

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: The Presentation of our Lord

*February 2, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two*



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~Luke 2:25-26

Welcome! Our worship today follows Rite Two of the Holy Eucharist in the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*, beginning on p. 355, supplemented by authorized materials such as *Enriching Our Worship (EOW)*. This service takes music from a variety of sources. For hymns not in *Hymnal 1982*, the words and music are printed in this bulletin, or words only if the tune is familiar or simple.

Children are invited to take Prayer Cards for drawing or writing out their prayers, which will be shared during the service. There is no Sunday School today during service.

This service is being **livestreamed** and **recorded** on our [Trinity YouTube channel](#).

Prelude "O How I Love Jesus" Traditional American
Arr. K. L. Phillips

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" *Hymnal 1982 #436*

Opening Acclamation (EOW 1)

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise Gloria, *Hymnal 1982 S-279*

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms of the Day (*read responsively*) Psalm 24:7-10

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 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

Hymnal 1982 #490

Proclamation of the Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.**

Homily

The Prayers of the People

(ANZPB, pp. 413-414)

Children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared at the beginning of our prayers. We then enter into a litany of prayer, as follows.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in trust we pray for the Church:

Father, help us to know new life in the risen Christ.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead all people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Help us have your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Comfort those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

(EOW 1)

The Presider begins, then all join in the Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution and Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements follow. Gifts of bread and wine for the table, and contributions toward the ministries of the church, are brought forward to be consecrated and blessed.

Offertory Anthem

"Nunc Dimittis"
From Short Service II

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

All are invited to rise as the gifts are brought to the altar.

Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the community of Trinity Church. Instructions for joining in Holy Communion follow the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer 3, EOW 1)

The People remain standing. The Presider begins, the People responding

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Presider and People

(Sung to the tune of "Land of Rest")

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

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

To join in Holy Communion, please come to the altar rail and stand or kneel. Gluten-free wafers are available by request at the rail. Wine-Host may be taken by sipping from the first chalice or by "intinction" (dipping the wafer) in the second chalice. To receive a spoken blessing only, simply cross your arms in front of your chest. To have the elements of Holy Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.

Communion Hymn

"Thou, who at thy first Eucharist did pray"

Hymnal 1982 #315

Communion Youth Anthem

"Grow me, Lord"

Ruth Elaine Schram

After Communion

Presider and People

(ANZP, pp. 248-9, modified)

**Creator of all, giver of life,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.**

**Born into the world,
living among us,
dying and yet alive again,
he declared your love,
gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.**

After the prayer, the Presider may offer a blessing

Closing hymn

"O how I love Jesus"

LEVAS II #95

1. **There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing it's worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth.**

Refrain: **O how I love Jesus, (x3)
Because He first loved me!**

2. **It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.**

Refrain

3. **It tells me what the Father hath,
In store for ev'ry day,
And though I tread a darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way.**

Refrain

4. **It tells of one whose loving heart,
Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part,
That none can bear below.**

Refrain

Dismissal

A Deacon or Priest concludes the Eucharist with a call to bless or serve God, the People responding

People **Thanks be to God. (Alleluia, alleluia)**

Postlude

"Morning Mood"

Edvard Grieg
Arr. William Felton

*Fellowship continues with our "Take Ten" refreshment and fellowship time
in the Shero Room (through the double doors).*

We give thanks for all children and youth serving in leadership roles today, including

Jensen Englebach, Hannah Garin, Sam Garin, Bridget Golden, Thomas Golden, Ezra Hill,
Liam Hill, Cecilia Orlando, Hannah Spencer, John Turbiville, Tillie Turbiville, David Williamson

And in our youth choir

Hannah Spencer, Tillie Turbiville, Cecilia Orlando, Thomas Golden, Bridgette Golden

Also:

Adult Greeters/Ushers

Rebecca & David Clemmer

Verger

AnnMarie Stanton

Crucifer and Acolyte

Liam Hill

Chalice Bearers

Rich Englebach, Shirley Meehan

Altar Guild

Rich Englebach, AnnMarie Stanton, Lance & Mary Donaldson-Evans

Organ/piano

Jared Agee, Director of Music

Guitar, Song leader

Nate Hill, Natalee Hill

A/V

John McCurry

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