

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Simile est regnum caelorum

Tomás Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)

PRELUDE

Nunc Dimittis

Buck McDaniel
(b. 1994)

*The People stand as the Choir and Ministers process to the Narthex entrance to the Nave.
The People, holding unlit candles, turn to face the Celebrant who greets them with these words*

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Celebrant says

BELOVED in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The People's candles are lighted as the Choir sings

INTROIT

Plainsong (Mode I)

SUSCEPIMUS Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio templi tui:
Secundum nomen tuum Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terrae:
Justitia plena est dextera tua.

Ps. Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis: in civitate Dei nostri, in monte sancto eius.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Suscepimus Deus . . .

*We have waited, O God, for thy lovingkindness in the midst of thy temple:
According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise also unto the world's end;
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.*

*Ps. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
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.*

We have waited . . .

Psalm 47:9, 10, 1



The People hold their candles high as the Celebrant then says the following prayer

Let us pray.

GOD our Father, source of all light, today thou hast revealed to the aged Simeon thy light which enlightens all nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon sings

Let us go forth in peace.

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

OLD 120TH

1. Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his tem - ple gate!
2. But borne up - on the throne Of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
3. There Jo - seph at her side In rev - erent won - der stands;
4. Hail to the great First - born, Whose ran - som price they pay!
5. O Light of all the earth, Thy chil - dren wait for thee!

Not with his an - gel host, Not in his king - ly state;
Watched by her du - teous love, In her fond arms at rest;
And, filled with ho - ly joy, Old Si - meon in his hands
The Son be - fore all worlds, the Child of man to - day,
Come to thy tem - ples here, That we, from sin set free,

No shouts pro - claim him nigh, No crowds his com - ing wait;
Thus to his Fa - ther's house He comes, the heav'n - ly guest.
Takes up the prom - ised Child, The glo - ry of all lands.
That he might ran - som us Who still in bon - dage lay.
Be - fore thy Fa - ther's face May all pre - sent - ed be!



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord.

The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24:7-10

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Barnby*)

DOMINE EST TERRA

LIFT up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors :
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors :
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

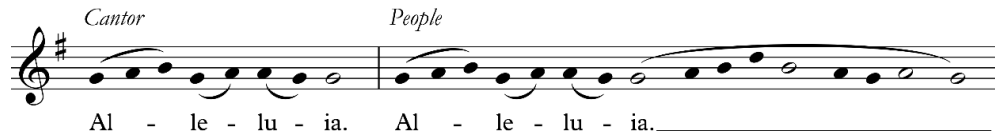
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Cantor A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark D. Schultz
Associate for Pastoral Care

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;



who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

IN the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

William Byrd
(1543-1623)

HODIE beata Virgo Maria puerum Jesum presentavit in templo,
Et Simeon, repletus Spiritu Sancto, accepit eum in ulnas suas,
et benedixit Deum in aeternum.

*Today the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the child Jesus in the temple,
and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, received Him into his arms,
and began to bless God, whom he blesseth unto all eternity.*

Magnificat Antiphon, Second Vespers, Feast of the Presentation



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

IT is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond **AMEN.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People

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 - pas - ses,
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 power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant says

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

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I
may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope,



of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

William Byrd

NUNC dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*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.*

Luke 2:29-31

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

The Celebrant says

CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.
People **Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.
People **Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.
People **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always.
People **Amen.**

The People stand and the people's candles are then lighted.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go, in the light and peace of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

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Adagio D-dur

Nicolaus Bruhns
(1665-1697)



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Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line.

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