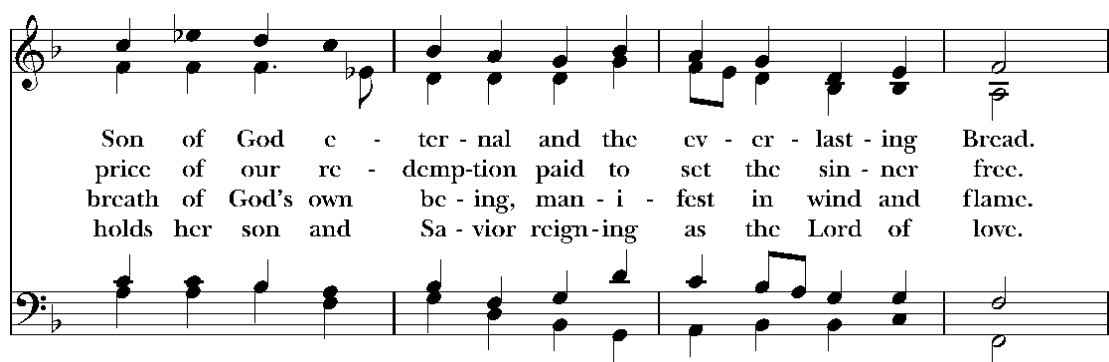
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through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her



love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and
on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and



Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -



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Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the People who respond

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

C Major Recessional

Johann Georg Albrechtsberger

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*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the 15th anniversary of Deacon Harry's ordination.*



Notes on the Service for February 1, 2026, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple observed

Continuing the Epiphany season's theme of illumination, this feast commemorates Joseph's and Mary's bringing their Infant to the temple to be presented, as Luke describes in his touching, lyrical Gospel.

February 2 is forty days after December 25, so the feast of the Presentation is the last reverberation of Christmas. In places where Christmas wreaths are displayed and white hangings used throughout January, they will be taken down tonight. On succeeding Sundays, the Lord's Day proper preface will replace the preface of the Epiphany.

The child's presentation is also the mother's cleansing from what the Torah considered her impurity contracted by childbirth. Hence, the day has also been known as the Purification of the Virgin. Its collect asks that we may be presented pure to God by Christ.

The Book of Occasional Services revives a medieval custom of a procession and Eucharist during parts of which the congregation hold candles and sing Simeon's Song which includes a line calling Christ "a light to lighten the Gentiles." Many churches bless candles then, so a nickname for this feast is Candlemas. Simeon's canticle, *Nunc dimittis* is sung throughout the year during Evening Prayer and/or Compline.

Because today marks the first appearance of Jesus in the temple, we read Malachi's promise that "the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple." Writing about 450 B.C., Malachi stressed purity of worship, promoted reconstitution of the Levites' ministry, and predicted Elijah's return.

One might imagine Simeon and Anna singing the pilgrims' hymn Psalm 84 as they waited in the temple for the deliverance of Israel. Verse 3, "dwell in thy house" is what the two aged prophets did; v 8 "look upon the face of thine Anointed" is what they longed to do.

Although Jesus of Nazareth was not genetically of an Aaronic priestly family, the Epistle to the Hebrews argues that he was metaphysically the high priest who accomplished the reconciliation of humanity with God by partaking of our flesh and blood, by being tempted as we are, and by making an unblemished self-sacrifice. Thus his presentation in the temple here below at forty days after his birth would presage his presentation in the Temple Above forty days after his resurrection, when he returned to God

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I – Spoken Eucharist
10:30 AM Rite II with music

Weekday Service Schedule

7:00 AM on Thursdays

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM, Wednesday & Thursday
8 AM-4 PM,
Friday 8 AM-Noon

Food Ministry Hours

Hot Lunch: Sunday 2-2:30 PM
Pantry & Take-out Meal: Tues. 1:30-3 PM,
Thurs. 4-5 PM
Wednesday Cafe & Conversation: 12-1:30 PM



From Father Paul

I was delighted to spend some time in Indianapolis this weekend to celebrate with my IndyDio friends the installation of the Rev. Bradley Pace as the new Rector of Trinity, Indianapolis. I felt like I was at the best class reunion ever while being glad that I've made St. Louis my home (again). The universe conspired for me to stay put until yesterday, allowing me to catch up on some sleep. I am deeply grateful to everyone who had prepared to carry on the Sunday services in my absence, and especially to Deacon Harry, who pivoted on a dime to create a Sunday prayer experience for you and to make sure Sunday Hot Lunch went on for the eight neighbors that found warmth and nourishment in this holy place.

On Sunday, we will anticipate the Feast of **Candlemas** by one day. Celebrating Jesus as the Light of the World by remembering his Presentation in the Temple is particularly apt in these days. Lighting a candle against the darkness may be a metaphor, but it is also something that we all can actually do. So, please bring **candles** that you will use at home to church on Sunday so that they can be blessed. There will be **a single service** at 10am, which will be followed by our 171st Annual Parish Meeting in the South Parish Hall.

On Friday, at St. Stephens and the Vine in Ferguson, I will be attending a gathering of regional faith leaders who are planning rallies and actions in solidarity with the people of Minnesota and everyone who has resisted the threats to our freedoms, our liberty, and our democracy. The Rev. Teresa K. M. Danieley, DioMO's Missioner for Public Advocacy will be representing Bishop Deon, and will read his statement. Stay tuned for more information. We continue asking God to, as the hymn says, "grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour."

Yesterday was the sixteenth anniversary of my ordination as a priest. As many of you know, ordained life has not always been an easy one for me, but its path has led me back to St. Louis and to this wonderful parish community of Trinity. Please join me in giving God great thanks for the call to serve the world in Christ's name that the Spirit places in each of our hearts.

Today, Dame **Sarah Mullally** was officially confirmed as the first woman to lead the Church of England in a ceremony rich with centuries-old tradition and the breadth of the Anglican Communion at St Paul's Cathedral. The ancient Confirmation of Election ceremony legally marked Mullally's assumption of office as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. She will be enthroned on March 25 in Canterbury Cathedral by the Very Reverend Dr. **David Monteith**, the openly gay Dean of Canterbury. March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, will be a day worth marking! Epiphany blessings,

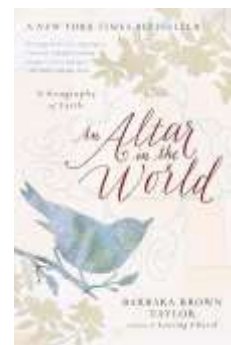


Preparing for a Holy Lent

What is your Lenten practice of faith - prayer, journaling, walking? On Sunday February 8, after both the 8am and 10:30am services, we'll gather informally in the North Parish Hall to share Lenten practices. We'll have handouts to share various practices and for those who are interested, we'll make Anglican Prayer Beads which you can take home and use during the upcoming season. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Harry.

Lenten Book Discussion

During the season of Lent, Fr. Paul & Deacon Harry will lead a discussion on "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith", by Barbara Brown Taylor. As a reviewer of the book noted: "With the honesty of Elizabeth Gilbert (Eat, Pray, Love) and the spiritual depth of Anne Lamott (Grace,



Eventually), Taylor shares how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life."

For our discussion, we will meet in the North Parish Hall at noon each Sunday (Feb 22 - March 29, excluding the bishop's visit on March 15). Please consider purchasing the book from our neighborhood friends at Left Bank Books (<https://www.left-bank.com/>) or borrowing from your local library.

Our needs for this week:

- 1) Vienna Sausages
- 2) Canned Chili (not chili beans)
- 3) Chicken Noodle Soup
- 4) Canned Pasta with Sauce (Beefaroni, Ravioli,...)
- 5) Spam
- 6) Spaghetti in 1 pound boxes



Stats for last week:

Total Individuals Served 131

Total Families Served 52

Greetings All.

Once again we find ourselves challenged by the St. Louis weather as first snow then sub zero cold have impacted both our community and staff. Our thanks to Deacon Harry for braving the elements this past Sunday to insure that 8 members of the community that rely on us were able to have a hot meal.

It is hard to believe that the start of the Lenten season is only 3 weeks away, but time moves on. I am hoping that spring arrives sooner than normal this year. In the meantime, our thanks to everyone who has given both physically and materially to help us serve the many members of our community. Any coats, sweaters and warm clothing are still needed. As it arrives it tends to leave, rather quickly.

Our crisis counselor Allan has been present at Pantry and is definitely filling a need, as is our nurse Sharon. I am currently evaluating other ways which we can serve. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please feel free to send them to me at chuck@trinitycwe.org (mailto:chuck@trinitycwe.org) . This is our ministry and suggestions are always welcome.

Peace be with you all,
Chuck



**This Week's Core Value:
Food - Physical & Spiritual Nourishment**

We believe in sharing Bread from the Altar and food from the pantry. We are a wellspring of Christ-centered spiritual and physical nourishment.

February 1: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Stephen's & The Vine (1886) in Ferguson and Teresa, their Transitional Priest-in-Charge; and Loretta, their Deacon.

Prayer LIST

- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Philip and St. James the Apostles (Misión San Felipe y Santiago, Apóstoles) in Loíza.
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of England.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Maine—at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Bangor Air National Guard Base, Coast Guard Base South Portland, and the Togus VA Medical Center.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Nan Sweet	Barbi Click	John Biggs	Betsey Gardner
Bill Mayhan	Helen Hendry	Steven Forsyth	Pat Way
Katherine "Kitty" Drescher	Glenda Wiman	Julien Worland	Ray Becvar
Nicole Adams	Thomas Kirk	Joan Dunbar	Gwen Sims
Etta Taylor	Gloria Winston	The Rev. David K. Fly	Charlene Wright
	Dolores Friesen		Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Teri Smith-Jones, former parishioner, recovery from accident
Geraldine Caldwell, friend of Carter Whitson, profound dementia.
Harry Forbes and Bruce Deal, NYC friends of Michael Shepley
Marshan Leib, friend of Brian Alms, Lewy's Body Dementia
Tim, friend of Mary Moore, cancer
Denise Huber
Angela Salvador, friend of Brian Alms, breast cancer
Dennis Jones, friend of Sharron Underwood.
Lou Adams, Al Adams' brother, degenerative disk disease, colon cancer.
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer
Joe Richardson (Of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues
Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather
Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing
Hope, health challenges.
Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness
Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.
Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer
Frank Menkhuis, Pat Way's friend with heart problems
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: The Rev. Canon Doris & David Westfall, The Rev. Helen Ludbrook and The Rev. David K. Fly.

For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way. **Birthdays February 1-7:** Hazel Kirk, Linda Small.

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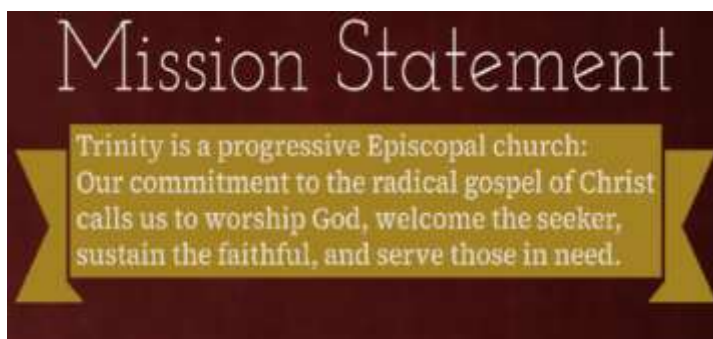
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Readings for next Sunday, Feb. 8 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm 112:1-9, (10)



Vestry

Senior Warden: Adrienne Fly

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2026

Fritzi Baker
Skip Coburn
Dave Hilditch

2027

Adrienne Fly
Ben Kiel
Mary Patton
Perry Trolard

2028

Carlos Daughaday