



The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Sunday, February 2, 2025 ❖ 8:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Dick Briggs and Sara Schulz and in loving memory of Dick's mother, Eleanor Briggs, on the anniversary of her birth.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Feb. 2

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Feb. 3

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Feb. 4

- 7:00 pm Series: C.S. Lewis on Joy, Suffering, and Inbetween

Wednesday, Feb. 5

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Group
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group

Thursday, Feb. 6

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, Feb. 7

- 9:00 am Beaders Group

Sunday, Feb. 9

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:
<https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar>

The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymnal #436



Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be - hold the
O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to
So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is draw - ing -
ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py -
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for heaven's em -
thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner pres - ence
no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit guide us



near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: "Truro," melody from "Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II," 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

- The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 323
- The Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer p. 323
- The Summary of the Law Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Kyrie Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Collect of the Day Book of Common Prayer p. 187
- The First Lesson 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 Response Psalm 84 (Book of Common Prayer p. 707)
- The Epistle 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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

²²When 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 ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene CreedBook of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People.....Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 331

The PeaceBook of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333
 The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339
 The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: O Zion, Tune Thy Voice

Hymnal #543



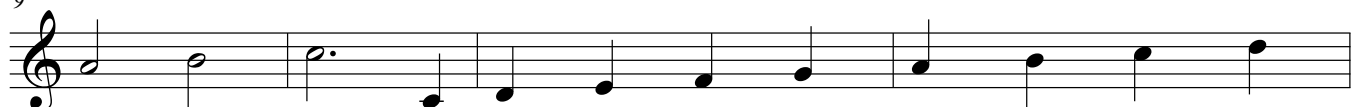
O Zi - on, tune thy voice, and raise thy hands on high; tell
 He gilds thy morn-ing face with beams that can - not fade; his
 In hon - or to his Name re - flect that sa - cred light; and
 There on his ho - ly hill a bright - er sun shall rise, and

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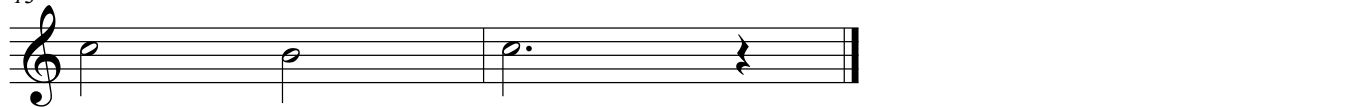
all the earth thy joys, and boast sal - va - tion nigh. Cheer -
 all - re - splen - dent grace he pours a - round thy head; the
 loud that grace pro - claim, which makes thy dark - ness bright; pur -
 with his ra - diance fill those fair - er pur - er skies; while

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ful in God, a - rise and shine, while rays di - vine stream
 na - tions round thy form shall view, with lus - ter new di -
 sue his praise, till sov - ereign love in worlds a - bove the
 round his throne ten thou - sand stars in no - bler spheres his

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all a - broad.
 vine - ly crowned.
 glo - ry raise.
 in - fluence own.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751); based on "The Third Song of Isaiah".
 Music: "Darwall's 148th," melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789);
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

The Postlude

Joyful, Joyful

Beethoven/arr. Melvyn Warren

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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