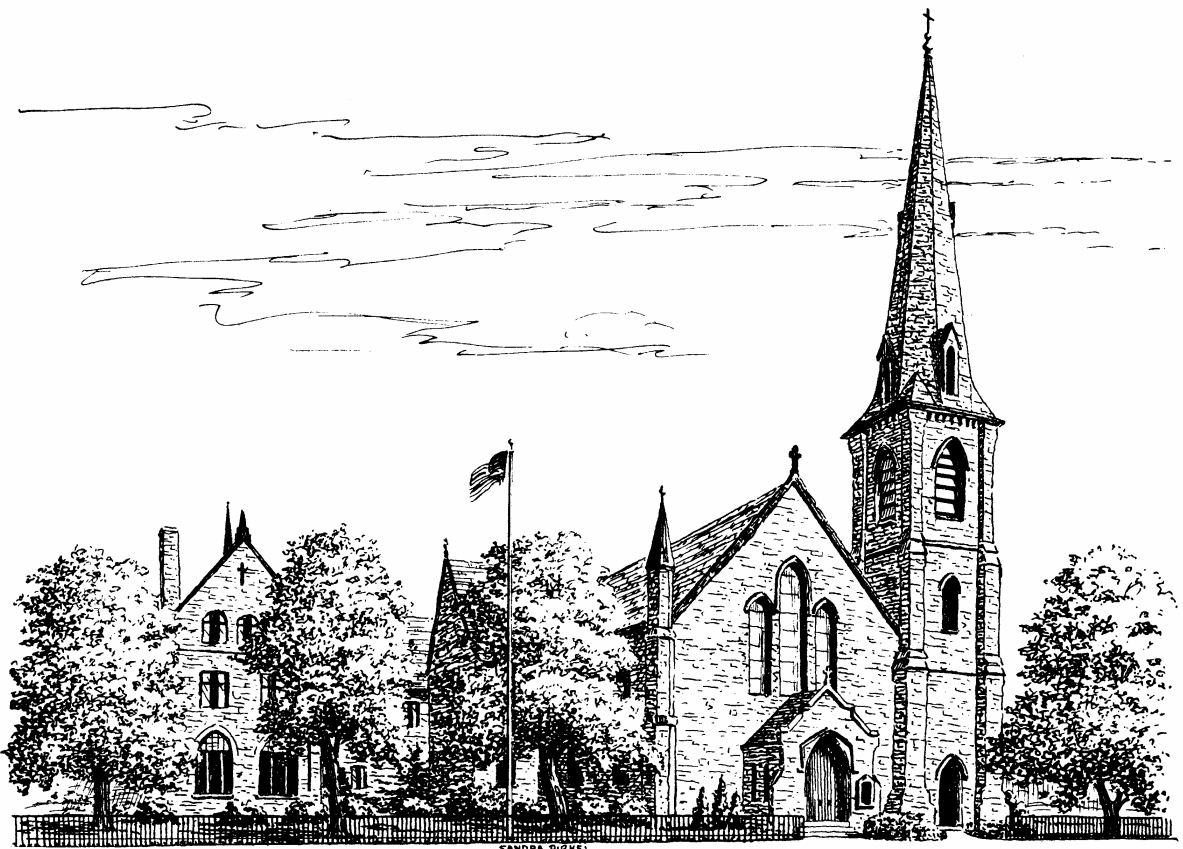


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# THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

FEBRUARY 1, 2009

*Welcome to Grace Church! Please be sure to turn your cell phone off when you enter. Silence will aid an atmosphere of prayer.*

## THE BLESSING OF CANDLES AND PROCESSION

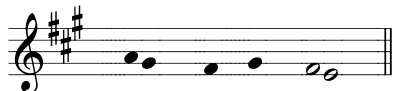
### Entrance

*The people, holding unlighted candles, assemble in the church as usual. They face Broad Street as the ministers enter. The Celebrant greets the people, singing*



Light and peace in Je- sus Christ our Lord.

*The people respond*



Thanks be to God.

*The people's candles are lighted while the Nunc Dimittis is sung.*

### Nunc Dimittis

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



A light to en- light- en the na- tions and the glo- ry of your



peo- ple Is- ra- el.

Lord, you now have set your servant free, to go in peace as you have promised. *All repeat the refrain*

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see. *All repeat the refrain*

A light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. *All repeat the refrain*



**At the Chancel Step**



∇ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart.



⊗ I will bow down toward your ho-ly tem-ple and bless your Name.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The choir sings the Introit as the ministers proceed to the altar.*

**Introit—Suscepimus**

Mode 1

We have waited, O God, for your loving-kindness in the midst of your temple; your praise like your Name reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice. *Ps.* Great is the Lord and highly to be praised: in the city of our God is his holy hill. (*Psalms 48*)

**Gloria in excelsis Deo**

James McGregor  
after Joseph D'Houdimont

*Organ*

*Voices*



Glo-ry to God in the



high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on—earth.



*(organ)*

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-



migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



*(organ)*

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the



Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;  
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re-  
 ceive our prayer. *(organ)* For you a-lone are the  
 Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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.  
*(organ)* A—men.

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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 people extinguish their candles.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading—Malachi 3: 1–4

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.

**Gradual**—Psalm 84: 1–6

Arr. by James McGregor

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



How dear to me is your dwell- ing, O Lord of hosts!

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. 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.

*All repeat refrain*

Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

*All repeat refrain*

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

*All repeat refrain*

**Second Reading**—Hebrews 2: 14–18

Since, therefore, the 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.

*A brief period of silence is observed.*

**Hymn 257**



### Prayers of the People—Form VII

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church throughout the world: that the Lord God would deign to keep it in unity, peace, and safety.

*Here and after each petition is sung*



℣. Lord, in your mer-cy,   ℟. Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Mark our bishop, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all who minister in Christ's holy Church: that in their various callings they may serve God faithfully and devoutly.

Let us pray for all who do not know God as he is revealed in Jesus Christ: that the light of the Gospel may shine in their hearts.

Let us pray for all the nations and peoples of the world, and for those who bear authority among them: that in all their doings they may seek both peace and justice.

Let us pray for the sick and the sorrowful, the hungry and the homeless, the desolate and the oppressed: that the Father of mercies would strengthen, support, and relieve them.

Let us pray for the faithful departed: that the Lord our God would grant them refreshment, light, and peace.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant 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.*

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.



## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Antiphon—Diffusa est gratia

Mode 8

Grace is poured out upon your lips because God has blessed you forever and for evermore. (*Psalm 45*)

### Canticle—Nunc Dimittis

Henry Purcell

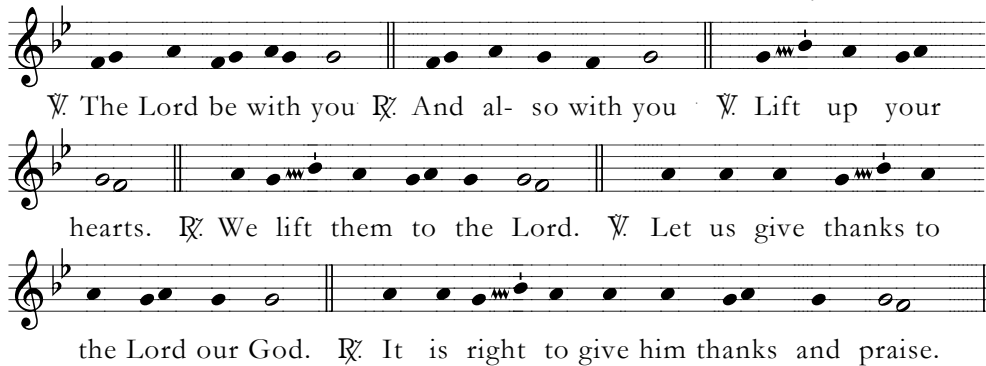
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Hymn 259

#### Eucharistic Prayer B

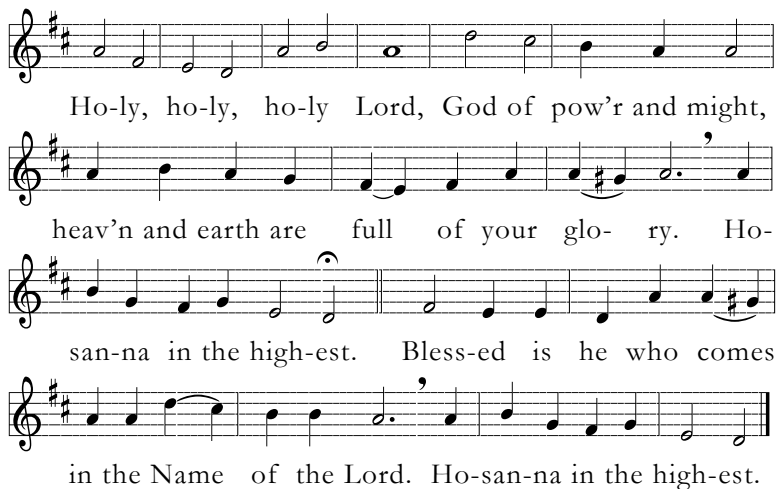
*Sanctus* arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens



∩ 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 him 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. 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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

*The people remain standing. 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 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 re- mem- ber his death, We pro- claim his re- sur- rec- tion,

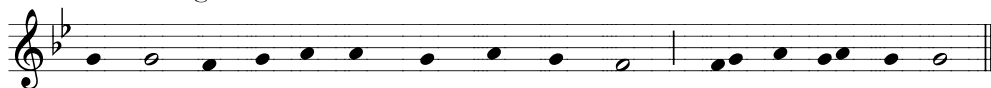


We a- wait his com- ing in glo- ry;

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

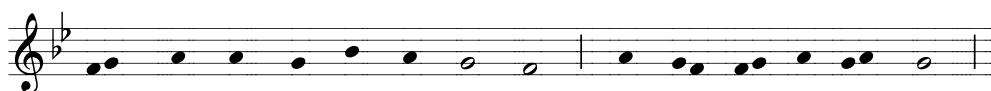
### Lord's Prayer

*The Celebrant begins*



And now as our Sa- vior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All continue*



Our Fa- ther, who art in hea- ven, hal- low- ed be thy Name,

thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
 hea- ven. Give us this day our dai- ly bread, and for-give us our tres-  
 pass-es, as we for-give those who tres- pass a- gainst us. And lead us  
 not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de-liv- er us from e- vil. For thine is the  
 king-dom and the pow'r and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

**Agnus Dei**—*Communion Service in C*

Everett Titcomb

**Holy Communion**

*This is an open altar and all who are baptized and desire to receive the Body and Blood of Christ are invited to do so. If you have difficulty with steps, there is a hand rail on the far side of the pulpit to assist you or you may inform an usher and communion will be brought to you at your seat. Please move toward the aisle to receive.*

**Communion Antiphon**—Responsum est Simeon

Mode 8

It was revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord's anointed. (*Luke 2*)

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Pour your grace, O Lord, into the hearts of those who have received these holy gifts: and as you fulfilled your promise to Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the Christ, grant that we, going forth from this table, may meet the Lord face to face and enter into the fullness of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Seasonal Blessing and Dismissal**

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.*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 618**

**Organ**—Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV 149

Dietrich Buxtehude