

The Feast of our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Temple

February 2, 2025

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY ~ Jesu, Joy of Man's DesiringJohann Sebastian Bach

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #7 ~ Christ, whose glory fills the skies Ratisbon

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King,

al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you

thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

a little slower

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 24:7-10 *Domini est terra*

<p>7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.</p> <p>8 “Who is this King of glory?” * “The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”</p>	<p>9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.</p> <p>10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” * “The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.”</p>
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Setting: George Mursell Garrett

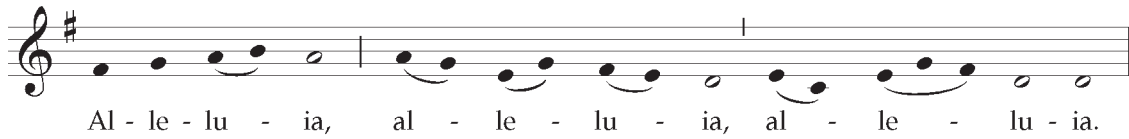
THE SECOND LESSON - Hebrews 2:14-18

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. He is the Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Luke 2:22-40

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV

Prayer Book, Page 388

THE CONFESSIONS OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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.

Ryan Garrity, *Tenor*

Words: Luke 2 (Nunc dimittis)
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Fine Verses

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
 2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
 ia, for though — ma - ny we share one — bread.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

<p>When to the temple Mary went, And brought the Holy Child, Him did the aged Simeon see, As it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms And blessing God he said: In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen, The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.</p>	<p>Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, That we may ever be As once the faithful Simeon was, Rejoicing but in Thee; And when we must from earth departure take, from earth departure take, May gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.</p>
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Words: Translated from German by the Reverend Dr. John Troutbeck (1832-1899)
 Music: Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

Please join in singing

HYMN #656 - Blest are the pure in heart.....*Franconia*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

THE BLESSING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #539 - O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling.....*Tidings*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY - Allegro Vivo e Maestoso.....Dom Paul Benoit

*The flowers on the altar are given to The Glory of God in thanksgiving
 for the marriage of Rachel Joy Robinson to Bryce Hilliard Lott.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates

- February 15 ~ Funeral for Troy Buttone (11:00 AM)
- February 16 ~ Voices Of New Orleans Concert
- February 25 ~ Symphony Of New Orleans Concert
- March 2 ~ Parade Sunday (Eucharist at 9:00 AM *only*)
- March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday (7:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM)
- March 9 ~ Jacob Benda, Organist, In Recital (3:00 PM)
- March 16 ~ Annual Parish Meeting (11:15 AM)
- March 23 ~ Choral Evensong (4:00 PM)

Hospitality Committee ~ Please considerer contributing a snack of your choice for Coffee Hour every now and then. Suggestions include cookies, cheese and crackers or a small cake. Items that can be frozen are especially helpful to enable the size of the spread to match the size of the crowd.

Donors needed for Altar Flowers - Please contact Sandy Jackson - 504-717-3185.

Watch the Sunday 10:00 Eucharist webcast



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If you or a family member is hospitalized or shut-in, please contact the parish secretary during office hours or call one of us directly on our mobile phones at any time and leave a voice message if necessary. If the situation is not urgent you may also contact use via email (copying the parish secretary as well.) Please DO NOT use text messages, Facebook or any other instant message platform to communicate sensitive or urgent information, as their reliability is inconsistent.

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The Racial Healing Commission selected *The Night Is Long But Light Comes In The Morning: Meditations For Racial Healing* by Dr. Catherine Meeks to guide us in this journey. Dr. Meeks, former Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, offers profound reflections on racial injustice, drawing on her personal experiences and spiritual insights. In the foreword, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry writes, “These meditations are for you, and for all who dare to join this journey toward deep healing.”

This diocesan-wide study aims to:

Encourage personal and collective reflection on racial healing in ourselves, our churches, and communities.

Foster dialogue about race and faith, and explore practical steps for healing and justice.

Zoom discussions will be held each Thursday during Lent (March 6,13,20,27 April 3,10) at 6:30PM. For info about One Book, One Diocese and to register for Zoom, follow the link : <https://www.edola.org/onebook>

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As we sit in the Cathedral pews on Sundays, we are noticing many new faces. If you have been a member for years, I know you share my delight; if you are a newcomer, we are very glad you are here!

Last year, we began a new ministry called the Welcoming Committee. Debut projects included the new clothed table at the entrance to the church displaying important information about Christ Church Cathedral. We also initiated name tags, to help us get to know one another better. Additionally, we held a Newcomer's Reception, a casual gathering at the Cathedral where we could extend our welcome and visit in an informal setting.

Our congregation is growing, and we need our committee to grow with it. Are you interested in congregational development? Meetings are held about once a month for an hour or two. We are looking for friendly people with lots of ideas, the ability to help periodically with Sunday name tags and the desire to help with events. The only qualification is a love for our church home and the desire to share that love.

Please contact me if you would like to be a part of this important ministry.

Meryl Fink

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[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=NniMc--Vhjc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NniMc--Vhjc)



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

SUNDAY

The Feast of the Presentation

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
- 11:30 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)
- 3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)
- 6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

- 9:00 AM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Dean's Parlor)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Voices Of New Orleans (VONO) Rehearsal

TUESDAY

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral
- 7:00 PM Symphony Of New Orleans (SONO) Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Education for Ministry (EfM), Dean's Parlor
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 8:00 AM Trinity Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SUNDAY

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
- 11:30 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)
- 3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)
- 6:00 PM Real Presence

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