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Presentation of Our Lord



*With One Voice - Setting 5 (Bread of Life), page 28*  
*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door*  
*You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (\*)*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude and Contemplation**

Karen Niemeier

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*WOV page 10*

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

**P:** Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**



**Glory to God...**

**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.**

**Glory to God...**

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

## **\* Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever .

**C: Amen.**

## **First Reading: *Malachi 3:1-4***

**L:** A reading from the prophet Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. [ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: 84

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 84.

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> **My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars,  
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> **Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

<sup>6</sup> **As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

<sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!

<sup>10</sup> **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup> **O LORD of hosts,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you! [ESV]**

## **Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:14-18***

**L:** A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,  
<sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. *[ESV, amended]*

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **\* Gospel Acclamation**

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **\* Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40***

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. [ESV]

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbø

**\* Hymn**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**ELW # 631**

**\* Apostles' Creed**

*WOV page 33*

**P:** Let us profess our baptismal faith in the triune God.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 Intercession**

*WOV page 34*

*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** ... God of grace,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C:** **Amen.**



*We lift our prayers for*

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Caroline Jam, Curt Diddens, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Sylvia Jones, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, prayers for stroke patients, Kenny Frie, Pete Grandstad, Steve Rothschadl, Nathan Lott, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Hannah( 4 yr. old), *Ellie Joy, Hannah (4 months old)*.

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**Peace**

*WOV page 34*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## Responses

*WOV page 36*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*WOV page 36*

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*WOV page 37*

**P:** We give you thanks, Father...  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*WOV page 39*

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C:** **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Canticle**

*Lamb of God*

*WOV page 39*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Distribution**

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood  
or you may come to receive a blessing.*

*Once all have received:*

**P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.**

**C: Amen.**

**Canticle**

*Now, Lord*

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

**My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

