



The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Holy Eucharist | February 2, 2025

WELCOME!

You are invited to be a part of this community whether you're arriving for the first time or returning. This bulletin is intended to encourage and enable your enthusiastic participation.

The staffed Nursery is available for little ones during and following the 9:30 service.

St. David's Welcomes You

St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.

St. David's Mission Statement

We at St. David's Episcopal Church are devoted to loving and serving God, one another and the world. Honoring the dignity and freedom of all to seek God at their own pace, we connect our life stories with the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe our actions transform the world and ourselves.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

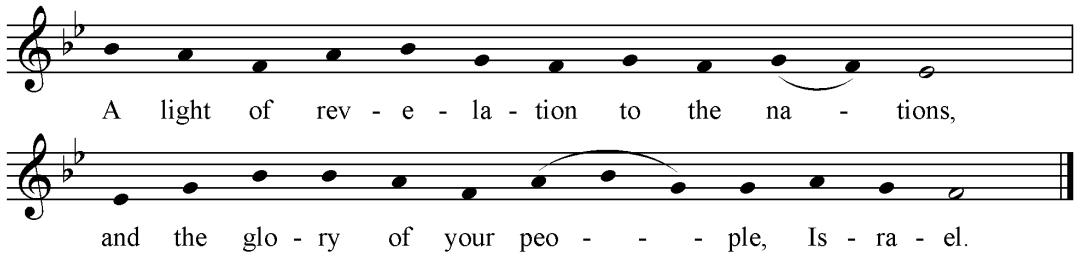
Welcome

Candlemas Procession

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.



Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path. *R*
Accept, O Lord, the homage of my lips, and teach me your decrees. *R*
Your will is my heritage forever, the joy of my heart. *R*
Other verses may be added.

Celebrant O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

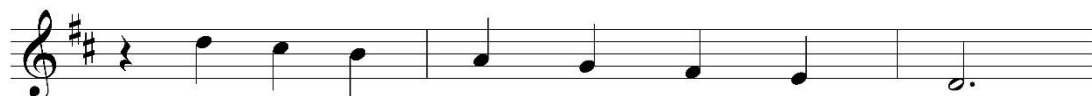
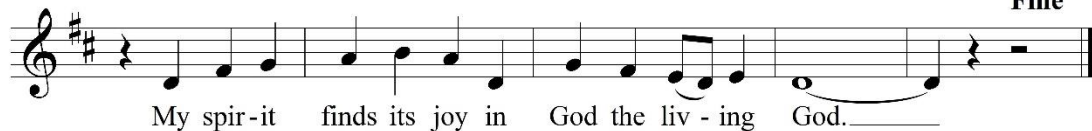
Procession

My Soul Rejoices (Magnificat)

Children ages 7-11 are invited to process out for The Peace Table, returning at the time of communion distribution.



Fine



2. Your mer - cy flows through - out the land

3. You cast the might - y from their thrones

4. You fill the hun - gry with good things.

5. Just as you pro - mised A - bra - ham,

D.C. al Fine



and ev - 'ry ge - ne - ra - tion knows your love.

and raise the poor and low - ly to new life.

With emp - ty hands you send the rich a - way.

you come to free your peo - ple, Is - ra - el.

Text: Luke 1: 46-55, Owen Alstott Music: Owen Alstott, ©1984, 1991, OCP Publications, Inc.

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.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

At 8:00, the psalm can be found on page 707 of the Book of Common Prayer.



1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of Hosts,
My soul is longing and yearning, yearning for the courts of the Lord.
2. My soul is longing and yearning, yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.
3. The sparrow herself finds a home, the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my king and my God.
4. They are happy who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise,
they are happy whose strength rests in you, in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.
5. Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob,
turn your eyes, O God our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

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Second Reading

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Long-Awaited Holy One

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn and reading of the Gospel.



1. Long - a - wait - ed Ho - ly One, Si - meon hailed you as God's Son.
2. Light of all the na - tions, shine! Show, to those who wait, a sign:
3. Ra - diance of God's ho - ly face, Shine your love in ev - 'ry place.



An - na wel - comed you with praise, Glad ful - fill - ment of _ her days.
God on earth, our host and guest, In our flesh made man - i - fest.
Splend - or of God's glo - ry _ bright, Lead us to e - ter - nal light!

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The 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 Rev. Guy Drake

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Commissioning of Congregational Leadership

Celebrant I present these people as wardens, members of the vestry, treasurer, clerk, and diocesan convention delegates.

People **The Lord gives wisdom; from God's mouth comes knowledge and understanding; God stores up sound wisdom for the upright and is a shield to those who walk in integrity.**

Leaders *I am your servant; grant me understanding; that I may know your decrees, O God.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all

courage: Enlighten with your grace these leaders, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Wardens, Members of the Vestry, Treasurer, Clerk, and Convention Delegates of St. David's.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively. Please join in reading the bold text.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the people of Israel and Gaza, for immigrants and refugees, for this community, the nation, and the world.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

We pray for... and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Craig, our Bishop; and for all clergy and lay ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for the myriad gifts offered by people of color as we celebrate Black History Month, and for all the blessings of this life.

(Please offer your own thanksgivings, silently or aloud).

We will exalt you, O God our Creator;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

You are invited to be seated, to kneel or to remain standing.

All

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We Share in Holy Communion

Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are presented. You may be seated until the singing of the Doxology, when we ask that you stand once more.

Offertory

The Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

I

Lord, now let thy servant go in peace, according to thy word,
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the sight of all people:
a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people, Israel.

II

The Word uncircumscribed, above all being, who rides in glory on the heavenly thrones,
Symeon takes into his arms and cries, 'Now release me, according to your word, my Saviour,
the salvation and delight of the faithful'. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

When he saw you, the Word begotten from the Father before the ages, as an infant,
wondrous Simeon cried out, 'I quake and tremble to hold you in my hands, my Master.'
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Now let the heavenly gate be opened. God the Word, begotten beyond time from the Father,
has been born from a Virgin, taking flesh, for he wishes to call back mortal nature
and set it at the Father's right hand. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Text: Byzantine vespers for the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple
Music: (1) Sergei Glagolev; (2) Roger Stratton, based on Slavonic chant

Doxology

On the first Sunday of each month we bring items forward to be donated to the ICA Food Shelf.



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The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.____

17 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.____ Ho - san - na in the high-est.____

26 Bles - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est,____ ho - san - na in the high-est.____

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon

Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with David and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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



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



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace, — grant us peace.

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The Communion

We invite all people regardless of age or denomination to share in the Holy Communion at the Lord's table. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. When receiving from the common cup, please do not intinct (dip the bread in the wine). If you wish to receive only the bread, you may remain in place at the rail, crossing your arms across your chest when the chalice bearer presents the cup, or return to your seat after receiving the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you will not be receiving communion you are invited to receive a blessing. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Hymns *Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple*



1. Ma-ry and Jo - seph came to the tem - ple brought the boy Je - sus,
2. An-na had prayed there, wid - owed, long wait - ing, wor - ship - ing God by
3. Si - me - on sings now: God prof - fers bles - sing, bril - liant - ly gild - ing



of - fered him there. Faith - ful ones wait - ed, want - ing to greet him;
day and by night. Now she is prais - ing, filled with e - la - tion:
dawn of his day. Light in the dark - ness, nev - er ex - tin - guished,



long had they sought him, so - lace for care.
here is God's pro - mise, Christ is her light.
Light of all na - tions, light up our way.

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Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace (Be Our Light)



1. Now let your ser - vant go in peace; let praise and
 2. Be - fore the peo - ples you pre - pare your way of
 3. Child, you are chos - en as a sign to test the
 4. Now let us sing our Sav - ior's praise, and tell God's



bless - ing here in - crease; for in our midst your word is done and
 life — which all may share. Your sav - ing pow'r is now made known; a -
 hu - man heart and mind; For se - crets hid - den in the night shall
 good - ness all our days. While breath is ours, let praise be heard for



you have sent your Pro - mised One. _____
 mong the na - tions love is shown. _____
 be re - vealed in pierc - ing light. _____
 God's own faith - ful, sav - ing word. _____

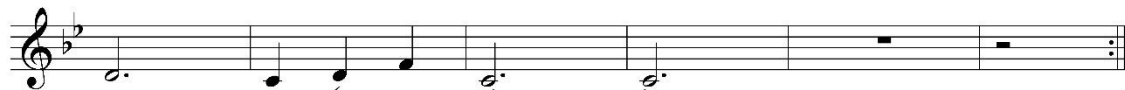
Refrain



Be our light _____ in the dark-ness. Be our hope _____ in the night.



Be the One we've longed _____ and wait - ed for: a



life born _____ a - new. _____

Verse text: Luke 2:29-35, para. Ruth Duck, ©1992 GIA Publications, Inc.; Verse music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR Refrain: ©2025 Roger Stratton

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

On those days when the parish sends out Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those who cannot attend the liturgy, the Bread is presented to the Visitors at the altar, using this form.

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share the one bread and the one cup.**

Prayer after Communion

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

We Go into the World in God's Name

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe, who in your steadfast love made a covenant with your people Israel and consummated it through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ: Let these servants' covenant promises be a sign of your mercy, forgiveness, and ardent desire; that through their common life, you may bind up the broken-hearted, and reconcile all things in heaven and on earth; in the power of your life-giving Spirit. Amen.

The Blessing

Departing

Jesus, the Light of the World

1. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je - sus, the light of the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored,
3. Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise,
world. Hail the sun of right - eous - ness! Je - sus, the
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
Join the tri - umph of the skies;
light of the world. We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful light,
come where the dew-drops of mer-cy shine bright. Oh, shine all a -
round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the light of the world.

Text and music: George Elderkin, verses by Charles Wesley

Dismissal

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Cover art: *Center Christ*

Digital painting by Lauren Wright Pittman, Inspired by Luke 2:22-40

Artist's reflection:

This passage highlights postures of faithfulness. After intense interactions with angels and seemingly impossible directives from God, Mary and Joseph remain faithful to the Mosaic law. Despite a long life of anticipation, Simeon remains faithfully diligent, awaiting the coming Messiah. After losing her husband and living a long, solitary life, Anna faithfully worships, fasts, and prays at the temple. Their faithful journeys converge at the temple where Jesus is to be designated holy before the Lord.

I wanted the composition of this image to emphasize the focus of the actions and words of Simeon and Anna. Instead of centering themselves, they center Christ. In the patterning of their clothes, I created icons to visually express the particularity of each person. Jesus is held high while swaddled in cloth patterned in imagery of radiant starlight and olive branches of peace. Simeon's sleeves are covered with imagery of doves, referencing the Holy Spirit who rested upon him, and eyes representing his witnessing of "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The prophet Anna needed no explanation of who the child was; she immediately praised God and shared the Good News with everyone who would listen. Her clothing is patterned with sound waves echoing the light of Christ.

Silence was not an option for either Simeon or Anna, and in the midst of such desperate need for peace and justice in this world, silence is not an option for us either. Faithfulness moves us to action, calls on us to speak of God's dream for this weary world. May we not be silent, and may our faithful journeys lead us to miraculous encounters with God.

Want to read more about what's going on at St. David's? Visit our website stdavidsparish.org or check out the weekly email for announcements!



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