Preparing for the Service

Welcome to a time of quiet reflection in order to prepare for worship.

Focus on the Lord. Pray for your own concerns. Pray for our church. Pray for our world.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple February 2, 2025 Renewed Ancient Text (BCP 2019)

Opening Song

O God Our Help In Ages Past

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O God our help in ages past our hope for years to come our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home. Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame from everlasting Thou art God to endless years the same.

O God our help in ages past our hope for years to come be Thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home.

The Acclamation BCP 145

Celebrant For unto us a child is born,*People* Unto us a son is given.

ISAIAH 9:6

Collect for Purity BCP 124

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.

The Summary of the Law BCP 124

We are reminded of the essence of God's commandments for us.

The Kyrie BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us. *People* Christ, have mercy upon us. *Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria! by Jenkin Clark

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Lord, heavenly King, Almighty God, We give you thanks, and we praise your glory!

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, With the Holy Spirit, we give you glory!



The Collect for the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.CelebrantLet us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day

The First Reading Malachi 3:1-4 page 802

After the reading:

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 84 page 493

The congregation says the psalm responsively by half verse

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, **O Lord of hosts!**

² My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. ⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
⁹ Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! ¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹² O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! The Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18 page 1002

After the reading:

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Gradual Song

Here I Am To Worship

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Light of the world You stepped down into darkness opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship here I am to bow down here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely altogether worthy altogether wonderful to me.

The Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40 page 857 Celebrant The Holy Gospel (†) of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ. People After the Gospel: Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

Gospeler: Jesus said to His disciples, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them,

People: For to such belongs the kingdom of God.

Gospeler: Let us pray together:

All: Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom so to train them, that they may love all that is true, and pure, and lovely, and of good report, following the example of their Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Gradual Song

Here I Am To Worship

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King of all days, oh so highly exalted glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth you created all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship here I am to bow down here I am to say that You're my God You're altogether lovely altogether worthy altogether wonderful to me.

The Sermon

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Luke 2.22-40



MARY and JOSEPH

SIMEON and **ANNA**

THE BABY JESUS and THE BOY JESUS

"... it is well to remember the baby in the stable and the little boy in the streets of Nazareth. The very life was there present, which was to change the whole human race; the rescuing action of God. At that stage there was not much to show for it; yet there is perfect continuity between the stable and the Easter garden..." - Every Underhill, The School of Charity



The Nicene Creed BCP 127 An ancient statement of the core beliefs of the Christian faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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.

The Prayers of the People BCP 128

After each bidding:

Reader Lord, in your mercy: **People Hear our prayer**.

Celebrant prays closing prayer

The Confession and Absolution of Sin BCP 129-130

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, (†) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words by Jenkin Clark

Hear the word of God to all who turn to Him this saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance Christ Jesus came into the world to save us who sin

Hear the word of God to all who turn to Him.

The Peace BCP 131

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* And with your spirit.



Offertory Song

Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grateful heart give thanks to the Holy One give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son Give thanks with a grateful heart give thanks to the Holy One give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.

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The Doxology

Doxology

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Please Stand

Praise God from whom all blessings flow praise Him all creatures here below praise Him above ye heavenly hosts praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sursum Corda **BCP** 132 Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with your spirit. Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People We lift them up to the Lord. Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and People praise.

The priest continues the prayer, speaking of one of the many reasons why it is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Sanctus setting by Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might Heaven and earth are full, full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration Unforgetting who God is and what He has done for us, and all of His creation, in and through His Son, Jesus Christ

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



The Lord's Prayer BCP 134

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

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 Fraction BCP 135

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross. Therefore let us keep the feast. People Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access BCP 135

Celebrant and People together say We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei by Schubert

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world give us Your peace give us Your peace.

The Ministration of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The priest invites the people to receive communion with an attitude of humble gratitude and faith All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to take Communion. If you are not baptized and are interested in being baptized, let us know. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward, cross your arms, and receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

It Is Well

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When peace like a river attendeth my way when sorrows like sea billows roll whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say it is well, it is well, with my soul it is well, with my soul it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though satan should buffet tho' trials should come let this blest assur-ance control that Christ hath re-garded my help-less estate and hath shed His own blood for my soul It is well, with my soul it is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought my sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more **Praise the Lord** Praise the Lord, O my soul it is well, with my soul it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

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Love divine, all loves excelling joy of heaven, to earth come down fix in us Thy humble dwelling all Thy faithful mercies crown Jesus, Thou art all compassion pure, unbounded love Thou art visit us with Thy salvation enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver let us all Thy life receive suddenly return, and never nevermore Thy temples leave Thee we would be always blessing serve Thee as Thy hosts above pray, and praise Thee without ceasing glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation pure and spotless let us be let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place till we cast our crowns before Thee lost in wonder, love, and praise.

From the Breaking of the Dawn

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Please Stand

From the breaking of the dawn To the setting of the sun I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word Words of power, strong to save That will never pass away I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. For Your covenant is sure and on this I am secure I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin condemnation pressing in I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. Guilt to innocence restored You remember sins no more so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. When I'm faced with anguished choice I will listen for Your voice and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with Your hand as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

And You've promised to complete every work begun in me. so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. Hope that lifts me from despair, Love that casts out ev'ry fear as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come; and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Grace sufficient grace for me; Grace for all who will believe. We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Post-Communion Verse

The Celebrant offers a sentence of Scripture from the day's readings, as a reminder that what we have received from the table is the same reality we received from the Word.

Silent Prayer

We take time to open ourselves to any word from the Lord, either for ourselves or for the congregation.

The Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, 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 Father, 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 forever. Amen.

Announcements

We desire to be a church family that forms disciples, lives generously, and shares the love of God in our neighborhoods

Today

Thank you for joining us for worship today! Join us for fellowship after the service.

Ways to Connect Fellowship Meal - after the service Small Groups - launch this week! SDRM Paint Party - February 8th, 1-4pm

The Blessing

...and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father (†), the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Christ for the World We Sing

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Christ for the world we sing the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal the poor and them that mourn the faint and over-borne sin-sick and sorrow-worn whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing the world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer the wayward and the lost by restless passions tossed redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing the world to Christ we bring with one accord with us the work to share with us reproach to dare with us the cross to bear for Christ our Lord.

The Dismissal BCP 138

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

