

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The Presentation of the Lord

January 29, 2023

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



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Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

St. John's is open for in-person worship at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 4:30pm (BCP Evensong) as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). As we seek to care for one another, masks are encouraged, but at the discretion of the individual. If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: Please email us at admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. or call 250-383-7169. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

If you would like to give to support the work and ministries of St. John the Divine you can do so in the offering plate which is by the Garden door and will be presented as the Communion is prepared. There are also envelopes in the book stand which can make your gifts tax efficient. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

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10:00 am Parish Eucharist

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

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Crucifer: Heather Lee

Sacristan: Judith Branion

Readers: Lorraine Gates, Richard Routledge

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Intercessor: David Buckman

Sermon: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Jenks,
Patrick Samuel

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

The MacRae Choral Scholars

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

Introit

Nunc Dimittis

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou has prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Text: Luke 2:29-32
Music: Amy Beach (1867-1944)

Welcome, Announcements, Introduction

Dear friends: forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple,
when he was offered to God and shown to the people.
As a sign of Christ's coming among us, they offered the sacrifice the law required,
as we offer ourselves in service to all.
In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their Lord, as we today sing
of Christ's glory.
In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching
judgment,
looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Lighting of Family Candle and Church Family Prayer

Loving God,

All: you have called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship. We pray now, for all members of our family as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online. Through your spirit keep us united in love. Bless each of us with your beloved friendship. Teach us, gracious God, how to be your church in these times. Help us to know that we are your people, that we are your Family, always. Amen.

Processional Hymn (CP 5)

RATISBON



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| 1. Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear. | 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart. |
| 3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day. | |

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

Music: Melody Geystliche Gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Almighty God,

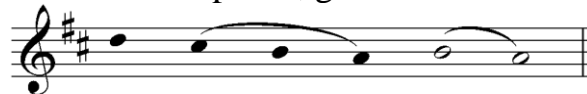
All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria



Cantor: Glo - ry be to God on high

Choir: And on earth peace, good will towards all.



All: We praise you

Choir: We bless you.



All: We wor - ship you.

Choir: We glorify you.



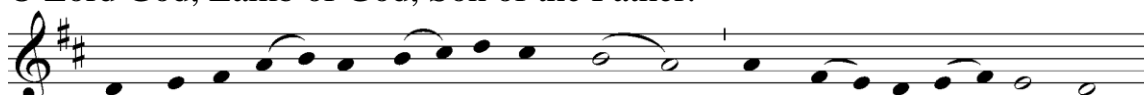
All: We give thanks to you for your great glo - ry.

Choir: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



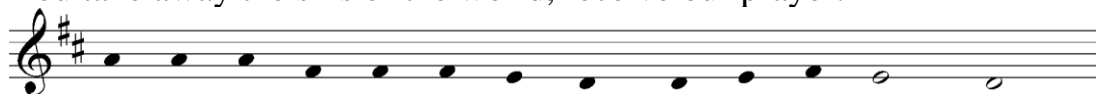
All: O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ.

Choir: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

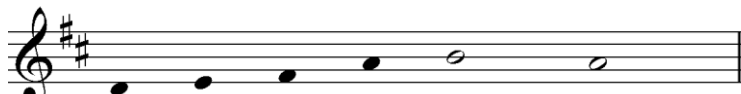


All: You take a way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.



All: You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,



have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: For you only are holy.



All: You on - ly are the Lord.

Choir: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



All: A - - - men.

Translation: Book of Common Prayer, modernised. Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of Anna and Simeon,
whose law makes known the gift of life,
whose love exposes our hardness of heart:
by your Spirit, may we receive your faithful word
and know your reconciling presence offered for all the world;
through Jesus Christ, the Light and Glory of God.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen to the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm (CP 498)

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

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| <p>1. How lovely is your dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me;
my thirsting soul longs eagerly
within your courts to be.</p> <p>2. Beside your altars, Lord of all,
the swallows find a nest;
happy are those who dwell with you
and praise you without rest;</p> | <p>3. And happy those whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim ways:
you are the water when they thirst,
their guide towards your face.</p> <p>4. How blest are they that in your house
for ever give you praise:
one day with you is better spent
than thousands in dark ways.</p> <p>5. The Lord will hold back no good thing
from those who justly live;
to all who trust, the Lord of hosts
will all his blessings give.</p> |
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Text: Ps. 84; para. Sts. 1-2, Scottish Psalter, 1650; para. Sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-).
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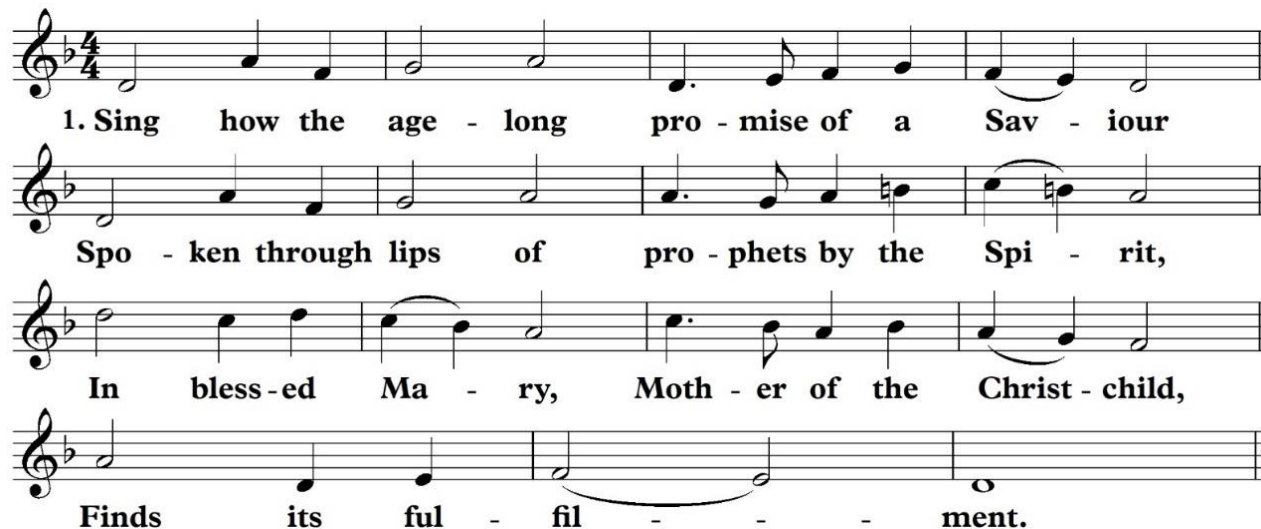
After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (NEH 156)

ISTE CONFESSOR



2. Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving,
 Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,
 Now she presents him for a spotless offering
 Unto his Father.
3. In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
 Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
 That One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
 Jesus, Messiah.
4. Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,
 In those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
 May Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants
 Life everlasting.
5. Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer,
 Giver of life, and Author of salvation,
 Thine be the glory. Amen.

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Before the Gospel



Cantor: This child is the light to enlighten the nations: and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2: 32



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the good news of Jesus according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of 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.**

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

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 621)

INCARNATION



1. Before the world began,
one Word was there;
grounded in God he was,
rooted in care;
by him all things are made,
in him was love displayed,
through him God spoke, and said,
“I am for you.”

2. Life found in him its source
death found its end;
light found in him its course,
darkness its friend.
For neither death nor doubt
nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout,
“I am for you.”

3. The Word was in the world
which from him came;
unrecognised he was,
unknown by name;
one with all humankind,
with the unloved aligned,
convincing sight and mind,
“I am for you.”

4. All who received the Word
by God was blessed;
sisters and brothers, they
of earth's fond guest.
So did the Word of grace
proclaim in time and space
and with a human face,
“I am for you.”

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer #3 (BAS)

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is indeed right and good,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
 For on this day Christ appeared in the temple
 in substance of our flesh
 to come near to us in judgment.
 Christ searches the hearts of all your people
 and brings to light the image of your splendour.
 Now, with all creation we raise our voices,
 To proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by the choir*)

Missa Brevis – John Ireland (1879-1962)

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
 Hosanna in the highest.*

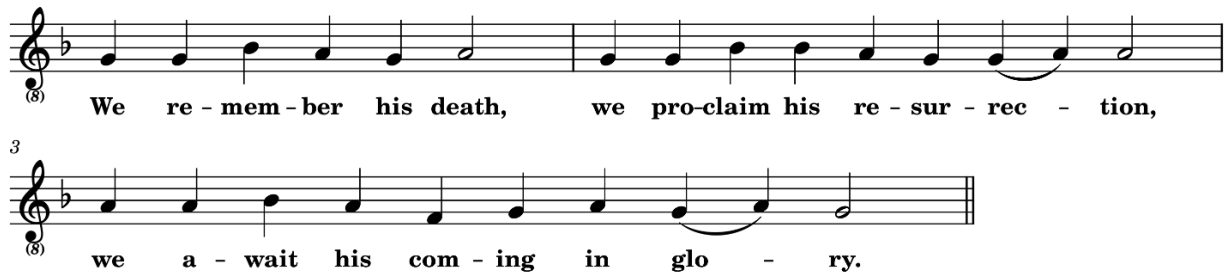
We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling Israel to be your people;
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to 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 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 all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,



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.

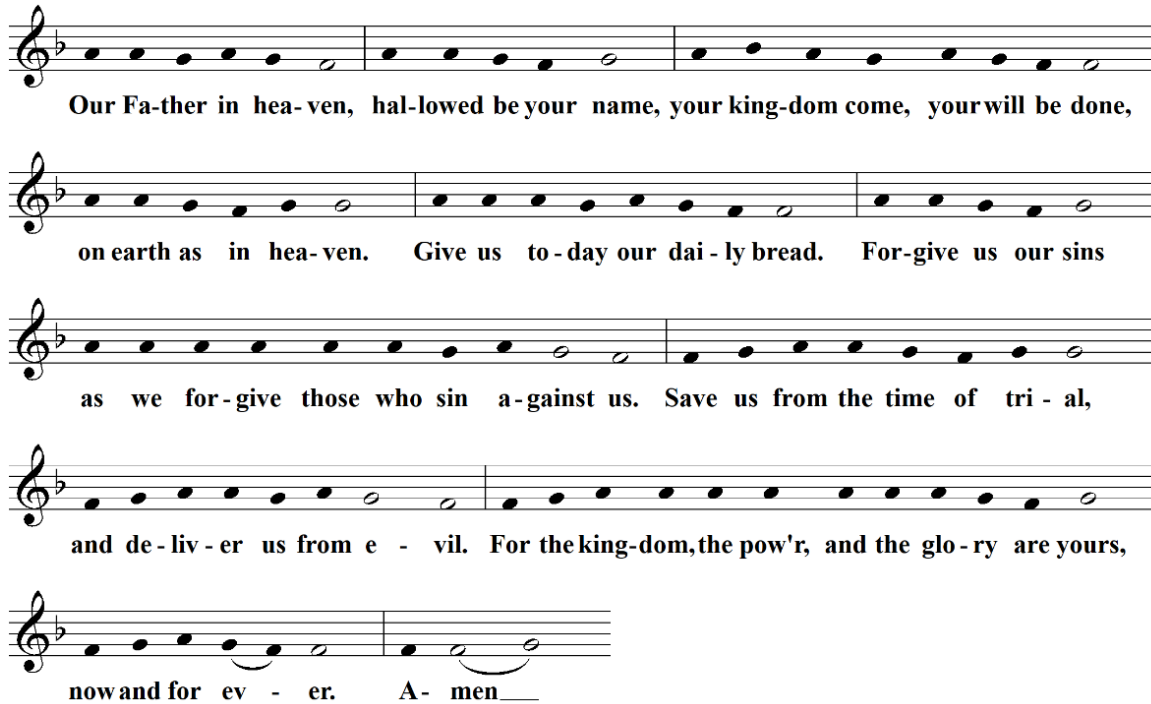


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The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. 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 tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er. A-men

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The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God is here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive communion. If you are sitting on the left hand side of the church (the North side) please go to the back of the Church. If you are seated on the right hand side OR require gluten free wafers please come to the front of the Church. You are welcome to receive bread and wine or just bread, both are full communion, as you are comfortable.

Agnus Dei (sung by choir)

Missa Brevis – John Ireland (1879-1962)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Music during Communion

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.

Text: Anonymous
Music: Tom Shorter

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

**All: For, though we are in many places,
we spiritually share one bread.**

Prayer after Communion

Radiant God,
with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.
May your Word take flesh in us,
so that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal city where you live and reign,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The ministers and choir go in procession to the font, or to the door of the church, or to another suitable place. As they process they and/or the choir sing or say Nunc Dimittis in this or traditional form. Candles are lit as the procession proceeds.



**All: A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled. **Refrain**

My own eyes have seen the salvation:
which you have prepared in the sight of every people. **Refrain**

A light to reveal you to the nations:
and the glory of your people Israel. **Refrain**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. **Refrain**

The Presider then leads a final responsory.

Loving God, here we bring to an end our celebration
of the Saviour's birth.

**All: Help us, in whom Christ has been born,
to live that life which has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**All: Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**All: Help us, who have found the Lord in the temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the Light of the world.

**All: Help us, who now extinguish these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

All now extinguish their candles.

Here we now stand near the place of baptism.

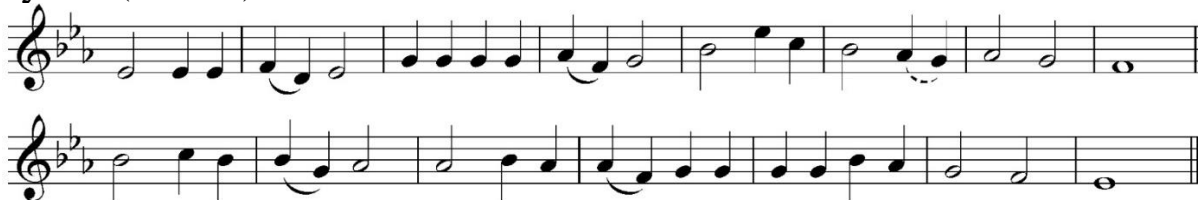
**All: Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**All: Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**All: Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**



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| <p>1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
 ruler of all nature,
 O thou the Godhead's human son:
 thee will I cherish,
 thee will I honour,
 thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.</p> | <p>3. Fair is the sunshine,
 fairer still the moonlight,
 and fair the twinkling, starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter
 Jesus shines purer
 than all the angels heaven can boast.</p> |
| <p>2. Fair are the meadows,
 fairer still the woodlands,
 robed in the blooming garb of spring;
 Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer,
 who makes the troubled heart to sing.</p> | <p>4. All fairest beauty,
 heavenly and earthly,
 wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
 none can be nearer,
 fairer, or dearer,
 than thou, my Saviour, art to me.</p> |

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Please join us on Zoom or at the back of the church for refreshments.

Readings for February 5th – The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-12 After return from the Exile, the people of Judah were discouraged. Life was hard, and it seemed that God was not listening to them. This passage speaks of fasting, but its implications are wider. It chastises the people, but there is hope.

Psalms 112:1-10 The Psalmist sings of the blessings which God brings to those who are righteous and follow God's commandments.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Basic spiritual gifts seem to be rare in the church at Corinth. It seems that Paul is telling the Christians there of their immaturity in the faith. They have much to learn to attain the understanding of Christ that mature Christians have.

Matthew 5:13-20 On a mountain in Galilee, Jesus has described the qualities and rewards of the blessed or happy – those who will enjoy (and are already enjoying) God's end-time rule. Now Jesus uses homely metaphors to teach them essential lessons about being disciples.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Charlotte	John & Jean	Joe and family
Pat	Nancy	Ethan
Jeffrey	Jenna	Doug
Lorraine & family	Kat	John
Heather	Ted	Louise
Jeremy	Deb	Robert
Joyce	Jan & Anna in bereavement	Brian

R.I.P.

Willem John Tormod van der Hooft
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