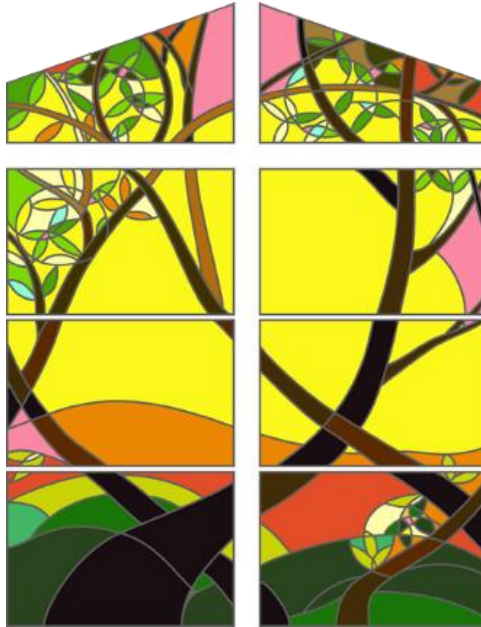


St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Presentation of our Lord
February 2, 2025 - 10 am

Prelude

Folk-Song, from Six Sketches

Cecil Armstrong Gibbs
(1889-1960)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Hymn 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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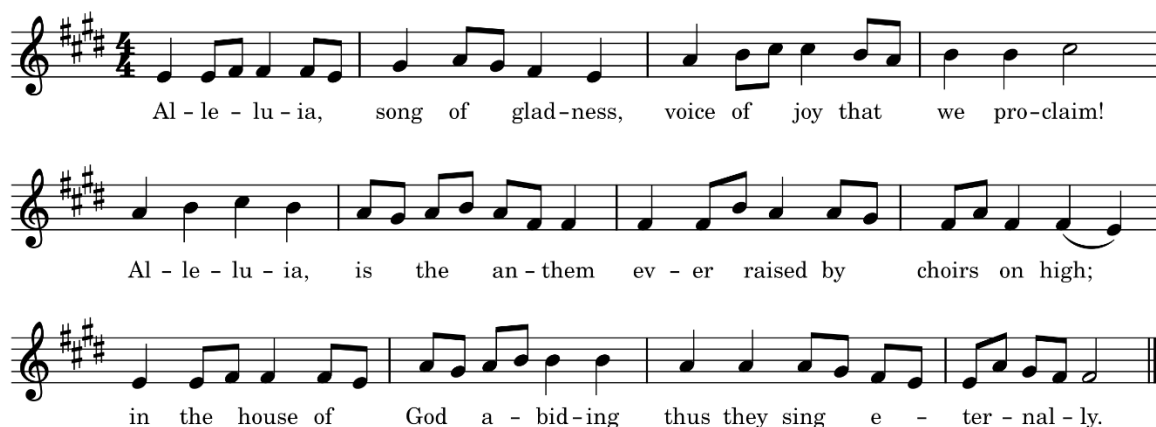
Opening Sentences

BCP 355

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise



Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad-ness, voice of joy that we pro-claim!
Al - le - lu - ia, is the an - them ev - er raised by choirs on high;
in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Music: *Tibi, Christe, splendor Patris*, plainsong, Mode 2.

Words: Latin, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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 Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector: A reading from the book of Malachi

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.**

Psalm 84

BCP 707

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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.**

Hymn 489 vs. 1-4

The great Creator of the worlds

Tallis' Ordinal

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they 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 Rev. Lynne Markova

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Beloved in Christ, baptized into one body, let us earnestly call on God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world.

Leader: For the whole People of God, that each one of us may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Phil our Bishop, for priests and deacons, for this congregation in our life together, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, and that wars may cease throughout the world, especially in the land where Jesus walked, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Holy Spirit will lead them to true knowledge of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, for those in prison, for those who are victims of violence, that God's grace and mercy will sustain them, especially . . . and those we name silently or aloud . . . let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who are traveling, that they may be kept safe from all harm, especially . . . and those we name silently or aloud . . . let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Giving thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially . . . and those we name silently or aloud . . . let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who have died, that they may be received into God's Kingdom, and that God will comfort those who mourn for them, especially . . . and those we name silently or aloud . . . let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: God of light shining out of darkness, hear our prayers this holy day and spread the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus, K. 618
St. Dunstan's Choir

W.A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

Text Translation:

*Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for humanity,
Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.*

Offertory Hymn

Now the silence, Now the peace

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty
hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing
Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful
cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs
Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's
vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Music: *Now*, Carl Flentge Shalk (b. 1929). Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (b. 1919) © 1969 Hope Publishing Co.

Offertory Blessing

Presider: All things come from you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

The people stand or kneel.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer A

BCP 361

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The presider continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

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The presider continues,

O God, you are holy and gracious: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever.

All: **AMEN.**

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

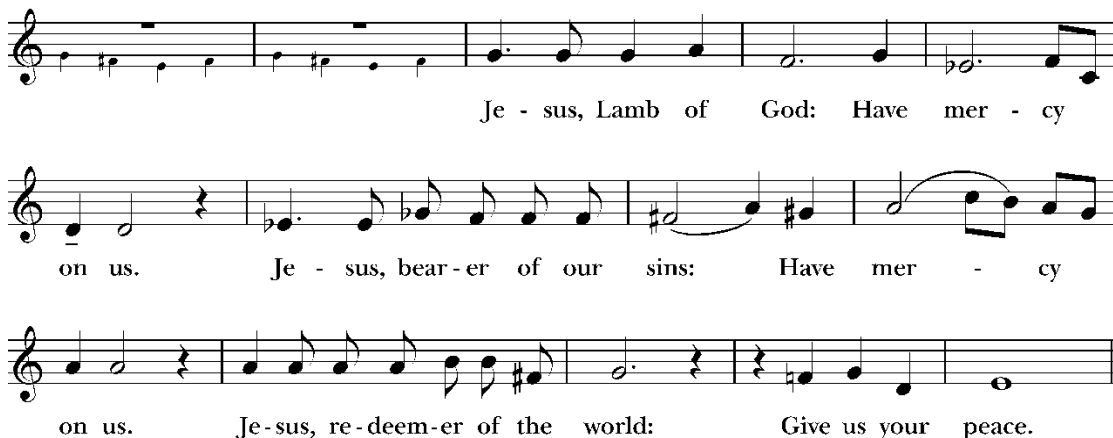
The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

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Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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The Invitation

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Lord I have seen thy salvation

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) and various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Lord I have seen thy sal - va - tion, — Lord I have seen thy sal -
Lord I have heard of thy king - dom, — Lord I have heard of thy
va - tion, — drank of the blood, held the bo - dy, — Lord I have
pro - mise, — looked on thy birth, cried at Cal - v'ry, Lord, I have
seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my heart.
heard, Lord I have heard, Lord I have heard.
Fell on my knees, down at the al - tar, — bowed down my
head, whispered a pray - er. — Have mer - cy Lord, I'm not
wor - thy, — I be - lieve, Yes, I be - lieve, now I am sure.

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Presider: Let us pray

All: **Eternal God,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Events

Presider 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 heart(s) may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fantasia

Johann Krebs
 (1713-1780)

Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God.



Healing Prayer is offered at the altar after the postlude.

SERVING TODAY

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

Preacher: The Rev. Lynne Markova

Deacons: The Rev. Alan Christensen, The Rev. Pat Grodt

Music Director: Susanna Valleau

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Pacher | **Healing Minister:** Madeline Segó

Lectors: Lucy Thoms-Damm, Tina Polf

Vestry Host: Paula Ross | **Ushers:** Tom Paulson, Stefan Schrader

Altar Guild: Suzanne Fitzsimmons, Laurie Brown

Hospitality: Joy Barnsdale, Madeline Segó

Counters: Janet Allen, Glen Pacher

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