



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD  
FEBRUARY 2, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.  
HOLY EUCHARIST

**HYMNALS WE USE: H82 (Blue); LEVAS (Black and Red); WLP (Green)**

## PRELUDE

### THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING RITE

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise to the Holiest in the height

H82 #445

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* May God 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.**

## THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

*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.**

## 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 READING

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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

H82 #259

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Hail to the Lord who comes

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*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.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

## 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:  
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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Intervenor* For work and ministry within our Diocese, remembering especially: St. Mark's Church, Dorchester; St. Mary's Church, Dorchester; the Epiphany School, Dorchester; and the Diocesan Council, that we may be witnesses of Christ's Gospel of love to all people.

*People* **Enlighten the Church, O God.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Julia, our Bishop; and for all Bishops, that they may shine as beacons of hope to a sometimes hopeless world.

**Enlighten our Leaders, O God.**

For the clergy, and all who minister in the church, that they may proclaim with zeal, and pastor with tenderness.

**Enlighten our Ministers, O God.**

For this community of faith, that we may awaken to the needs and gifts of those around us and become servants of others for Christ's sake.

**Enlighten our Imaginations, O God.**

For Donald, our President, and Maura, our Governor, and Michelle, our Mayor; that they and all persons in public authority may be people of trust and serve the common good.

**Enlighten our State, O God.**

For ourselves, that we may take to heart the plight of the poor and the outcast, those who are homeless and destitute, and any who suffer due to human greed.

**Enlighten our Conscience, O God.**

For those among us who are sick and infirm, especially Kafi, Chris, Alexis, Marilyn, Marcia, Ken, Emerson, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Bob, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), that they may be delivered from their pain and distress and restored to wholeness of life.

**Enlighten our Darkness, O God.**

For those who live in fear for their lives, their families, and their homes, especially all those suffering in the wake of the fires in California, and all those in war-torn parts of the world, that their cries for mercy may be heard and their lives of dignity restored.

**Enlighten our World, O God.**

For those who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), that they may know God's peace and perfect freedom in a kingdom that is forever.

**Enlighten our Hopes, O God.**

That God's light may shine in the hearts of all people and that our hearts may be turned to one another that your name may be glorified not only with our lips but in our lives.

**Enlighten our Hearts, O God.**

As you were manifested in a stable stall, as you were manifested in a miracle of water and of wine, as you were manifested in the radiance of the transfiguration,

**Enlighten our Lives and be manifested to the world through us.**

*Celebrant* O God, hear the prayers of your people, and what we have asked in our need, grant us in your light, all for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The Peace of Christ be always with you.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

Love divine, all loves excelling

*Please stand as you are able.*

H82 #657

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

RITE II B

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Christ, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,**

**We proclaim Christ's resurrection,**

**We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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 forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

H82 #S148

*Celebrant*  
 As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*  
 Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
 Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,  
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

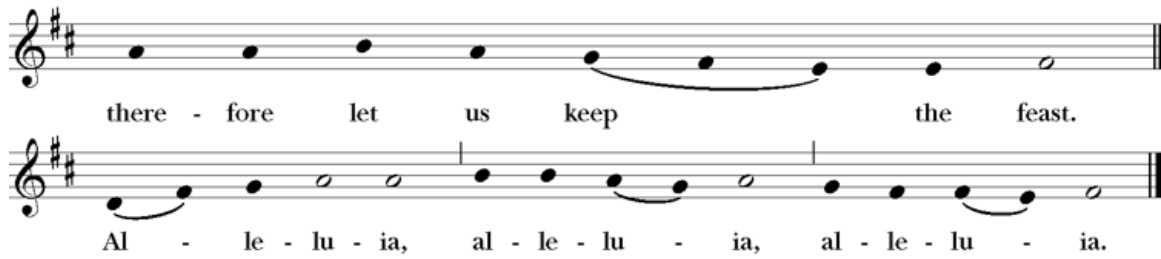
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

H82 #S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members  
of your Son Jesus Christ,  
and feed us with spiritual food  
in this sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace  
to do your work of reconciliation  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit  
may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.**

### BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose power our savior Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and free you from all sin. **Amen.**

May Jesus Christ, whose coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who was present at the dawning of creation and at the holy child's nativity, present us holy and acceptable to God's kingdom which is forever. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

Angels, from the realms of glory

H82 #93

### DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace, to proclaim God's Word made flesh. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

