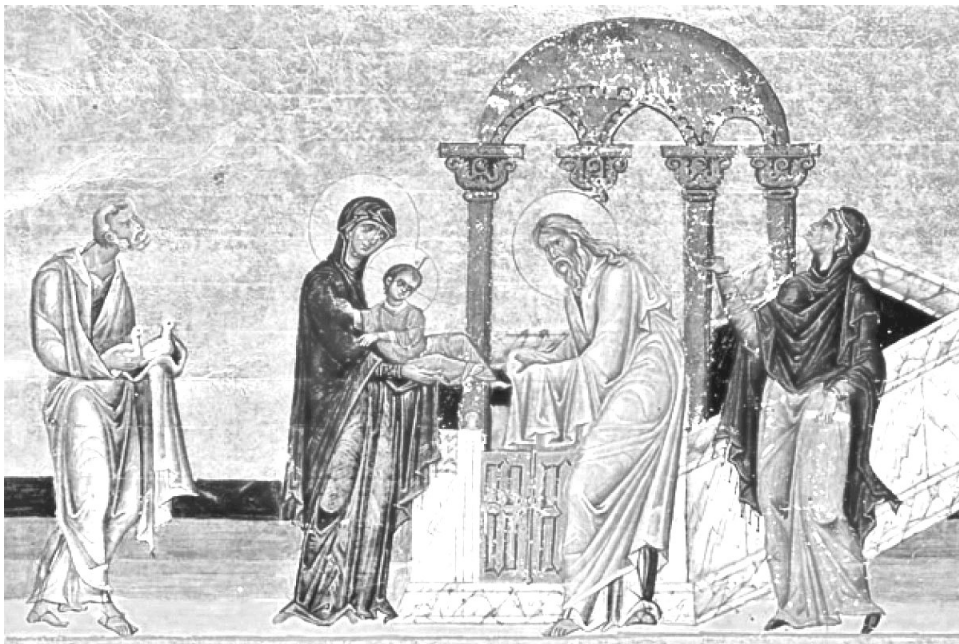


THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (CANDLEMAS)

Friday 2 February A✠D 2024



OUR SAVIOR
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✠ Hymns ✠
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Wooden kneeling stools are available to all for use during the Preparation, Consecration, and Benediction. If you would like one, please take it from underneath the last row of chairs on the pulpit side of the nave before service. You may tuck it under the pew in front of you while not in use and may leave it there after the service.

This evening we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.



✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

6:00pm

THE PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity.

Please STAND at the sound of the tolls and face the Processional Crucifix.

THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who illumines everyone who comes into the world: we beseech You to pour out Your ✠ blessing on these and all the church's candles, and ✠ sanctify them with the light of Your grace; and mercifully grant that even as their flame scatters the darkness of night; so our hearts, being inflamed with the inward brightness of Your Holy Spirit, may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity; and that the eyes of our souls may clearly perceive that which is well-pleasing in Your sight and profitable for our salvation; and that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world are passed, we may come to the never-failing Light, through You, O blessed Jesus, Redeemer of the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared among men in the substance of our flesh, and on this day was presented by Joseph and Mary in the temple, and whom the venerable Simeon, being enlightened by the light of Your Spirit, knew and blessed by taking You in his arms: mercifully grant that the grace of the same Holy Spirit may also enlighten and instruct us; so that we may confess You truly and love You faithfully, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

The candles are lit, from hand to hand, beginning with the pastor, who lights his from a candle on Christ's holy altar. Tilt your unlit candle toward the flame to light it and hold it upright thenceforth. Once all candles are lit, the pastor will return from the rear of the nave to the chancel via the middle aisle. He will stop at the baptismal font to reverence the fully lit altar of Christ, thus giving praise to God for the Eternal Light that shines upon each of us in the darkness in which we dwell. The congregation is invited to follow immediately behind the pastor, reverence (bow) toward Christ's altar while at the font, and turn to the right or left to return to the pews via the outside aisles. During this procession, the pastor will chant the antiphonal Nunc Dimittis below. He will repeat the canticle as many times as needed to allow as many as wish to reverence the altar to do so.



| A light | to lighten the / Gentiles,
and the glory of thy / people Israel.
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- / part in peace,
according / to thy word:—

antiphon

For mine eyes have seen thy sal- / vation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face / of all people;

antiphon

Once all have returned to their seats, the pastor will pause briefly, then we conclude with the Gloria Patri.

***Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now and will be for- / ever. Amen.***

| A light | to lighten the / Gentiles,
and the glory of thy / people Israel.

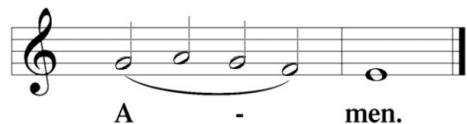
THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Lord be with you.



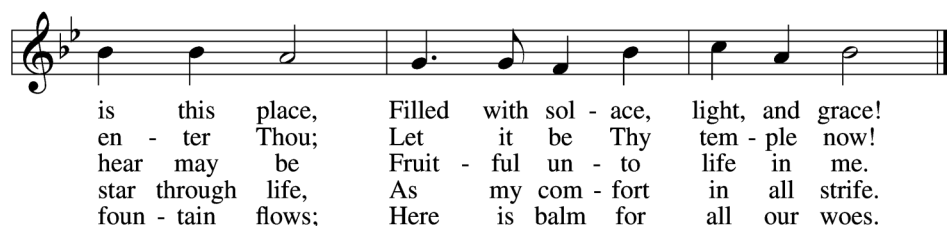
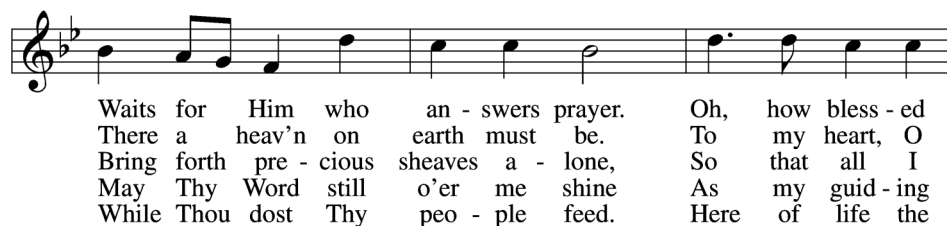
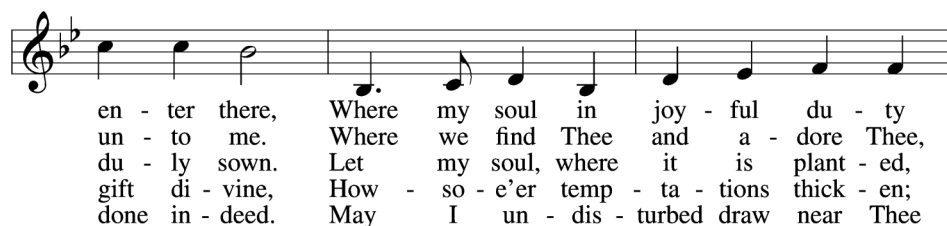
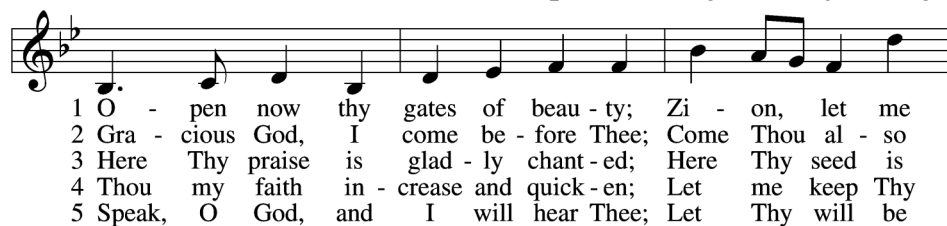
And with thy spir - it.

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, who has given Your Son to be our Savior, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel, we beseech You, enlighten our hearts that we may know Your grace and Fatherly will toward us, and obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



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Please EXTINGUISH your candle.

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PSALM 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

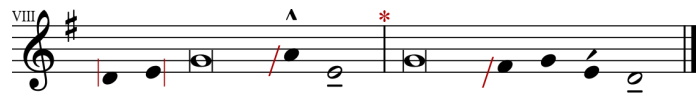
[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

STAND

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PSALM 48:9; PSALM 48:1-3, 8



| We have | thought of thy lovingkindness, O / Gôd,
In the midst / of thy temple.

Great is the LORD, and greatly / to be praised
In the city of our God,
in the mountain / of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth,
is mount / Zion,

On the sides of the north, the city of / the great King.—

God is known in her palaces for a / refuge.

As we have / heard, so have we seen

In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our / Gôd:
God will establish / it for ever.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the / Holy Spirit;

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now and will be for- / ever. Amen.

| We have | thought of thy lovingkindness, O / Gôd,
In the midst / of thy temple.

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

MALACHI 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD God: “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, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, 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 launderers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, as in former years,” says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 48:1, 8A, 9



Great is the LORD, and greatly / to be praised
In the city of our God, in the mountain / of his holiness.

As we have heard, so / have we seen

**In the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city / of our God.—**

We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O / Gôd,
In the midst / of thy temple.

THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 2:14–18

Brethren: Inasmuch as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND



THE TRACT

ST. LUKE 2:34B



Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again
of many in / Israel;
and for a sign which shall be spo- / ken against.—

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 2:22–32

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ When the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 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. So he came by 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, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord,

now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.

SIT

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

938 *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10–12



SIT

THE OFFERING

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[I TIMOTHY 2:1–4]

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

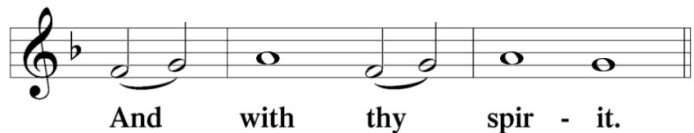
The candles are lit again hand to hand from the altar to celebrate the Coming of the Light of the World to us now in Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

The candles remain lit until the conclusion of THE AGNUS DEI.

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

**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.**

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;
ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ✠ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.



In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY ✠ BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

THE PAX DOMINI

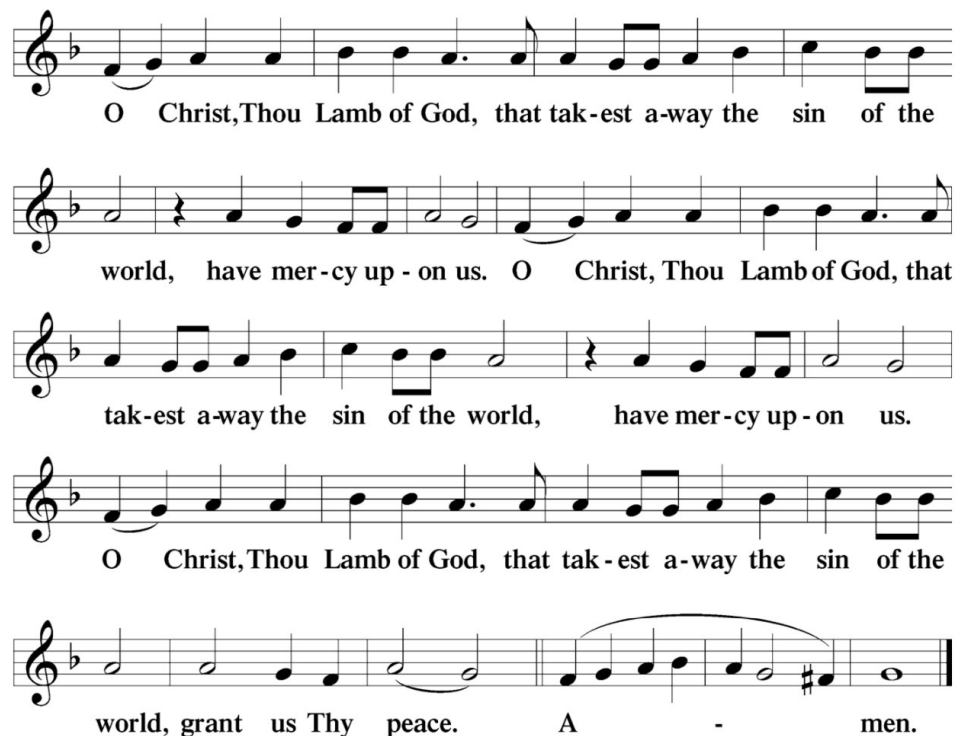
ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.



THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29

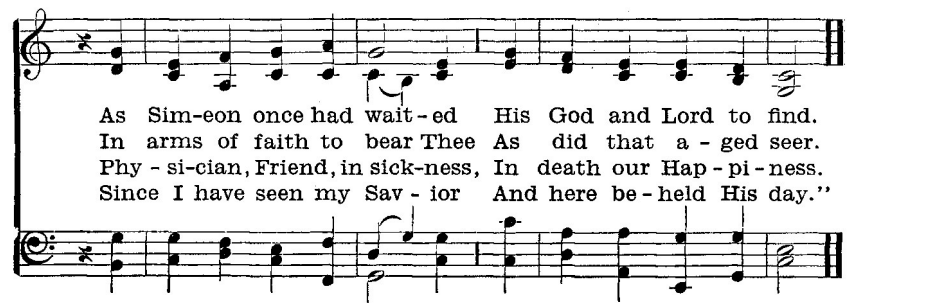
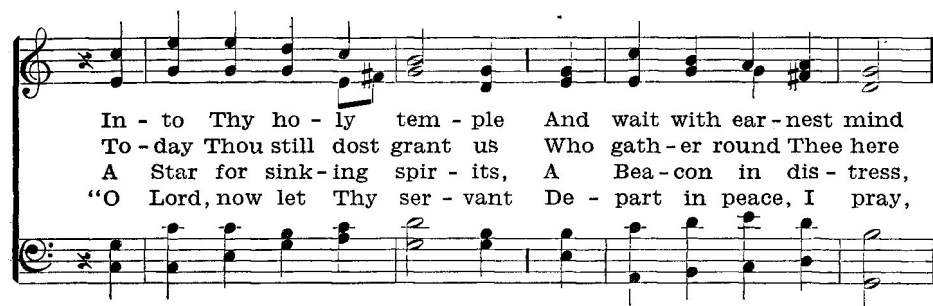
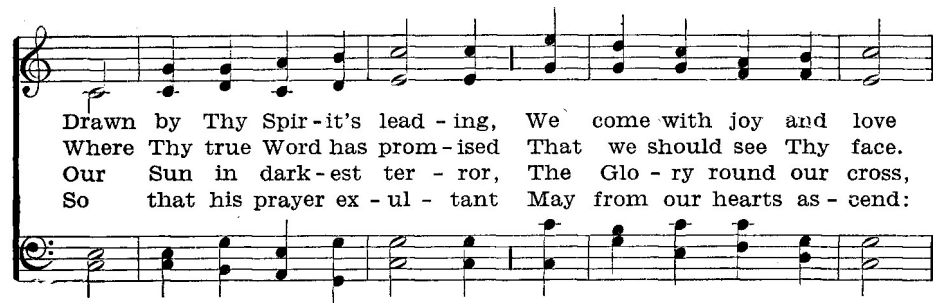
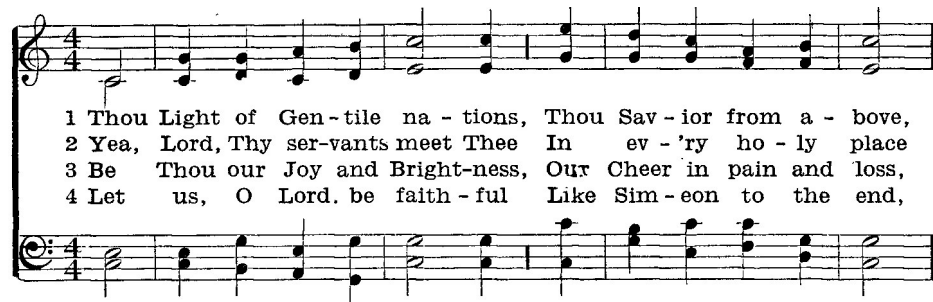


Please EXTINGUISH your candle.

SIT

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Thou Light of Gentile Nations



5 My Savior, I behold Thee
With faith's enlightened eye;
Of Thee no foe can rob me,
His threats I can defy.
Within Thy heart abiding,
As Thou, O Lord, in me,
Death can no longer frighten
Nor part my soul from Thee.

6 Lord, here on earth Thou seemest
At times to frown on me,
And through my tears I often
Can scarce distinguish Thee;
But in the heavenly mansions
Shall nothing dim my sight;
There shall I see Thy glory
In never-changing light.

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

STAND

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please face the Procession as it passes.

Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace.



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