

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Presentation of our Lord

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | FEBRUARY 5, 2023 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Melody – Samuel Coleridge Taylor (1875-1912)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); para. of Psalm 72

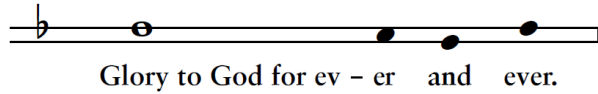
Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

The People respond



SONG OF PRAISE

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in us made man - i - fest.
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Words: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)
Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you inspire us by your Spirit as we gather in your temple to welcome your Son. Enlighten our minds and lay bare our inmost thoughts. Purify your people, and make us obedient to your Word, that we may mature in wisdom and grow to full stature in your grace. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON *seated*

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.

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 Anointed,

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 withhold *

from those who walk with integrity.

O God of hosts, *

happy are they who put their trust in you!

Anglican Chant: Charles Hubert Hastings Perry

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.

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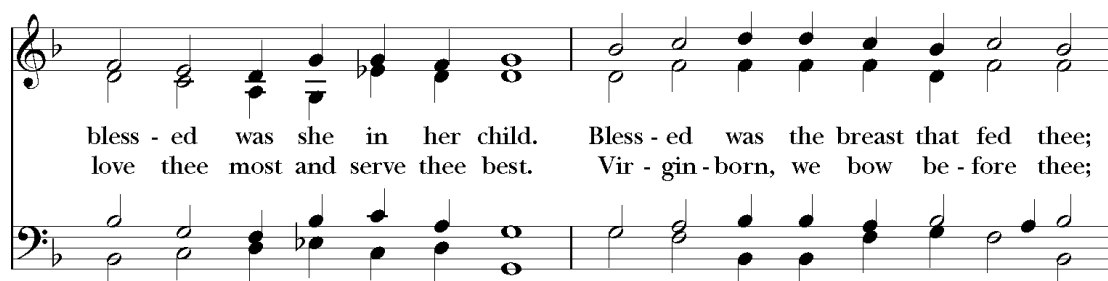
GOSPEL HYMN *standing*



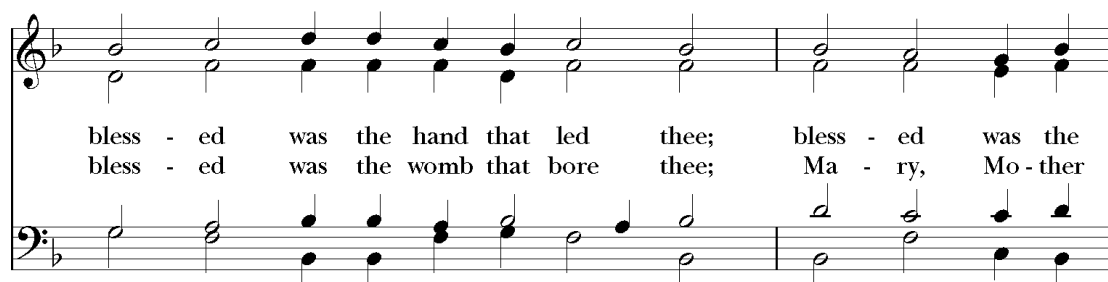
1 Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed was the
2 Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the



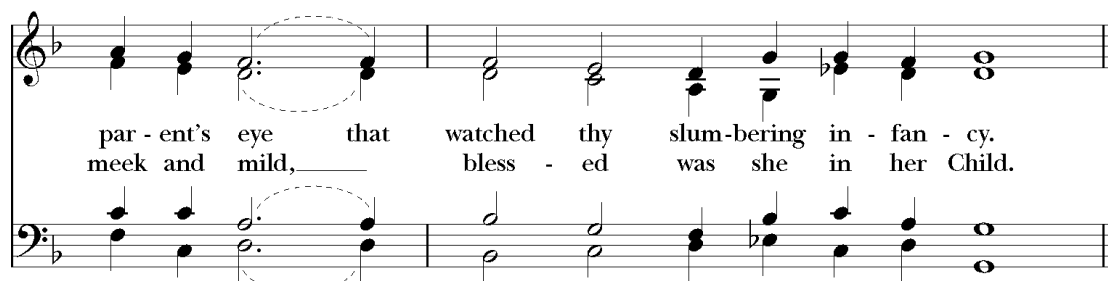
womb that bore thee; — Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, —
world's sal - va - tion, and bless - ed they, for ev - er blest, who



bless - ed was she in her child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;
love thee most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee;



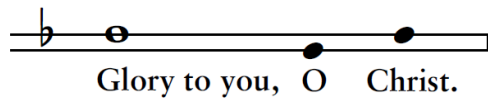
bless - ed was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the
bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther



par - ent's eye that watched thy slum-bering in - fan - cy.
meek and mild, — bless - ed was she in her Child.

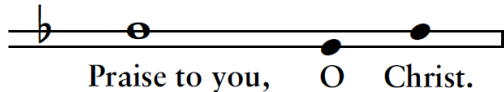
Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
Music: Psalm 86, Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



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.



SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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, She* is worshipped and glorified. She 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.

**Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the month of February, Black History month, our version of the Prayers of the People is adapted from Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Commitment Card" for the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights.

Grant, Almighty God, that we be united in your truth, as we walk and talk in the manner of love; for you, O God, are love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lead us to walk in the way of your kingdom, seeking justice and reconciliation, not victory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant that we may observe with both friend and foe the ordinary rules of courtesy and sacrifice personal wishes as our lives are used by You so that all may be free.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide us as we strive to be in good spiritual and bodily health, and comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Please add the names of those for whom you are praying, aloud or in silence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed.

Please name those you are remembering, aloud or in silence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray?

Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings, aloud or silently.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

O God of glory and grace: guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; eradicate the violence of fist, tongue, and heart. Grant that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Keep us always aware that you call us not to victory but to reconciliation, following the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

Nunc Dimittis - *from Evening Service in D*

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)
Words: Luke 2:29-32

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.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

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.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, alt.; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
 Music: Brother James' Air, J. L. Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord 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.

We praise you and we bless you, 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, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. 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 your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Celebrant continues

All glory be 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 on 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 into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and eat; this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As 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.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

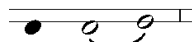
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these 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 children from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

People


A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, both in the key of B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,'.

your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.'.

And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.'.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.'.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth system of musical notation. It concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups.

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing together three times as the distribution of Communion begins.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system's lyrics are "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry." The second system's lyrics are "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

Words: John 6:25-59; adapt, by Robert J. Batastini, b. 1942 and the Taizé Community.

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 ©1982, 1983, 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, (France)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir at 11:00am*

In recognition of Black History Month, the Choir will feature music by black composers. David Hurd is a composer, organist, and choral director in the Anglican tradition, currently serving at the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Manhattan. He has held prominent positions at General Theological Seminary and Trinity Wall Street. His work is well-represented in the Hymnal 1982, and is frequently sung at St. Paul's.

Hymn: *When Jesus died to save us*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the Light of Christ be enkindled in your hearts.
And the Blessing of God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit,
be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION

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 Santeuil (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.
Music: Edmonton, from Harmonia Sacra, ca. 1760; harm. Hymnal 1982.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

God of Grace – Paul Manz (1919-2009)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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