

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

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Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!
We are delighted to have you with us today.
Everything that you need for the liturgy can be found in this bulletin.
If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.
Children are always welcome in the church.


THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: "Blessed are the Pure in Heart" R. Rowland-Raybold


Processional: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* H436



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near, the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity

Presider: 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.**

Gloria

Hymnal S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson:

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector: A reading from the prophet Malachi.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

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

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

2 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 Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 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.

6 They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 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.**
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
Happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Lesson:

Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Lord God, You Now Have Set

H499

Unison or harmony

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.

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Reponse before the Gospel: *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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Please be seated.



The Homily: Mtr. Alane Osborne

The Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Presider and People

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Lector: God of revelation, as we gather in praise for the gracious mystery of your Son, we remember the many needs of your church and your world.

For the Church: that we may be given wisdom and discernment: that we might become a leading star for others in their journey to Christ. Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For this nation and all in authority around the world: grant us knowledge and sound judgement, so that we might help bring justice, peace, and mercy to all people. Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For the earth and for the wisdom and ability to conserve it: that we might see how you are made manifest through all creation.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for **Jo Stull, and Becky Daffner** and all those on our prayer list. We pray that your healing light be with them.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For all those who have died, especially **Brandon Evans**, that they might know the light of your resurrection.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Presider: Guide us on the path of salvation, O God, that the radiance and power of your Holy Spirit working in the world will gather together all peoples and nations in one community to offer you worship and proclaim your splendor. **Amen.**

You may stand or kneel as you are able.

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and people

**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:

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Music: *How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place* H517

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.

The Presentation Hymn: *What Star is This*

H124 v 5

Unison or harmony

5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

The musical score is written for unison or harmony. It consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line.

The Great Thanksgiving: EOW— Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Presider and People:

**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

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S155

This setting is not used in Lent.

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

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.

Invitation to Communion

Presider: This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want
to love God more.

So come you who have much faith. And you who have little;
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come because it is the Lord who invites you.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome at communion. When indicated by
the usher, please come forward to the communion rail. You may partake
of the common cup through the first chalice, or intinct (dip) from the
second chalice.*

Please let the presider know if you need a gluten free wafer.

Music at Communion: Taste and See

WLP 764

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The score includes a "Fine" marking at the end of the second system. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment in the bass line.

Behold, Behold

CAYP 84

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
gin-ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
prom-ise is true, for I am Christ, the way.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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I am the Vine

CAYP 52

1., 4. I am the vine and you the branch - es,
Pruned and pre - pared for all to see;
Cho - sen to bear the fruit of heav - en
If you re - main and trust in me.

The musical score is written on four staves in B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

Text: John 15:5; John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: VINE AND BRANCHES, 9 8 9 8; John L. Bell, b.1949
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The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider: Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another; and you
have made us one with all your people in heaven and on
earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that
we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and
continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider: 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.**

Sending Hymn: Hail to the Lord Who Comes H259

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;
2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;
4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;
watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,
and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands
Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro-claim him nigh, no crowds his com-ing wait:
 thus to his Fa-ther's house he comes, the heaven-ly guest.
 takes up the prom-ised child, the glo-ry of all lands.
 be-fore thy Fa-ther's face may all pre-sent-ed be!

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*

David German

Please join us after the service in the Parish Hall for time of coffee and fellowship.

Those Serving Today—February 2

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| Presider: | Mtr. Alane Osborne |
| Organist: | Percy Jones |
| Acolytes: | Alex, Javier, and Gregory Pfeiler |
| Lectors: | Bethany Evans, Jim Beerbower |
| Usher: | George Gutermuth |
| Camera: | Carole Cobb |
| Altar Guild: | Mary Siegel, Kathleen Kirsch |
| Little Library Steward: | Susan Beerbower |

This Week at Trinity: February 2—February 8

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| Monday | 2/3 | 10:30 am | Building and Grounds |
| Monday | 2/3 | 1:00 pm | Fellowship |
| Wednesday | 2/5 | 7:00 pm | Celtic Compline |

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Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants **Leslie Schwartz, Bill and Marina Shaw, Wiley Smith, Jo Stull**. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries.

O God, our times are in your hand: **Pat Marchal (2/3), Kyle Duchak (2/3)**, Look with favor, we pray, on your servants: *as they begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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