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The Presentation of Our Lord

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

- ♪ Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place. Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- ♪ Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
- ♪ Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
- ♪ Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.
- ♪ Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

**O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!**

*Psalms 84:4; 12*

*A Time of Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God our merciful Father:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have turned away from You and from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent of our sins and humbly beg Your mercy through Jesus Christ to forgive us all that is past and to move us by Your Spirit to serve You faithfully in the days to come. Amen.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“This Is the Feast”

~This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

♪ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

Whose blood set us free to be people of God. ~This is the feast...

♪ Power, riches, wisdom and strength,

And honor, blessing, and glory are His. ~This is the feast...

♪ Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

~This is the feast...

♪ For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. ~This is the feast....

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## Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1:21–28

<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever.” <sup>23</sup>Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.”

And he worshiped the Lord there.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

Hebrews 2:14–18

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the

service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

♪ Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;

Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

~Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

♪ Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night,

God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. ~Come...

♪ Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;

Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. ~Come...

♪ Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,

Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. ~Come...

*Please Stand*

♪ All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One. ~Come....

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>And 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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and

prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

### Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

### The Hymn

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

- ♪ Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- ♪ Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- ♪ Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
- ♪ Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- ♪ Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- ♪ Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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### Proclamation of the Word

“As Special As Simeon!”

Luke 2:22–40

### Offering and Musical Offering

#### Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

*Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (vv. 1&2)

- ♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- ♪ Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

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### Lord's Prayer

### Words of Our Lord

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Distribution Hymns *Please Be Seated*

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

- ♪ Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the Undeiled, To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.
- ♪ Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth Glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.
- ♪ Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undeiled But no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!

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“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

- ♪ Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way; Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
- ♪ Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear, For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
- ♪ Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home. Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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## Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

“When Peace Like a River”

- ♪ When peace, like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
~It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.
- ♪ Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. ~It...
- ♪ He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! ~It...
- ♪ And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. ~It....

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## Postlude