



Holy Eucharist

The Presentation of Our Lord
Jesus Christ in the Temple

February 2, 2025

10:30 AM



TRINITY
Episcopal Church

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Almost everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this worship bulletin. The only additional item you will need is a hymnal for the hymns that are listed. The main hymnal we use is located in the back of the pew ahead of you (blue book). We typically only use one other hymnal (LEVAS—Lift Every Voice and Sing) and this hymnal is located in the corner of your pew seat. The greeters are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. Restrooms are located on the lower level. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so that we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

About Today's Service

Today the Church celebrates our Lord's presentation to God on the fortieth day after his birth in obedience to the Jewish Law. This is a moment of manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah when Old and New Testament come together in the testimony of the aged priest Simeon and the prophet Anna. The words of Simeon are a regular feature of the Church's evening liturgies.

The first reading from Malachi reflects the hope of the prophets for the coming of the Messiah and the inauguration of God's reign over all the earth.

The second reading is from Hebrews. The writer explains that Jesus' work as Savior is made possible because he is God incarnate, fully human and fully divine. God saved the human race not from the outside but by entering into the world and becoming human and, having taking humanity into the divine life, redeemed the human race.

We return today to the joy of Christmas and in our liturgy we witness to the presence of God in the world coming to us in Bread and Wine and coming to the world through us, the Body of Christ.

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The Holy Eucharist

In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayers,
please observe silence upon entering the church.

"Be still and know that I am God." -Psalm 46:10

The Greeting

Opening Hymn: O Gracious Light. Lord Jesus Christ

Hymnal 25

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The following is sung, all standing as able

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,***

***You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;***

***You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.***

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,*

*You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says

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 Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Please be seated for the readings

A reading from the Prophet Malachi.

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.***

Please remain seated

The Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

1 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.

2 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.

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

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

5 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.

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

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

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

9 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.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.***

Sequence Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal 324

Please stand as able

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Please remain standing as able

Priest 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to You, Lord Christ***

Sermon

Reverend Brian Chace

Nicene Creed

Please stand as able and together say

**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

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 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.

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 for all bishops and other ministers. We pray especially for the Standing Committee of The Diocese of The Great Lakes. We pray for our supply priest, Brian, and all our lay leaders.

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray especially for all of those whose lives are impacted by the wars in Israel and Ukraine. We pray for those individuals and families who are impacted by gun violence. We pray for those impacted by climate change across the world. We pray for those individuals and health care workers battling Covid-19, flu or other viruses at this time of the year. We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially all who are listed in our worship bulletin that commend themselves to our prayers.

Please add those whom you would like to pray for—either aloud or silently.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings either aloud or silently

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Priest concludes

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

All kneel as able.

The celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

The Priest and People together say

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

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

Peace

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements - Sharing of God's Blessings.

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology

Singing together

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Singing together

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen***

The Celebrant then continues

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

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Table is ready. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

Hymnal 517

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please keep in your prayers this week...



Jim Harriott	Bobby Dack	Corbin Ride
Victor Schreffler	Barbara McCabe	Carter Riddle
Lindsey Nothnagel	Andy & Diana Oberdick	Rod
Gene Hutchins	Brandon W.	Rick Webber
Bill & Marlene Sawyer	Nadine & Gary Morse	Dylan Miles
Bonnie Orgovan	The Singh Family	Colette
Jim Brewer	Steve & OK Pun Poling	David
Tom Olson	Pam Levere	Alex
Donna Voss	Sylvia	Keith
Mary Claire	Ryan	Mary Lou Schreffler
Shawn Willis	Nora Tompkins-Kisby	Jennifer & Shorty Karschner
Fred & Karen Harvey	Tracy	Robin
Basilios Demetrios Tsermengas	Heather Taylor	Ryan Shaw

February 2025	<u>2nd</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>16th</u>	<u>23rd</u>
	The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ *w/Healing Service	The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Service	Service of Holy Communion	Liturgy of the Word	Service of Holy Communion	Liturgy of the Word
Clergy Worship Leader	Priest: The Rev. Brian Chace	Worship Leader: Martha Bamfield	Priest: The Rev. Brian Chace	Worship Leader: Luke Stefanovsky
Lector	Victor Schreffler	Gene Turkelson	Leah Wolf	Chuck Sheich
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Victor Schreffler	X	Leah Wolf	X
Intercessor	Leah Wolf	Jane Allstetter	Rebecca Schreffler	Martha Bamfield
Altar Guild	Martha Bamfield	Carol Scheich	Chris Anderson	Martha Bamfield
Greeters	Martha Bamfield & Luke Stefanovsky	Tom Olson	Gene & Jane Hutchins	Carol & Chuck Scheich
Livestream	Tom Olson	Tom Olson	Tom Olson	Tom Olson
Organist	Carol Shaw	Carol Shaw	Carol Shaw	Carol Shaw
Acolyte	Martha Bamfield	X	Luke Stefanovsky	X
Bulletin	Debra Heisler	Carol Scheich	Martha Bamfield	Debra Heisler



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down-at-heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 or 20+ years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We're not that keen on it either. We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost looking for the Historical Society museum and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters and you.

From a sign posted at Coventry Cathedral in England,
context edited slightly for
Trinity Episcopal Church, West Branch, Michigan

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Reverend Brian Chace
Lector: Victor Schreffler
LEM: Victor Schreffler
Intercessor: Leah Wolf
Acolyte: Martha Bamfield
Organist: Carol Shaw
Altar Preparation: Martha Bamfield
Greeters: Luke Stefanovsky & Martha Bamfield
Live Stream: Tom Olson
Bulletin: Debra Heisler
Coffee Hour: x

There are plenty of opportunities to host coffee hour.
The sign-up sheet is in the serving window of the kitchen.

Vestry Members: Carol Scheich, Frank Stewart, Gene Hutchins, Debra Heisler,
Martha Bamfield, Chris Anderson, Deb Drys, and Leah Wolf.

Our mission is to support all on their journey toward a deeper relationship
with God, one another and all creation through worship, pastoral care,
fellowship and outreach.

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