# Saint Thomas's Church

The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Commonly called Candlemas

Blessing of Candles, Procession, and High Mass at 6:30 pm



The presentation in the Temple, Alvaro Pirez, c. 1430 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City

## Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

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## Celebrant: Fr. Nathan Humphrey Deacon: Fr. Theo Ipema Homilist: Fr. Don Beyers Reader: Janet Nichols Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

MUSIC OF THE MASS	Missa Brevis, Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)
VOLUNTARY	Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf, BWV 617 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The People stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers into the Church.

**INTROIT** Lumen ad revelationem, William Byrd (c. 1540-1623) Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people, Israel.

#### THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

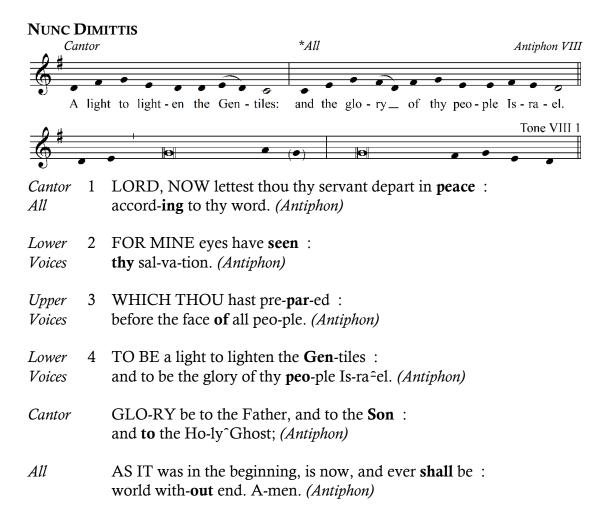
The Celebrant says,

Forty days ago we celebrated the great festival of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall that holy day on which Mary and Joseph brought him to the Temple where he was received and recognized by Simeon and Anna. In the Spirit, let us also welcome the Lord in his Word and Sacrament, and let us recognize him in the breaking of Bread until he comes again in glory.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this day didst present thine onlybegotten Son in thy holy temple to be received in the arms of blessed Simeon: We humbly entreat thy mercy, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to  $\clubsuit$  bless, hallow, and kindle with the light of thy heavenly benediction these candles which we thy servants desire to receive and carry, lighted in honour of thy holy Name. By offering them to thee our Lord and God, may we be inflamed with the fire of thy love, and made worthy to be presented in the holy temple of thy glory: Through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Following the blessing of the candles, all sing the Nunc Dimittis with its proper Antiphon, repeated after each verse. The Sacred Ministers process up the centre aisle sprinkling the People's candles with holy water, as Acolytes follow behind to light candles at select pews. Please share the flame with your immediate neighbours, including those behind you.



When all is ready for the Procession, the Deacon sings:

#### **PROCEDAMUS IN PACE**

# ℣. Let us go forth <u>in</u> peace. ℟. In the Name of the Lord. <u>A</u>-men.

#### **PROCESSION HYMN**

- All 1 All prophets hail thee, from of old announcing, By the inbreathèd Spirit of the Father, God's Mother, bringing prophecies to fullness, Mary the maiden.
- Upper 2Thou the true Virgin Mother of the Highest,VoicesBearing incarnate God in awed obedience,Meekly acceptest for a sinless offspringPurification.
- All 3 In the high temple Simeon receives thee, Takes to his bent arms with a holy rapture That promised Saviour, vision of redemption, Christ long awaited.
- Lower 4 Now the fair realm of Paradise attaining, Voices And to thy Son's throne, Mother of th'Eternal, Raisèd all glorious, yet in earth's devotion Join with us always.
- All 5 Glory and worship to the Lord of all things Pay we unresting, who alone adored, Father and Son and Spirit, in the highest Reigneth eternal.

CŒLITES PLAUDANT From the Rouen Antiphoner 1728 Archbishop Rabanus Maurus, 9th c.

### STATION AT THE STATUE OF OUR LADY



 $\tilde{V}$ . We wait for thy loving-kindness, <u>O</u> Lord;  $\tilde{R}$ . In the midst of thy tem-<u>ple</u>.

## COLLECT

O God, who hast made this day holy by the presentation of thy Son in the temple and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we who delight to call her blessed, may rejoice for ever in our adoption into his heavenly family; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### HYMN 189

O Sion, open wide thy gates

All	1	O Sion, open wide thy gates, Old types now disappear; A Priest and Victim, both in one The Truth himself, is here.
All	2	No more the simple flock shall bleed; Behold, the Father's Son Himself to his own altar comes, For sinners to atone.
Upper Voices		Conscious of hidden Deity, The lowly Virgin brings Her new-born Babe, with two young doves, Her tender offerings.
Lower Voices	4	The agèd Simeon sees at last His Lord so long desired, And Anna welcomes Israel's Hope, With holy rapture fired.

- All 5 But silent knelt the Mother blest Of the yet silent Word And, pond'ring all things in her heart, With speechless praise adored.
- *All* 6 All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, While endless ages run.

BRISTOL From Thomas Ravenscroft's Psalmes 1621 Canon J.B. de Santeüil 17th century Tr. Rev. E. Caswall 1814-78

## STATION AT THE ROOD



 $\dot{V}$ . Thy Light is come, O Jeru-<u>sa</u>-lem;  $\dot{R}$ . And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

# COLLECT

O Lord Christ, who art thyself the temple of the heavenly city and its light, and its surpassing splendour: Grant that we who in this earthly house do offer to thee our worship, may be brought in peace to the vision of thy glory in heaven; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### HYMN

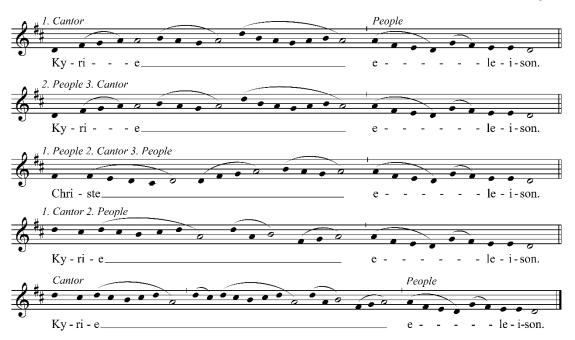


French Psalter 1542 (Ps 86)

At the conclusion of the hymn, the People extinguish their hand candles. All sing the Kyrie, the People kneeling.

**KYRIE ELEISON** 

Missa de Angelis



The People stand. The Choir alone sings the Gloria.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the  $\blacksquare$  glory of God the Father. Amen

The People remain standing for the Collect.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.** 

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus,

tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in ቑ gloria Dei Patris. Amen. The People sit.

#### FIRST LESSON

TO

The First Lesson is written in the third chapter of the book of the prophet Malachi, beginning at the first verse.

"Behold, I send 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, behold, 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 sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years."

The word of the <u>Lord</u>. **Thanks be to <u>God</u>.** 

# **PSALM** 84.1-8

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Cantor	1	O HOW lovely are thy <b>dwell</b> -ings :
People		() thou Lörd of hösts!
	2	My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of <b>the</b> Lord :
		my heart and my flesh rejoice in the lï-ving Göd.
Cantor	3	Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow
		a nest where she may lay <b>her</b> young :
		even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and mÿ Göd.
People	4	Bless-ed are they that dwell in <b>thy</b> house :
		they will be <b>al</b> -way präis-ing <sup>^</sup> thëe.
Cantor	5	Bless-ed are the men whose strength is <b>in</b> thee :
		in whose heart are the pïl-grim wäys;
People	6	Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for <b>a</b> well :
		yea, the early rain covereth it with blëss-ïngs.

*Cantor* 7 They go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sï-ön. *People* 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jä-cöb.

#### THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2.14-18

The Epistle is written in the second chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Since, therefore, the 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.

The word of <u>the</u> Lord. **Thanks be** <u>to</u> **God.** 

#### SEQUENCE HYMN 192

The God whom earth, and sea, and sky



- The God whom earth, and sea, and sky\_\_\_\_\_\_ Adore, and laud, and magnify,
   Whose might they own, whose praise they swell, In Mary's womb vouchsafed to dwell.
- 2 The Lord whom sun and moon obey, Whom all things serve from day to day, Was by the Holy Ghost conceived Of her who through his grace believed.
- 3 How blest that Mother, in whose shrine The world's Creator, Lord Divine, Whose hand contains the earth and sky, Once deigned, as in the ark, to lie;
- 4 Blest in the message Gabriel brought, Blest by the work the Spirit wrought;
   From whom the great Desire of earth Took human flesh and human birth.

5 O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee Eternal praise and glory be, Whom with the father we adore And Holy Ghost for evermore. Alleluia.

O AMOR QUAM ECSTATICUS Old French melody, arr. by Basil Harwood Ascribed to Fontunaus (c. 569) Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the twenty-second <u>verse</u>. **Glory be to thee, \underline{O} Lord.** 

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus 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 turtle-doves 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 for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped 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 favour of God was upon him.

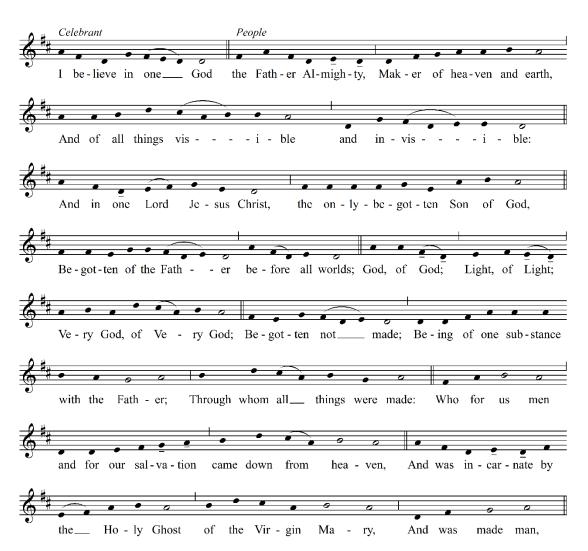
The Gospel <u>of</u> Christ. **Praise be to thee**, <u>O</u> Christ. The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

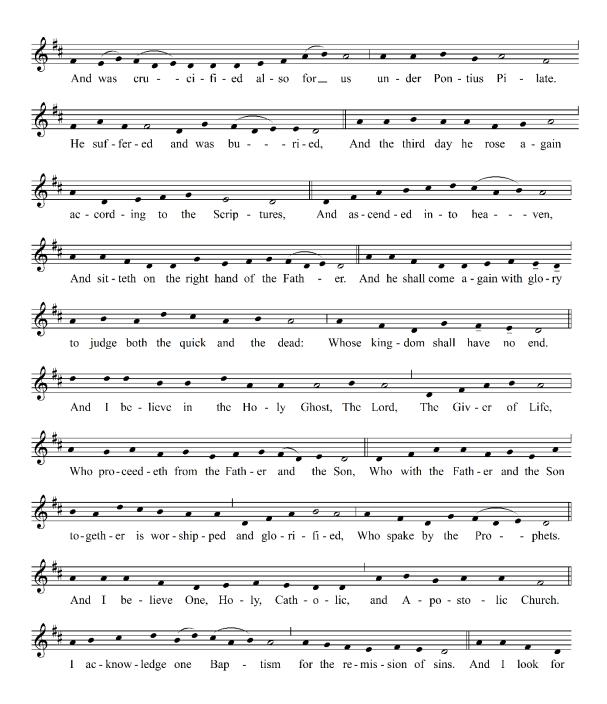
#### SERMON

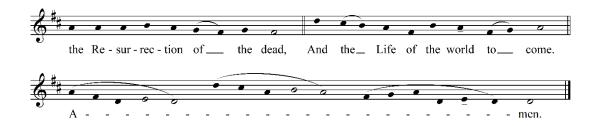
The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, do so at "and was incarnate," rising after "and was made man."

#### THE NICENE CREED

Missa de Angelis





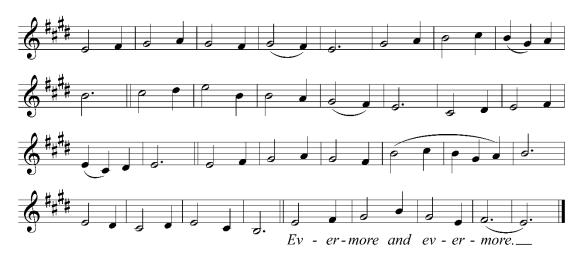


#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Of the Father's heart begotten



Lower 1 Of the Father's heart begotten Voices Ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha: from that Fountain All that is and hath been flows; He is Omega, of all things Yet to come the mystic Close, Evermore and evermore. *Upper* 2 By his word was all created;

- Voices He commanded and 'twas done; Earth and sky and boundless ocean, Universe of three in one, All that sees the moon's soft radiance, All that breathes beneath the sun, *Evermore and evermore.*
- *Lower* 3 He assumed this mortal body,
- VoicesFrail and feeble, doomed to die,<br/>That the race from dust created<br/>Might not perish utterly,<br/>Which the dreadful Law had sentenced<br/>In the depths of hell to lie,<br/>Evermore and evermore.
- Upper4O how blest that wondrous birthday,<br/>When the Maid the curse retrieved,<br/>Brought to birth mankind's salvation,<br/>By the Holy Ghost conceived;<br/>And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,<br/>In her loving arms received,<br/>Evermore and evermore.
- Lower 5 This is he, whom seer and sibyl Voices Sang in ages long gone by; This is he of old revealed In the page of prophecy; Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; Let the world his praises cry! Evermore and evermore.
- Upper6Let the storm and summer sunshine,<br/>Gliding stream and sounding shore,<br/>Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,<br/>Day and night their Lord adore;<br/>Let creation join to laud thee<br/>Through the ages evermore,<br/>Evermore and evermore.

All 7 Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing! Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring, Every tongue his name confessing, Countless voices answering. *Evermore and evermore.* 

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM Corde natus ex parentis, 12c Plainsong Latin, Prudentius 348-413 Tr R.F. Davies 1866-1937

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of thy Church, and grant that thy Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The People kneel.

#### INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant*: Sisters and brothers in Christ, with joyous hearts and in communion with the Holy Catholic Church, let us offer up our prayers to Almighty God.

*Intercessor*: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for Kevin and Riscylla his suffragans, for The Diocese of California (The Episcopal Church) according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for Trinity Church, Aurora according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer, and for Janet Nichols, Dr Stuart & Sheila Niermeier, Mary, Sean, Sharon & Mitchel Nwanokwai, Bright and Gloria Obazee, Barbara Obrai, & Robert O'Keefe according to the Parish cycle of prayer, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. *(Silence.)* 



*Intercessor*: I bid your prayers for Charles, King of Canada, and for all in civil authority under him in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)* 



*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the world, for those places affected by war, conflict, calamity, or disaster, especially for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan, and all other places we now name, silently or aloud. May God grant us the spirit of respect and forbearance for all nations and peoples. (*Silence.*)

### Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*: I bid your prayers for all who serve the needs of others in our community, for the volunteers and guests of the Friday Food Ministry, and for all those who labour in and use shelters, drop-in programs, foodbanks, and other social services. May God aid us to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. *(Silence.)* 

#### Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream, and for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far. [We give thanks especially on this day for \_\_\_\_\_.] And for [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud.

May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. *(Silence.)* 

Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer. *Intercessor*: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick\_\_\_\_\_, and for all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked\_\_\_\_\_\_. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. *(Silence.)* 

### Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially\_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time \_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory. *(Silence.)* 

#### Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant*: Almighty God, light of the nations, embrace our needs in thy blessing and hear our petitions, that we may be sustained even in times of trial. To thee we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

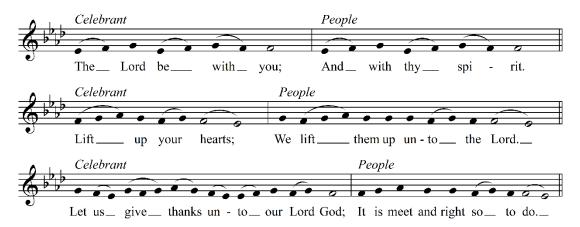
## INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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 People remain kneeling.

# **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**



It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ♥ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. *The Celebrant continues*, Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth: Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. ♥ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,



#### FRACTION & PEACE

The consecrated Bread is broken.



#### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

#### We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy 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 Choir alone sings:

#### **AGNUS DEI**

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

## **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

## **COMMUNION DEVOTIONS**

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

#### ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesu, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to thee, That with thy saints I may praise thee, For ever and ever. Amen.

#### Μοτετ

Maria wallt zum Heiligtum, Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

Maria wallt zum Heiligtum und bringt ihr Kindlein dar, das schaut der greise Simeon, wie ihm verheiβen war. Da nimmt er Jesum in den Arm und singt im Geiste froh:

Nun fahr' ich hin mit Freud, dich Heiland sah ich heut, du Trost von Israel, das Licht der Welt.

Hilf uns, du lieber Jesu Christ, da $\beta$  wir zu jeder Frist an dir, wie auch der Simeon, all unsre Freude han, und kommt die Zeit, sanft schlafen ein und also singen froh:

Nun fahr' ich hin mit Freud, dich Heiland seh ich heut, du Trost von Israel, das Licht der Welt.

# Hymn

All 1 Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his temple gate! Not with his angel host, Not in his kingly state; No shouts proclaim him nigh, No crowds his coming wait; Mary made a pilgrimage to the temple and brought her child there, who was seen by the aged Simeon, as the prophets had foretold. Simeon took Jesus in his arms, and joyfully sang:

Now I go forth with joy, for today I have seen you, Saviour comfort of Israel, light of the World.

O dear Jesus, grant now that we at all times find all our joy in thee, just as Simeon did, and that, when the time comes, we pass away gently and thus sing gladly:

Now I go forth with joy, for today I see you, Saviour comfort of Israel, light of the World.

Hail to the Lord who comes

- *Upper* 2 But borne upon the throne
- Voices Of Mary's gentle breast, Watched by her duteous love, In her fond arms at rest; Thus to his Father's house He comes, the heavenly Guest.
- *Lower* 3 There Joseph at her side
- Voices In reverent wonder stands; And, filled with holy joy, Old Simeon in his hands Takes up the promised Child, The glory of all lands.
- All 4 Hail to the great First-born Whose ransom-price they pay! The Son before all worlds, The Child of man to-day, That he might ransom us Who still in bondage lay.
- All 5 O Light of all the earth, Thy children wait for thee! Come to thy temples here, That we, from sin set free, Before thy Father's face May all presented be!

OLD 120TH Melody as in Este's Psalter 1592 John Ellerton 1826-93

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O Almighty God, who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna who did not die until they welcomed the Messiah: Grant that we who have received these thy gifts beyond words may prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us eternal life; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### BLESSING

May Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

The People stand.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.** 

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; **Be it unto me according to thy word.** 

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Word was made flesh; **And dwelt among us.** 

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### COLLECT

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross  $\clubsuit$  and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

May the Divine assistance remain with us always. Amen.

## Hymn 554

- 1 Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's abode.
- 2 The Lord, who left the heav'ns Our life and peace to bring, To dwell in lowliness with men, Their Pattern and their King;

Blest are the pure in heart

- 3 Still to the lowly soul He doth himself impart, And for his dwelling and his throne Chooseth the pure in heart.
- 4 Lord, we thy presence seek; May ours this blessing be; Give us a pure and lowly heart, A temple meet for thee.

John Keble 1792-1866

FRANCONIA W.H. Havergal 1793-1870 adapted from melody in König's Harmonischer Liederschatz Frankfurt 1738

The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Voluntary.

**VOLUNTARY** Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr dahin, BWV 616, J.S. Bach

All are welcome to attend a reception in the Rectory for light refreshments and fellowship.

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## **DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!

#### MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am, Monday-Friday 9:30 am, Saturday 7:30 am, Sunday

#### **EVENING PRAYER**

5:00 pm, Monday-Friday 5:00 pm Sunday (choral Evensong)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

# **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY

Low Mass 8:00 am Sung Mass 9:30 am High Mass 11:00 am

#### WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am Saturday

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