

# Presentation of the Lord



## Holy Eucharist & Baptism Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 10:30 AM Church of the Redeemer

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Today we are celebrating the Presentation of the Lord. This is when Jesus was presented at the temple 40 days after his birth, a common celebration of his time. Even as a baby, he was recognized as the one to bring change to the world.

As the liturgy unfolds, enjoy the margin notes as a brief explanation and commentary, making the words more understandable, and meaningful for worship.

**Presider:** Liska Stefko

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement**

Opening Hymn: #111 (SANC) "In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"

*All rise, as you are able, and sing*



1. In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness  
2. Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing,  
3. Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing  
4. God of Hag - ar, God of Sar - ah,



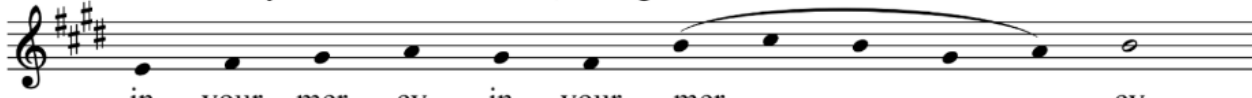
long be - fore the first light shone,  
you are cons - tant, firm, and sure,  
on - ly in your match - less grace,  
God of no - mad A - bra - ham,



you, O God, bey - ond all mer - it,  
faith - ful to your cov - enant prom - ise.  
send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,  
God of Mir - iam, God of Mos - es,



worked a won - der faith makes known:  
Trust - ing you, we live se - cure,  
Word made flesh in time and space:  
Fier - y Pil - lar, great I AM:



in your mer - cy, in your mer - cy,  
sing - ing prais - es, sing - ing prais - es  
Friend and Sav - iour, Friend and Sav - iour,  
lead us home - ward, lead us home - ward



you em - braced us as your own  
long as heart and breath en - dure,  
in whose life we glimpse your face  
to the love - feast of the Lamb



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
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## The Gathering of the Community

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* There is one body and one Spirit,

*All:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Priest:* One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*All:* **One God and Father of all.**

## Collect of the Day

*Priest:* God of love, you gave your Son  
to be a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
With Simeon and Anna  
and all who hail redemption's happy dawn,  
may we sing your praise and proclaim salvation  
in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading:

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

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:* This is the word that God has made known to us.

Malachi 3.1-4

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Pronounced "CALL-ect," the Collect of the Day is the prayer we say together that unites us in worship and praise. It focuses on the theme of the day and "collects" us to the service.

As we know of no prophet named Malachi, it is likely that this book is named simply for the messenger ("malaki" is the Hebrew word for "my messenger.") The prophet addresses his message of judgment to the corrupt priests in the Temple leadership, both condemning them for their injustices and providing hope in the form of a future messenger from God, who will come to judge, purify and end the era of waywardness. Elijah was the messenger expected.

## Sequence Song: #24 (SANC) "I Have Called You By Your Name"

*All rise, as you are able, and sing*

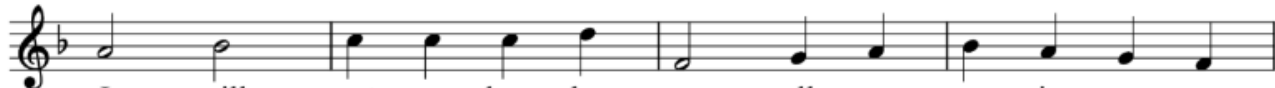
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1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;  
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;  
4. I have giv - en you a name, it is mine;



I have gift - ed you and ask you now to shine.  
read it writ - ten in my peo - ple, help them grow.  
feel it puls - ing in cre - a - tion's ebb and flow.  
I have giv - en you my Spir - it as a sign.



I will not a - ban - don you; all my prom - is - es are  
Pour the wa - ter in my name, speak the word your soul can  
Like the wom - an reach - ing out, choos - ing faith in spite of  
With my won - der in your soul, make my wound - ed chil - dren



true. You are gift - ed, called, and chos - en; you are mine.  
claim, of - fer Je - sus' bod - y, giv - en long a - go.  
doubt, hold the hem of Je - sus' robe, then let it go.  
whole; go and tell my pre - cious peo - ple they are mine.

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*We turn and face the Gospel as it is processed to the midst of the gathered community.*

*We do this as a sign of respect and to symbolize that*

*its message is at the centre of our lives and its truth is always before our eyes.*

## The Gospel

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 turtle-doves 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.

The Sequence Hymn/Song (from Latin "sequentiae", meaning "following") is a hymn/ song that is sung after the second reading and before the reading of the Gospel.

Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple to fulfill two requirements of the Mosaic Law. 40 days after childbirth a woman needed to be ritually purified before a priest and so would come to offer a sacrifice.

The Law also demanded that every firstborn male be consecrated to God. The journey of the Holy Family to the Temple that day also set the stage for Jesus' recognition by two key figures in the Temple leadership and Jewish community. Simeon and Anna recognize this baby as the long-awaited Messiah of God and prophesy about his future impact on the people of God and the world.

The homily (Greek "homilia", meaning "conversation") gathers the themes of the readings, articulating what they meant for its audiences, and what they mean for us today.

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 for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped 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 favour of God was upon him.

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 2.22-40

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Homily:** Susan Haig

*A moment of silence is observed.*

## ✠ Holy Baptism

### Presentation of the Candidate

*The Priest addresses the people, saying,*

*Priest:* The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Sponsors:* We present Declan Edward O'Donnell to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Priest:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

*Parents & Sponsors:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents & Sponsors:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents & Sponsors:* I renounce them.

*Priest:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents & Sponsors:* I renounce them.

*Priest:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents & Sponsors:* I renounce them.

*Priest:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

*Parents & Sponsors:* I do.

*Priest:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents & Sponsors:* I do.

*Priest:* Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

*Parents & Sponsors:* I do.

*The congregation stands, the Priest addresses the people, saying,*

*Priest:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

*All:* **We will.**

*Priest:* Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **Baptismal Covenant**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*All:* **I believe in God,  
The Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*All:* **I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*All:* **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Priest:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

The purpose of the homily (from the Greek "homilia," meaning "conversation"), or sermon, is to unpack the readings of the liturgy in a way that we understand what they meant for those for whom they were written, and to bring those words to life for us today.

Baptism is the sacramental act where one is welcomed into the community of Christ. Through baptism, we are called God's own, and sent into the world with the great privilege of loving one another in ministry and mission.

The Baptismal Covenant recalls the "Apostle's Creed," a statement of faith that dates from the second century. These ancient words attempt to speak the faith with one voice in a world, just as today, needing unity.

*Priest:* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
And respect the dignity of every human being?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,  
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

*Prayers are offered for the candidate.*

*Leader:* Let us now pray for Declan who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

*Leader:* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized  
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son,  
may live in the power of his resurrection  
and look for him to come again in glory;  
who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **✠ The Celebration of Baptism**

*Water is poured into the font. The Priest blesses it saying,*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*The Priest then pours water over the candidate saying,*

*Priest:* Declan Edward, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The Priest makes the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead saying,*

*Priest:* I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

*The Priest prays over the newly baptized, saying,*

*Priest:* Heavenly Father,  
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have bestowed upon Declan the forgiveness of sin,  
and have raised him to the new life of grace.  
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.  
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,  
the courage to will and to persevere,  
a spirit to know and to love you,  
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **The Giving of the Light**

*A candle is given to the newly baptized, the priest saying,*

*Priest:* Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*All:* **Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

*Priest:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All:* **We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*The priest presents the newly baptized to the community.*

As we sing the Offertory Hymn, we have the opportunity to worship God by giving from the abundance of what we have. This is not obligatory, but is another way of expressing our love to God, and our gratefulness for all that God has given us.

## The Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**



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## Offertory Hymn: #559 (Gather) "Shout for Joy"

*All sing*



1. Shout for joy	loud and long,	God be praised
2. By God's word	all was made,	Heav'n and earth,
3. Yet our pride	makes us fall!	So Christ came
4. Now has Christ	tru - ly ris'n,	And his spir -
5. Rich and poor,	we will sing,	Hear - ing words
6. So we stand	with our song!	We will work



with a song!	To our God	we be - long—
light and shade,	Na - ture's won -	ders dis - played,
for us all—	Not the right -	eous to call—
it is giv'n	To all those	un - der heav'n
that will ring,	Bread and wine	we will bring
all as one	For the king -	dom we long;



Chil - dren of our	ma - ker,	God the great	life giv - er!
Liv - ing in cre -	a - tion	From its first	foun - da - tion.
By his cross and	pas - sion,	Bring - ing us	sal - va - tion!
Who will walk be -	side him,	Though they	once de - nied him!
Here be - fore this	ta - ble,	With our spir -	its a - ble!
We will sing to -	geth - er,	With our God	for - ev - er!

### Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

## ✠ The Holy Eucharist

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Almighty God,  
accept the joyful offering of your Church,  
and grant that your Son may shine in us  
as the light that lightens every nation.  
We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



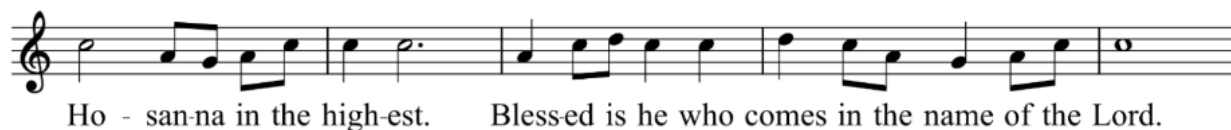
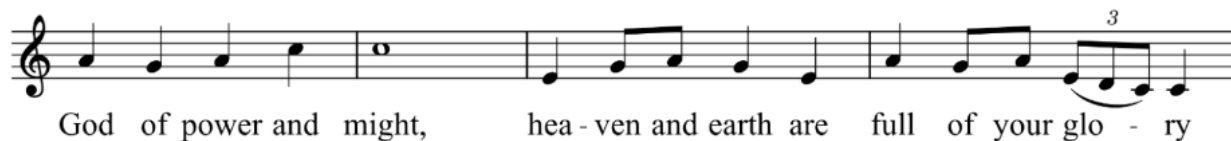
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us  
to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the holy people who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus: #252 (LIFT)



The Eucharist, also known as Communion, is a sacramental act of worship where we partake of the bread and wine. A sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.” As we eat the bread and drink the wine, God is present to us and reveals Godself to us in a unique way. It is a radically open table to which all people are invited and welcome to participate in.

*Priest:* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling 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 Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to be in your presence.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.  
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

*All:* **we remember his death;  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Priest:* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Priest:* *People:*

As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-losed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
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 trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

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When asked by his disciples how to pray, Jesus gave them these simple words which we refer to as "The Lord's Prayer." Found in both Matthew and Luke, this prayer captures the essence of our relationship with God and with one another.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Priest:* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

*All:* **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Song:** "The Seal Lullaby" (*E. Whitacre/R.Kipping*)

*All sing*

Oh! hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us,  
And black are the waters that sparkled so green.  
The moon, o'er the combers, looks downward to find us  
At rest in the hollows that rustle between.

Where billow meets billow, then soft by thy pillow;  
Ah, weary wee flipperling, curl at thy ease!  
The storm shall not wake thee, nor shark overtake thee,  
Asleep in the arms of the slow-swinging seas.

Jesus' life given for others inspires us to see our own lives as a gift to be shared. The resurrection affirms that in letting go of what we are afraid to lose, we are transformed and made new.

## The Giving and Receiving of Communion

*Priest:* Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion – not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste – but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how. You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

*One:* Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

## The Communion

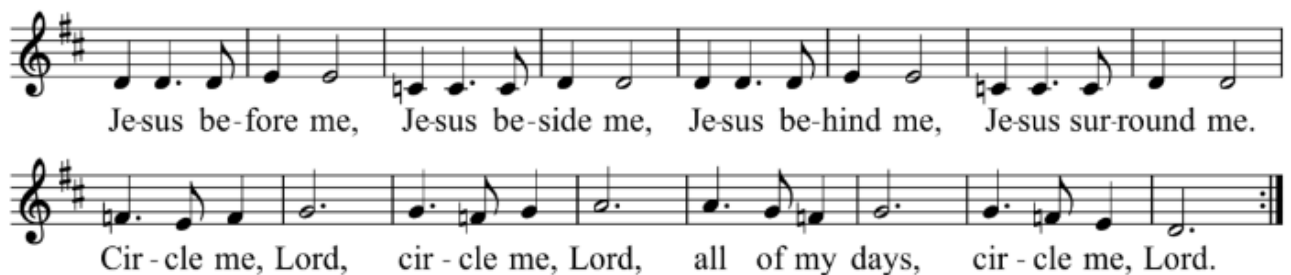


*All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture and the clergy will be pleased to offer you a blessing.*

*Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread or wafer into the wine when receiving communion. This practice is not allowed in churches in the Diocese of Toronto, including the Church of the Redeemer, for health and safety reasons.*

## Communion Hymn: #151 (SANC) "Jesus Before Me"



Jesus be-fore me, Jesus be-side me, Jesus be-hind me, Jesus sur-round me.  
Cir-cle me, Lord, cir-cle me, Lord, all of my days, cir-cle me, Lord.

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## Motet: Nunc Dimittis (Caleb Burhans)

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 to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever,  
Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon,  
who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah.  
Complete in us your perfect will,  
that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom;  
for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Doxology

*Priest:* Glory to God,  
*All:* **whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Doxology (from the Greek "doxologia" meaning "words of glory") is our closing prayer. We say this to, for, and with one another, to proclaim that worshipping God together has made a difference in our lives.

## Announcements

*Please be seated*

## Departing Hymn: #627 (Common Praise) "The Voice of God Goes Out"

*All rise, as you are able, and sing*



1. The voice of God goes out to all the world,  
2. Our God has said: "Re - ceive my mes - sen - ger,  
3. The bro - ken reed he will not tram - ple down,  
4. A - noint - ed with the Spir - it and with power,  
5. His touch will bless the eyes that dark - ness held;



and glo - ry speaks a - cross the u - ni - verse.  
my prom - ise to the world, my pledge made flesh,  
nor set his heel up - on the dy - ing flame.  
he comes to crown with com - fort all the weak,  
the lame shall run, the halt - ing tongue shall sing,



The great King's her - ald cries from star to star:  
a lamp to ev - ery na - tion, light from Light":  
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:  
to show the face of jus - tice to the poor:  
and pris - oners laugh in light and lib - er - ty:



with power, with jus - tice, Christ will walk his way.

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## The Dismissal

*Priest:* Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves.  
Alleluia!

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

In the Dismissal (from the Latin "dimittere" meaning "to send away") we are charged to go out beyond the four walls of the church to serve the Lord in a world that desperately needs God's peace and

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### WORSHIP WITH US

#### **Sunday February 1 (Presentation of the Lord)**

**4:00 PM** – Be Still (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

#### **Monday February 1 to Saturday February 7**

**12:15 PM** – Midday prayer (on Zoom only)

#### **Wednesday February 4**

**12:00 PM** – Mid-week Eucharist (in the Church)

#### **Sunday February 8 (Celebrating Black History)**

**9:00 AM** – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

**10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist with Baptism  
(in the Church and through YouTube)

**4:00 PM** – Be Still (in the Church and through Youtube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)