



# EMMANUEL CHURCH



NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Presentation of Our Lord and Candlemas

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

February 2, 2025

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

*the people stand to sing*

HYMN 490

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY, *prayed aloud by all*

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.

## GLORY TO GOD

Refrain

Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - ia, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu

Versel

- ia, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — Glo-ry to God\_ in the high-est, and

V. 2

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. \_ 2.Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and

Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

V. 3

Refrain



3.Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-



- ia, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - ia, Lord we



Verse 4

praise your Ho - ly name. — 4.You take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



us, 5.you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive\_ our prayer. 6.For



you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a - lone are\_ the Lord, 7.You a-lone are the Most high

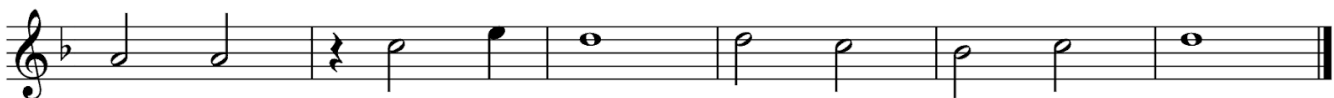


Refrain

Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-



- ia, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - ia, Lord we



praise your Ho - ly name. A - - - - - men.

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**, *prayed aloud by all*

Almighty and everliving 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 FIRST READING

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.

*Malachi 3:1-4*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 24:7-10



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**."

## THE SECOND READING

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.

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*the people stand and sing*

FOR THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 436 (verses 1, 4, 5)

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Priest* 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. *Luke 2:22-40*

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### THE SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

THE NICENE CREED, *recited together, standing*

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 VI*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*silence, then...*) For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

We pray for our mayor, our governor, our president and for this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians, for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children, for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For our rector, our bishop, our presiding bishop, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ... .

In the cycle of prayer of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island we pray for... .

In the Emmanuel Church Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ... .

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation we ask your prayers for ... hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*(the people may add their thanksgivings)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

#### CONFESSION

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*(Silence is kept)*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
**in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ABSOLUTION

#### THE PEACE

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

#### NOTICES

*Prayer For a Birthday*

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY

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**AT THE OFFERTORY**

*Lord, Now Let Thy Servant Go In Peace*

Grayson Warren Brown

*for the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing*  
Hymn 380, stanza 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,  
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**



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.

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### FRACTION ANTHEM



Who - ev - - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and  
who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - - er\_ thirst.

### COMMUNION

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
(You're encouraged to sing along)*

Negro Spiritual

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *prayed aloud together, standing, kneeling or sitting as you prefer*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### HYMN 29

*O Trinity of bless'd light*

### POSTLUDE

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Debbie Venancio, Carolyn Swiggart *readers*      Nancy Zitka, *intercessor*      Ellen Vadney, *livestream*  
Valerie Martin, Jon Juhase, *ushers*                      Ellen Vadney, *counters*

### The Musicians' Circle

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Nellie Horvath, *Music Assistant*, Ethan Boucher & Tara Byrnes, *Choral Scholars*  
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