

Presentation of Our Lord

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PRELUDE

Christians, We Have Met For Worship

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O Lord, You're Beautiful

By Keith Green. Arranged by Tom Fettke. Copyright: 1980 Birdwing Music/ BMG Songs, Inc. CCLI# 14514

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 532 v.1,3,4 “*Gather Us In*”

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1.

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to You in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken. Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

2.

*Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth;
Here you shall call all people together, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is You;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

3.

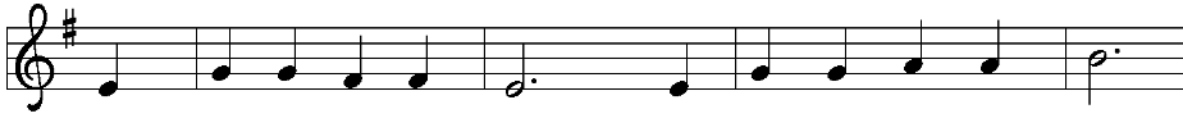
*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away -
Here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day!
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us Your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of Your love in our flesh and our bones.*

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 840 v.1,3 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Words by Martin Rinkhart, tr. Catherine Winkworth. Music by Johann Cruger. Copyright: Public Domain. CCLI# 86638

1.

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

2.

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for as it was, is now, and shall be evermore!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, your only begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST READING *Malachi 3:1-4*

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.

The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land"* King of Kings Hand Bell Choir
African-American Spiritual. Arranged by Mark Arnold. Arr. copyright: 2022 Candela Works Music

SECOND READING *Hebrews 2:14-18*


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 the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL READING *Luke 2:22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph 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 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.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

We invite you to sing along when indicated

This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

SERMON Pastor Rebecca Truland

SERMON HYMN ELW 417 v.1,3,4 *“In His Temple Now Behold Him”*
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1.
*In His temple now behold Him, see the long-expected Lord;
ancient prophets had foretold Him, God has sent the promised Word!
Now to praise Him, His redeem-ed, Shall break forth with one accord.*

2.
*Jesus, by Your presentation, when they blessed You, weak and poor,
Make us see Your great salvation, seal us with Your promise sure;
And present us, in Your glory, to Your father, cleansed and pure.*

3.
*Prince and author of salvation, be Your boundless love our theme!
Jesus, praise to You be given by the world You did redeem;
With the Father and the Spirit, God of majesty supreme!*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

A: Let us confess our faith using the words of the creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS of the People

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Merciful God

C: Receive our prayer

A: Help us to love our neighbors and to pray for their wholeness, strength and healing...

Pauline Cieslak

The family of Gustav Rautenberg

The family of Rev. Canon Doris Bray

A: Merciful God

C: Receive our prayer

The family of Matt Rahalski

Jeanette K.

Elinor

Roy

A: Merciful God

C: Receive our prayer

Please speak additional names aloud or silently in your heart

A: Merciful God

C: Receive our prayer

P: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Greet one another with a sign of peace as you feel comfortable)

OFFERING

P: Let us gather our tithes and offerings for the sake of serving God and our neighbors.

OFFERING MUSIC *“Bind Us Together”* King of Kings Hand Bell Choir

Tune by Bob Gillman. Arranged by Michael Ryan.

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P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

(Communion provided offers wine and white grape juice as well as gluten-free wafers as an option. Please ask the Pastor for gluten-free wafers as needed. If you desire to receive a blessing, come forward with arms crossed. If you desire communion, come forward and extend your hands.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

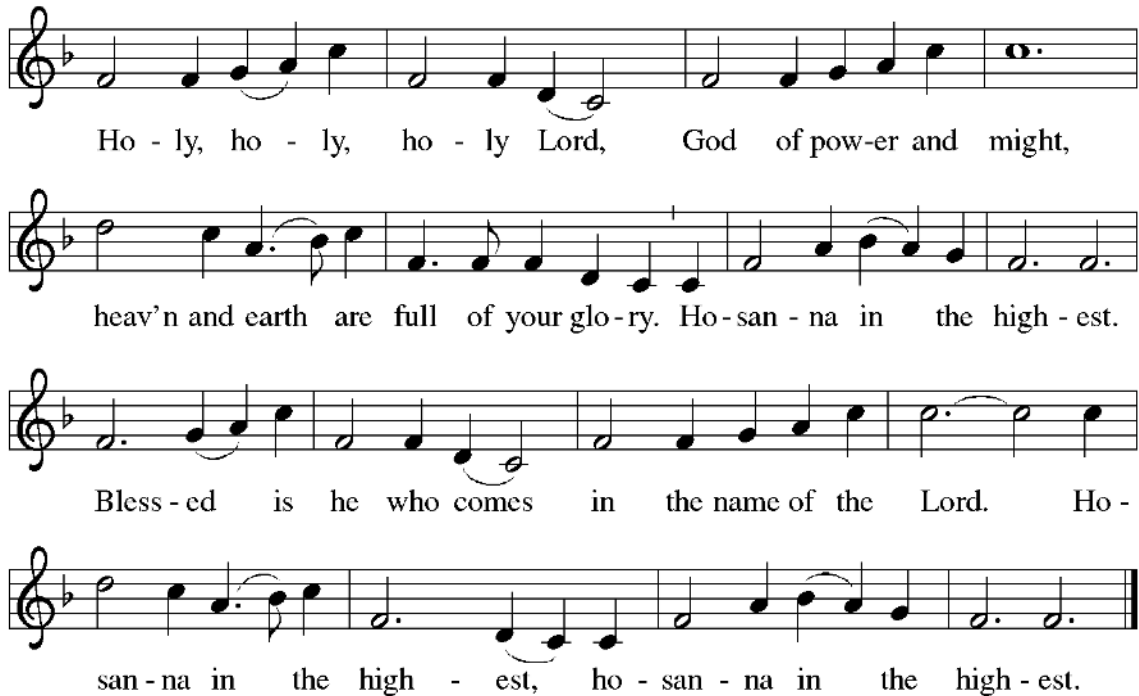
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.

e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION MUSIC *“Magnificent” from Bless This Night*

By G. Mark Griffith, Rachel J. Joy, Heather L. Griffith, Steve Wolbrecht

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light*

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REFRAIN:

*We are singing for the Lord is our Light,
we are singing for the Lord is our Light!
We are singing for the Lord is our Light,
we are singing for the Lord is our Light!*

*We are singing, we are singing - Oh!
We are singing for the Lord is our Light.
We are singing, we are singing - Oh!
We are singing for the Lord is our Light!*

Verse (solo)

*The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy, the Lord will be our Light! REFRAIN*

Verse (solo)

*We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song! REFRAIN*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Plenty Good Room (Plenty Good Room in my Father's Kingdom)

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