



Presentation of Our Lord, obs.
February 4, 2024
9:00am Holy Eucharist

Prelude With Peace and Joy I Now Depart by D. Buxtehude

Tolling of the Bell & Welcome

Standing, sung by all

Opening Hymn #488 Be Thou My Vision

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *BCP p.355*
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Confession of Sin *Kneeling, BCP p.360*
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.

Absolution

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Lesson Malachi 3:1-4 *Seated*
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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10 *Domini est terra*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

All **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**

Standing, sung by all

Gradual Hymn #259 Hail to the Lord who comes

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Benjamin Phillips *Seated*

The Nicene Creed *Standing, BCP p.358*
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*
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. We pray for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.
We pray for our Nation and all in authority.
We pray for the welfare of the world, especially those regions troubled by violence or unrest.
We pray for the needs and concerns of our local community.
We pray for all who are sick or in need, and those we name at this time.

The People may add their own petitions
We give thanks especially for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
We remember those who have died in the faith.
We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Music

The Offering *You may give your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or give online stgeorgesdayton.org or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C) *BCP p. 369* *Standing*
Celebrant The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant 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 with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Standing, sung by all

Hymnal S129 Sanctus “S” denotes “Service Music” section
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...

... Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...

... Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant concludes the prayer. The people join, Amen.

Celebrant and People **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread & Invitation to Communion

Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Directions for receiving Communion

- All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer instead of drinking from the chalice, lay ministers with small intinction cups will be available on both sides. The larger chalices are only for drinking.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please pass the lay ministers and return directly to your pew.

Communion Music Hear Our Prayer O Lord/Heal Me O Lord

Prayer after Communion

Kneeling, BCP p.366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Standing, sung by all

Closing Hymn #657 v. 1 Love divine, all loves excelling

Dismissal

Deacon says a dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling by H. Willan

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The Weekly Messenger



PARISH ANNUAL MEETING (February 11 @ 10am)

We will be meeting in the Undercroft to elect leaders, receive the budget for 2024 approved by the vestry, and hear a few short reports. Please plan to be there! Refreshments will be provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 14)

Services will be held at noon and 7pm. Both services have imposition of ashes, Holy Communion, and music. The noon service will be less than an hour & the choir will be singing at the 7pm service.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

On Wednesdays during Lent at noon, we will offer the Stations of the Cross, a 20-minute devotional which imprints Christ's passion on our hearts. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay for fellowship afterwards.

FELLOWSHIP @ EUDORA (February 15, 4-6pm)

Come join us for a casual time of fellowship. We hope to see you there!



CASSEROLES OF HOPE



Casseroles of Hope is a community driven ministry to help feed the homeless. We will be collecting frozen casseroles on Sun. Feb. 18 from 9am-1pm. Sign-ups will be in the Welcome Lounge today & Feb. 11 at which time you will receive a casserole pan and recipe.

Questions? Contact Anne Larkins at anne.larkins@yahoo.com or (937)581-7592.

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER (February 18 @ 5:00pm)

Join us for a potluck dinner and fellowship in the Undercroft. We hope that you can come whether you're able to bring a dish or not!!

Questions? Contact Sue Simmons at: suesimmons53@gmail.com



ORGAN CONCERT (February 18 @ 6:15pm)

We are thrilled to have organist, Cara Geerlings perform an organ concert for us here at St. George's. Cara currently serves as Director of Music for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Dayton.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Income \$8,655.74

Weekly Expenses \$12,272.70

Year to Date Income \$70,089.11

Year to Date Expenses \$42,310.31



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