

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

February 2, 2025 – 9:00 AM
Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Music



Presentation Window, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wisconsin

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Prelude

Glory to God Forever

by Steve Fee & Vicky Beeching

Gather

We Humble Ourselves

by Malcolm duPlessis & Paul and Rita Baloche

Verse 1

You O Lord are a holy God
Your ways are perfect and just
Slow to anger and abounding in love
You have shown us
Your Father's heart

Verse 2

But we Your people
have turned from You
Resisted Your power and grace
Taking our lives into our hands
We have stumbled and lost our way

Chorus

So we humble ourselves before You
And confess our unfaithfulness toward You
Forgive our sin remove our shame
Restore the Church that bears Your name
That revival may come to this land once again

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant continues with the Collect of Purity

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.**

Praise

Praise the Lord (To God Be the Glory)

by Matthew West

O Praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
O Praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice

Come to the Father
through Jesus His Son
And give Him the glory
great things He has done

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

First Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Be unto Your Name

by Gary Sadler & Lynn DeShazo

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowling before You blessing Your nam

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

✠ 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

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.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Bp. Daniel, Fr. Rodney, Fr. Dave, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald our President, Josh our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Betsy, Ava, Laura, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Steve, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave, Sean, Constance, Ethan, Sue, Colleen, Lou, Elaine, Lauren, Lyla, Liam, Michael, Dee, Angelica, Pat, Mary Kate, and Bob.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Geoffrey Thomas on his birthday, for whom the altar flowers are given by the Thomas family, eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, our patron, and all your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for our church family and preschool; for all those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We pray for all first responders and law enforcement, especially Jamie and Justin; for those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, Jonathan, Kyle, Justin, Zack, William, and their families. We also pray for the protection of persecuted Christians throughout the world, and that all may come to the knowledge and love of Christ.

Celebrant Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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 *(all stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Forever Reign

by Jason Ingram & Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

You are good You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love
On display for all to see
You are light You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope
You have covered all my sin

Verse 2

You are peace You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life
In You death has lost its sting

Chorus

I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love
will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

Verse 3

You are more You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

Bridge

My heart will sing no other Name
Jesus Jesus

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because 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 our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

Holy Holy Holy

by Larry Hampton

Holy holy holy
Is the Lamb of God
Honor praise and glory
Are Yours oh Lord forever

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Anthem

He Is Exalted

by Twila Paris

He is exalted	He is the Lord,
The King is exalted on high	forever His truth shall reign
I will praise Him	Heaven and earth,
He is exalted forever exalted	rejoice in His Holy Name
And I will praise His Name	He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

Jesus Messiah

by Tomlin, Cash, Carson & Reeves

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Celebrant says the following 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.**

Service Hymn

Your Name Is Holy

by Brian Doerksen

Verse 1

You are the sovereign I Am
Your name is holy
You are the pure spotless Lamb
Your name is holy

Verse 2

You are the Almighty One
Your name is holy
You are the Christ God's own Son
Your name is holy

Chorus

In Your name
There is mercy for sin
There is safety within
In Your holy name

In Your name
There is strength to remain
To stand in spite of pain
In Your holy name

Verse 3

You are the sovereign I Am
Your name is holy
You are the pure spotless Lamb
Your name is holy
Your name is holy
Your name is holy

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Parish Calendar *for the week of* **February 2nd, 2025**

Tuesday, February 4th	7:30 PM	Tuesday Bible Study <i>on Zoom*</i>
Wednesday, February 5th	10:00 AM	Knit Wits <i>in the former Conference Room</i>
	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	7:00 PM	Bible Study <i>on Zoom*</i>
Thursday, February 6th	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
Saturday, February 8th	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
Sunday, February 9th <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9 AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i>	7:45 AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music
	9:00 AM	CGS Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Weaving God's Promises <i>in the Rector's office</i>
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	Rite II Choral Eucharist

*Access Zoom meeting links by going to bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering