



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II / EOW

The Presentation of Our Lord

10:30 am • February 2, 2025

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise | **EOW** Enriching our Worship

THE VOLUNTARY: Brother James' Air

arr. Dale Wood

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

517. How lovely is thy dwellingplace

Brother James' Air

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SONG OF PRAISE: S 280 Gloria in excelsis

BCP 356 | CG 5

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

After the Children's Moment, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84. *Quam dilecta!*

We will sing the psalm in unison.

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- 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 A- / noointed.
- 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 with- / hold *
from those who walk with in- / tegrity.
- 12 O Lord of / hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in / you!

THE SECOND LESSON

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 God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 257. O Zion, open wide thy gates

Edmonton

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Jeremy Clos, FSJ

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.
We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people.

Flame of abundant love, **be our Joy.**

We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith this season.

Light of all creation, **guide us.**

We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those in our community for whom our prayers are desired: Alice, Bear, Betty, Bill, Carl, Eva, Iliia, Jack, Jan, Jane, Karen, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, and Shari.

Comforter of the suffering, **warm our hearts.**

We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

We also remember our families, friends, and neighbors, especially: Anthony, Charlie, Danielle, Edward, Emma, Evonne, Florence, Gemma, Geralyn, Jeff, Jer, John, Kate, Keili, Mary Kay, Michael, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, and Tim.

Ember of steadfast care, **fuel our ministry.**

We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.

Star blaze of glory, **lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home.**

We pray for those who are expecting a child, especially: Hannah and David, Juliana and Jonathan, Laura and Michael, Corey and Michael, Catie and Steve, Erika and Adam.

We pray for those who have died, especially: Terry Schedeler, Ramon Emilio Rodriguez, and Joe John

Celebrant God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, And our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**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.**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Song of Simeon Orlando Lassus, arr. Schweizer

Lord, let thy servant now depart, in peace and joy and meet oblation; thy word is hidden in my heart, mine eyes have seen thy salvation. To be a light to nations shining, and to thy people Israel, glory, honor, praise combining, "God with us," Emmanuel. Glory to the Father and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost sing praises, while timeless ages ever run, World without end, Amen.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Bourbon

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise
God, all crea - tures here be-low; Praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EOW Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 our 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 (say):

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 friends. 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." 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."

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: Traditional Version

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FRACTION ANTHEM: S 163, Robert Powell

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 258. Virgin born, we bow before thee

Psalm 86

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: 423. Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY: Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, BWV 616

J. S. Bach



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