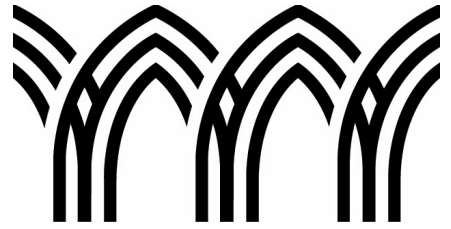


SOLEMN EUCHARIST

The Vigil of the Presentation & Candlemas Procession

1 FEBRUARY 2026



¶ *The People's responses are in bold*

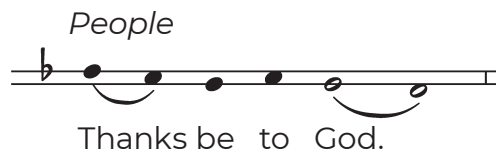
ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Epiphanie

Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)

ENTRANCE RITE

¶ *The Celebrant greets the People with these words*



¶ *Celebrant*

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

¶ *As the candles of the People are being lighted, the following is spoken or monotoned*

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

¶ *The Celebrant then says or sings*


O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

Amen.

¶ The Thurifer brings the thurible to the Celebrant, who fills the thurible and blesses the incense.

¶ The Celebrant then faces the People and sings the following bidding

People



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

HYMN DURING THE PROCESSION 438

Tell out, my soul

HYMN DURING THE PROCESSION 257

O Zion, open wide thy gates

¶ The Celebrant sings the following Collect

Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE GLORIA

¶ Sung in Latin by the cantors

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

During the singing of the Gloria, the Celebrant asperges the congregation and censes the altar, physical reminders of our baptism and of purification.

from: *Messe Breve*
Leo Delibes (1836-1891)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:

Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory

face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ *The People sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

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.

3:1-4 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

¶ *Sung by the cantors*

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

“Who is this King of glory?”

“The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

“Who is he, this King of glory?” *

“The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

Psalm 24:7-10

Chant: Plainsong, tone I.2

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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.

3:1-12 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *The People stand*

THE GOSPEL

¶ *The Deacon or Priest sings*

The Holy ✠ Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

2:1-12 (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

¶ *The People sit*

THE HOMILY

¶ *The People stand*

THE 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 \times resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

¶ The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People, saying

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died ✠ in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

*¶ The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. The People respond **Amen.***

¶ The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

... 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.

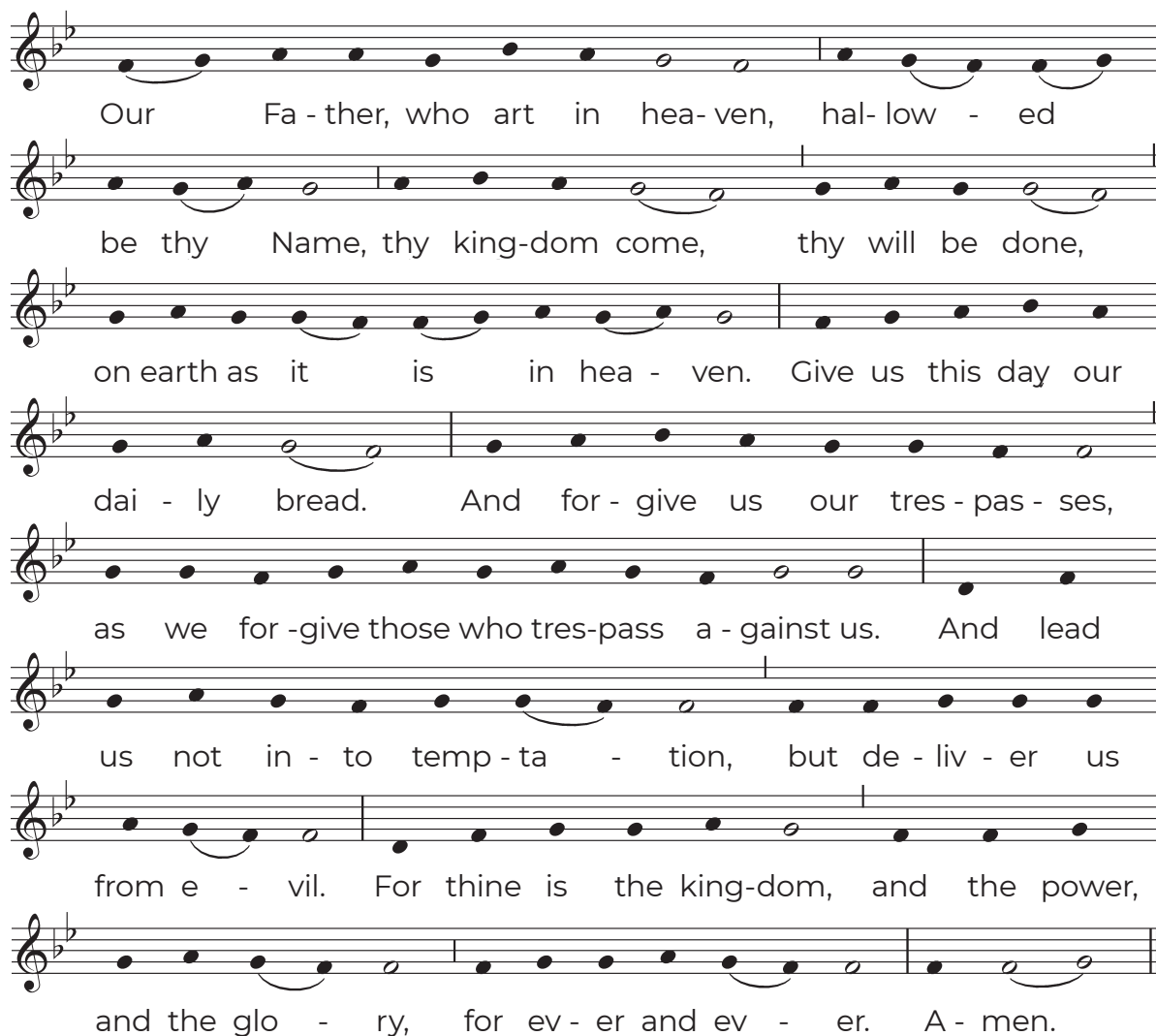
We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

¶ The Celebrant continues

... 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.



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



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.

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

¶ *Sung in Latin by the cantors*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

from: from: *Messe Breve*

Leo Delibes

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

¶ *Facing the People, the Celebrant may say an invitation to Communion*

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Jesus, the very thought of thee, With sweetness fills my breast. But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Saviour of mankind. O hope of every contrite heart! O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, How kind thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah! This nor tongue nor pen can show: the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love him know. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be, in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

Text: St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

trans. Edward Caswall (1849)

Music: Peter Mathews (b. 1944)

¶ *Following Communion, the People stand*

Let us pray.

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 Celebrant says a ✠ blessing. The People respond **Amen.***

HYMN AT THE CLOSING 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

¶ *The Deacon says a dismissal. The People respond*

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

On a theme of Orlando Gibbons

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852- 1924)

The next Solemn Eucharist will be
Sunday, March 1, at 4:00 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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The Rev. Bryan Gillooly, *Deacon*
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