

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

**The Presentation:
Candlemas**

February 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude

“Prelude on ‘Divinum Mysterium’”
Based on hymn 82, “Of the Father’s love begotten”

Richard Purvis

Opening hymn

“Angels, from the realms of glory”

Hymn #93

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Cantor



1 Rise up! Shine! Your light has come.
 2 Bring him gold and spic - es rare.
 3 We have seen his star so bright.

All



Je - sus, the light of the world.

Cantor



Glo - ry dawns on ev - 'ry - one.
 Praise his glo - ry ev - 'ry - where.
 Come and wor - ship with de - light.

All



Je - sus, the light of the world. *Refrain* We'll



walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light,



come where the dew - drops of mer - cy are bright.



Shine all a - round us by day and by night,



Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Isaiah 60:1, 6; Matthew 2:2, para. Daniel Schwandt; George D. Elderkin, refrain

Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, traditional, arr. Daniel Schwandt

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⁴Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you. *Antiphon*

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims way.

⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob. *Antiphon*

⁹Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your anointed.

¹⁰For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹²O LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you! *Antiphon*

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The Second Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (2:14-18)

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.

Sequence Hymn

“Sing we of the blessed Mother ”

Hymn #278

The 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.**

The Sermon

the Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People - Form IV

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for Donald, the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine, and all those in positions of authority. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray, in this season, for the staff, volunteers, and guests of the Hospitality Center and Racine Vocational Ministries. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We remember those who are sick [, especially_____]. We pray for those who are victims of warfare or any other atrocity. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We remember those who have passed into your glory [, especially_____]. We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.

Minister and People

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 Priest, stands and 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.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

Offertory

“Adoration”

Florence B. Rice

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

Please Stand

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

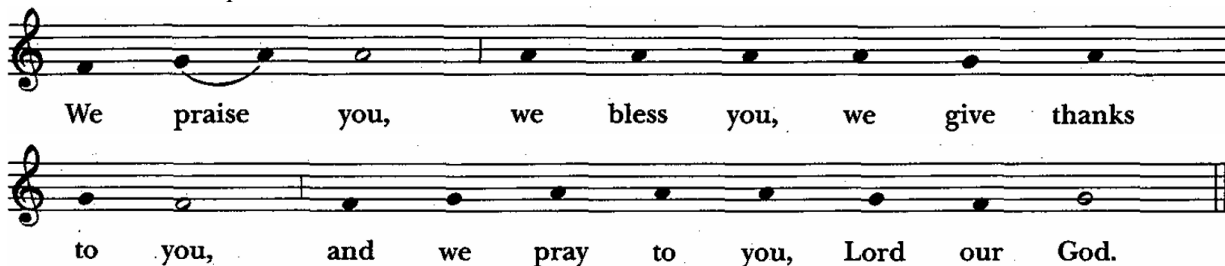
The people may stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love ...

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People



We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us ...

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

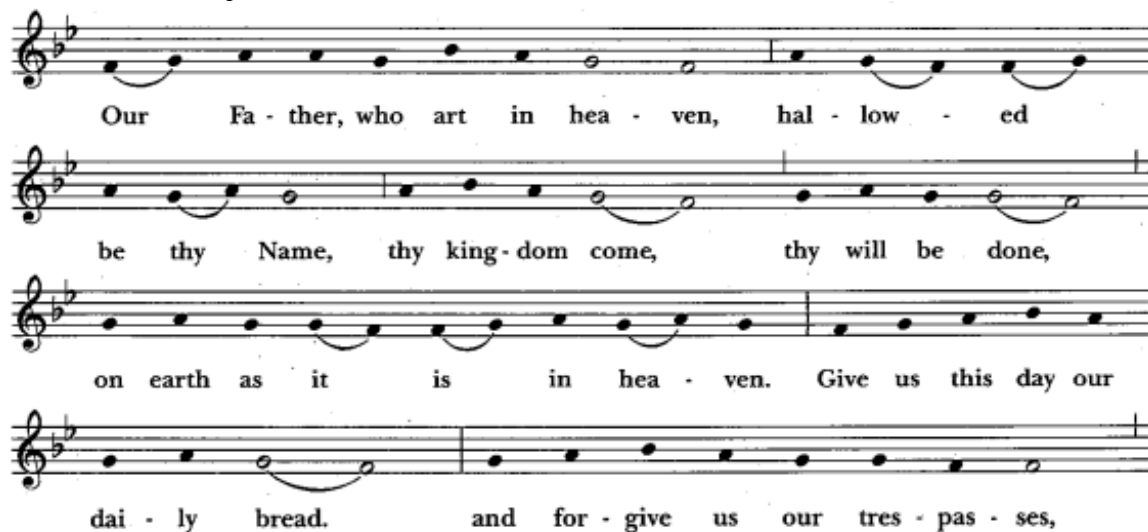


Celebrant *People*
A - men.

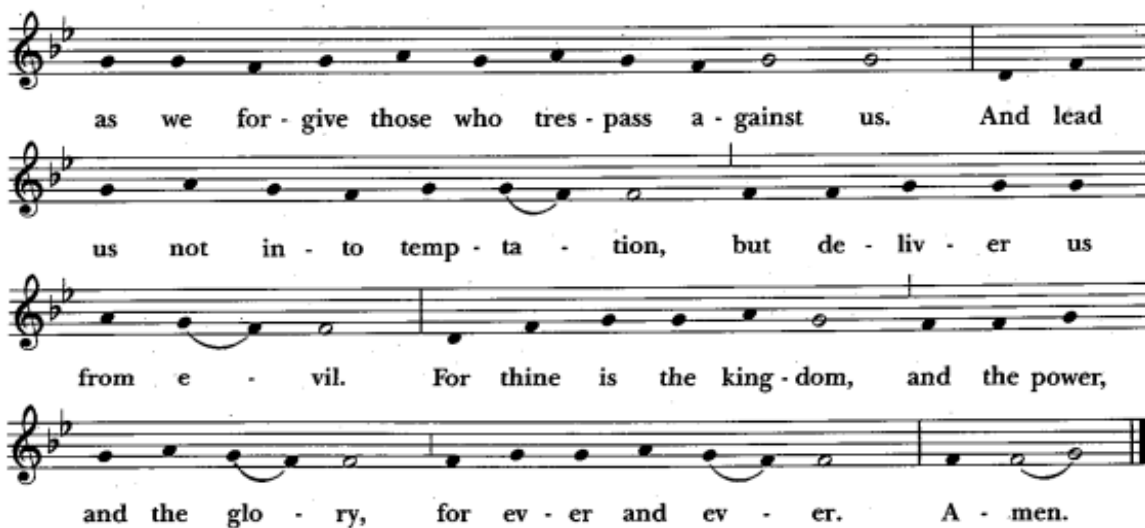
The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction


The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing -

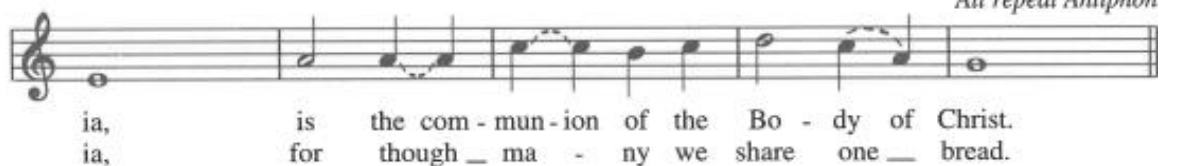
Fine Verses



— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bo - dy of Christ.
 ia, for though - ma - ny we share one - bread.

Setting: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)
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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”
“Lord God, you now have set your servant free”

Hymnal #324

Hymnal #499

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

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.**

Recessional Hymn

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

Hymnal #657

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Fughetta on ‘Song 1’”

John Hebden Schaffner

Based on hymn 499, “Lord God, you now have set your servant free”

We welcome you to St. Luke's in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service - coffee, juice and snacks are available.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Roger Mertins, David Lang

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Bruno

FIRST READER: Tricia Frost

SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Becky Turk

CANTOR: Victoria Vollman

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Jessica MacPhail

USHERS: David Groth, Debbie Bruno

COFFEE HOUR: St. Monica's Guild

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee
Hospitality Center
Racine Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center

Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Neil, Olivia, Bill,
Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Carlos, Michele, Jasmine, Gregory
Homebound Barbara, Jeanne

For Those who have Died

Roy Herman, husband of Tricia Frost

Thanksgiving for Birthday:

Gwyn

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Hospitality Center**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Annual Meeting & Potluck is Today

Annual meeting & Potluck following the worship service – please plan to attend. Thanks!

Altar Flowers Sign Up

The Altar flowers chart is up in Simpson Hall for 2025. You can remember a loved one by this nice tribute. If you like to include a dedication in the bulletin please call, put note in offering plate, or e-mail church office no later than Wednesday prior to the service. Thanks!

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Darice Griffin to the glory of God and with grateful thanks to Tricia Frost, her long-time Altar Guild partner & Daivd Groth, her long-time Usher partner.

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