

# FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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# INTRODUCTORY RITES

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## PRELUDE

5:00

*Prelude Modál*  
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)  
Richard Gray III, guest organist

5:00; 7:30 ; 9:30

*Psalm-Prelude No. 2, Set 2*  
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
“Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee.” - Psalm 139

## INTROIT (5:00; 7:30)

*Suscipimus, Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio templi tui.  
Secundum nomen tuum, Domine (Deus),  
ita et laus tua in fines terrae.  
Iustitia plena est dextera tua.*

*Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis,  
in civitate Dei, in monte sancto eius.*

O God, in the midst of your temple we have received your mercy.  
As your name, O God, so your praise also extends to the ends of the earth.  
Your right hand is filled with justice.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
in the city of our God, on his sacred mountain.

-Psalm 47: 10-11, 2

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION (9:30)



A light to the revelation of the Gentiles,  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Now dismiss your servant, O Lord, according to your word in peace,  
because my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before the face of all peoples.

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

-Luke 2:29

# SOLEMN BLESSING OF LIGHT (9:30)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as you are able.)

*O Light of Gentile Nations*



1. O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O Sav - ior from a -  
2. Yes, Lord, your ser - vants meet you In ev - 'ry ho - ly  
3. Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful Like Sim - eon to the



bove, Drawn by your Spir - it's lead - ing, We  
place Where your true word has prom - ised That  
end, So that his prayer ex - ult - ant May



come with joy and love To en - ter now your  
we should see your face. And still to - day you  
from our hearts as - cend: "O Lord, now let your



tem - ple And wait with watch - ful mind, As  
grant us, Who gath - er round you here, In  
ser - vant De - part in peace, I pray, Since



Sim - eon once had wait - ed His Sav - ior God to find.  
arms of faith to bear you, As did that a - ged seer.  
I have seen my Sav - ior, Have here be - held his day."

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## GREETING

## PENITENTIAL ACT

## GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we  
glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the  
sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

*(continued on page 5)*

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, a - men, a - men.

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**COLLECT** (*Please be seated after responding “Amen” to the prayer.*)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET MALACHI

3:1-4

Thus says the LORD GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner’s fire, or like the fuller’s lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

Lector:           The word of the Lord.  
 Assembly:       **Thanks be to God.**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (5:00, 7:30, 9:30)

*Psalm 24*



Who is this king of glo-ry? It is the Lord!

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may come in! **Refrain**

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. **Refrain**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;  
reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! **Refrain**

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory. **Refrain**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (NOON; 5:30)

*Psalm 24*



Who is the king of glo - ry? It is the



Lord, it is the Lord.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **Refrain**

Who is the king of glory? The LORD, the almighty, the valient;  
the LORD, the valient in war. **Refrain**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **Refrain**

Who is this king of glory? He, the LORD of hosts,  
he is the king of glory. **Refrain**

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## A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

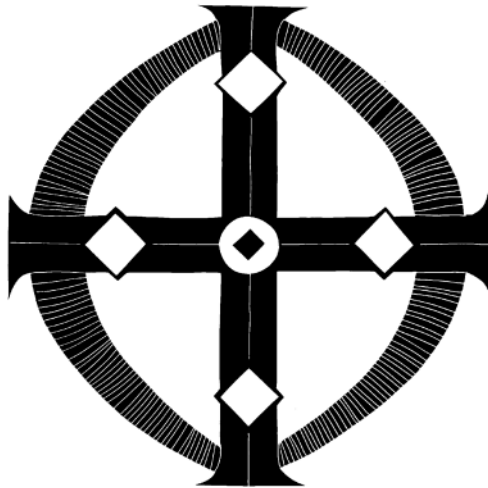
2:14-18

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector:           The word of the Lord.

Assembly:       **Thanks be to God.**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

A light of revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.

-Luke 2:29

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## A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

2:22-32

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

*(The acclamation is sung after the gospel.)*

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**HOMILY** *(Please be seated.)*

**DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS** (9:30)

Go in the peace of Christ to be  
nour-ished by the Word of God. God.

Look within, cleanse your heart Christ will heal your soul.

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**NICENE CREED** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

*(When reciting the words in bold, please bow your head.)*

**I**BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**INTERCESSIONS**

**COLLECTION FOR OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP** *(Please be seated.)*

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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

*Please stand, as you are able, at the bidding of the priest.*

5:00

*When to the Temple Mary Went*

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)  
Saint John the Evangelist Staff Singers  
Richard Gray III, director

7:30

*Christe, qui lux es et dies*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)  
"Christ, who is the light and day"

9:30

*Nunc Dimittis*

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)  
The Basilica Cathedral Choir

*Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace:  
Quia viderunt oculi meis salutare tuum  
Quod parasti ante faciem  
omnium populorum:  
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,  
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.*

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.

*Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto:  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,  
et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.  
Amen.*

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.

NOON; 5:30

*Love Burn Bright*  
Chris de Silva

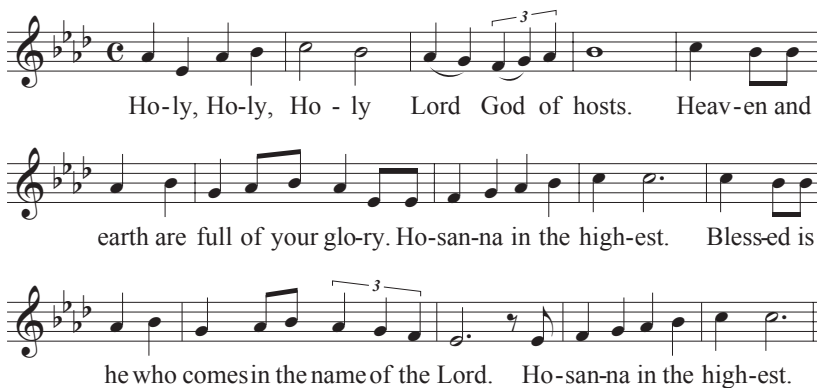
## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
Assembly: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise  
and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
Assembly: **And with your spirit.**  
Priest: Lift up your hearts.  
Assembly: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Assembly: **It is right and just.**

## PREFACE ACCLAMATION

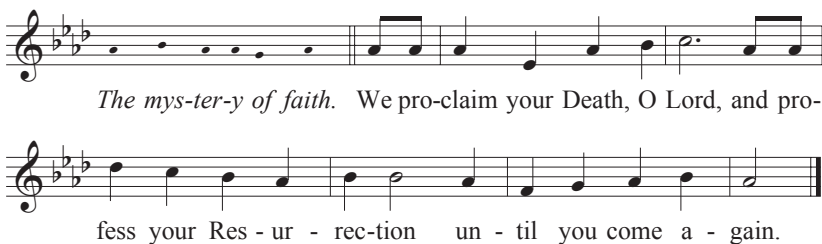


Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*(Please kneel as you are able.)*

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



The mys-ter-y of faith. We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-  
fess your Res - ur - rec-tion un - til you come a - gain.

## GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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# THE COMMUNION RITE

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GREETING OF PEACE

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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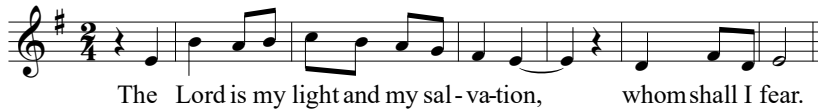
*(Please kneel as you are able.)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
Assembly: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

*The Lord Is My Light*



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## MEDITATION

5:00

*Ave Verum Corpus*  
Sarah MacDonlad (b.1968)  
Saint John the Evangelist Staff Singers  
Richard Gray III, director

9:30

*O Nata Lux*  
Morten Lauridsen (b.1943)  
The Basilica Cathedral Choir

*O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi  
dignare clemens supplicum  
laudes preces que sumere.*

O born light of light  
Jesus, redeemer of the world  
mercifully deem worthy and accept  
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.

*Qui carne quondam contegi  
dignatus es pro perditis.  
Nos membra confer effici,  
tui beati corporis.*

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost ones,  
grant us to be made members  
of your holy body.

-Ruth1:16-17

NOON; 5:30

*You Are My Shepherd*  
Zack Stachowski

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please stand as you are able.)*

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# CONCLUDING RITES

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**BLESSING OF CANDLES** (9:30; NOON)

**BLESSING AND SENDING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** (5:00; 7:30; 9:30)

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*



1. Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, Your  
2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, The  
3. This child shall see the rise, the fall, Of  
4. His moth - er's soul a sword shall pierce, Of  
5. Blest be the Fa - ther, who has giv'n His



word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
those in Is - ra - el, God's sign raised high for  
sor - row keen and deep; And se - cret thoughts of  
Son to be our Lord, Blest too that Son, and



- va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
all to see, Whom some shall yet de - ny.  
man - y hearts Through him shall be re - vealed.  
with them both The Spir - it of their love.

Text: Lk 2:29-32, 34-35; *Nunc dimittis*; James Quinn, SJ, b.1919, alt., © 1969.

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**BLESSING OF THROATS**

*To receive a blessing of your throat, please process to the front as you would for Communion.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN (NOON; 5:30)

*All the Ends of the Earth*

All the ends of the earth, all you crea-tures of the sea,  
lift up your eyes to the won - ders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth, the Mas-ter of the sea,  
has come with jus-tice for the world.

Text: Psalm 98: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943.

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## POSTLUDE

5:00

### *Three Choral Responses*

Amy Beach (1867-1944) )

Saint John the Evangelist Staff Singers

Richard Gray III, director

Nunc Dimittis | With Prayer and Supplication | Peace I Leave with You

5:00; 7:30; 9:30

### *Lumen and Revelationem Gentium*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

from *Six Antiennes pour le Temps de Noël, Op. 48*

“A light of revelation to the Gentiles”



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**IN THE YEAR OF SALVATION TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE**

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**THE BASILICA  
OF SAINT MARY**



COME CELEBRATE WITH US AGAIN  
SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS OF ANTICIPATION  
SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:30AM, NOON, 5:30PM