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*Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.  
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ  
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

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**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

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**CANDLEMAS PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST — 5:30pm**  
**sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys**

**SETTING**

Mass for Four Voices

*William Byrd*  
(c. 1540-1623)

**PRELUDE**

Psalm Prelude No. 1

*Buck McDaniel*  
(b. 1994)

*The People stand as the Choir and Ministers process to the Narthex entrance to the Nave.  
The People, holding unlit candles, turn to face the Celebrant who greets them with these words*

*Celebrant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Celebrant says*

**B**ELOVED in Christ, 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 the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his 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.

*The People's candles are lighted as the Choir sings*

**NUNC DIMITTIS á 6**

*William Byrd*

**N**UNC dimittis servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace:  
quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum  
quod parasti ante faciem  
omnium populorum:  
lumen ad revelationem gentium,  
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace  
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
which thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people;  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Luke 2:29-31*

*The People hold their candles high as the Celebrant then says the following prayer*

Let us pray.

**G**OD our Father, source of all light, today thou hast revealed to the aged Simeon thy light which enlightens all nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Minister sings*

Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

OLD 120TH

1. Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his tem - ple gate!  
2. But borne up - on the throne, Of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,  
3. There Jo - seph at her side In rev - erent won - der stands;  
4. Hail to the great First - born, Whose ran - som price they pay!  
5. O Light of all the earth, Thy chil - dren wait for thee!

Not with his an - gel host, Not in his king - ly state;  
Watched by her du - teous love, In her fond arms at rest;  
And, filled with ho - ly joy, Old Si - meon in his hands  
The Son be - fore all worlds, the Child of man to - day,  
Come to thy tem - ples here, That we, from sin set free,

No shouts pro - claim him nigh, No crowds his com - ing wait;  
Thus to his Fa - ther's house He comes, the heav'n - ly guest.  
Takes up the prom - ised Child, The glo - ry of all lands.  
That he might ran - som us Who still in bon - dage lay.  
Be - fore thy Fa - ther's face May all pre - sent - ed be!

## INTROIT

Plainsong (*Mode I*)

**S**USCEPIMUS, Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio templi tui:  
secundum nomen tuum, Deus:  
ita et laus tua in fines terrae:  
justitia plena est dextera tua.

Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis:  
in civitate Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:  
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*We have waited, O God, for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy Temple:  
according to thy Name,  
O Lord, so is thy praise unto the world's end:  
Thy right hand is full of thy justice.*

*Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised:  
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

*From Psalm 48*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*       And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People sit. They hold their lighted candles until after the Gospel Reading.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

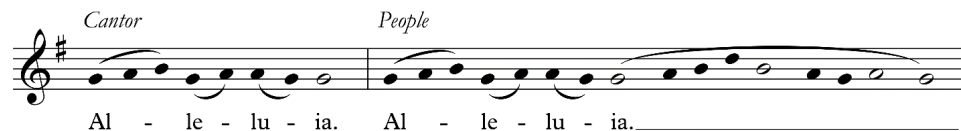
### PSALM 24

Plainsong (*Mode VII*)

#### DOMINI EST TERRA

**T**HE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.  
For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.  
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?  
Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity,  
nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.  
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory  
shall come in.  
Who is the King of glory: it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory  
shall come in.  
Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The People stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*



*Cantor* A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*People*



*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*



## SERMON

The Rector

## THE NICENE CREED

*The People stand. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.*

**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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one holy Catholic 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.

## THE PEACE

*The People stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace*

**I**N the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                And with thy spirit.

## THE GREETINGS

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

*Sung by the Choir*

*Thomas Tallis*  
(c. 1505-1585)

**V**IDETE miraculum matris Domini:  
concepit virgo virilis ignara consortii,  
stans onerata nobili onere Maria;  
et matrem se laetam cognoscit,  
quae se nescit uxorem.  
Haec speciosum forma prae filiis hominum  
castis concepit visceribus,  
et benedicta in aeternum  
Deum nobis protulit et hominem.  
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

*Behold the miracle of the mother of the Lord:  
a virgin has conceived though she knows not a man,  
Mary, who stands laden with her noble burden;  
knowing not that she is a wife,  
she rejoices to be a mother.  
She has conceived in her chaste womb  
one who is beautiful beyond the sons of men,  
and blessed for ever,  
she has brought forth God and man for us.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

*Respond at 1st Vespers, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*                It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant sings the Preface*

**I**T is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks  
unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word  
made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in  
the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the  
company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

#### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by the Choir*

**S**ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,  
O Father Almighty, world without end.

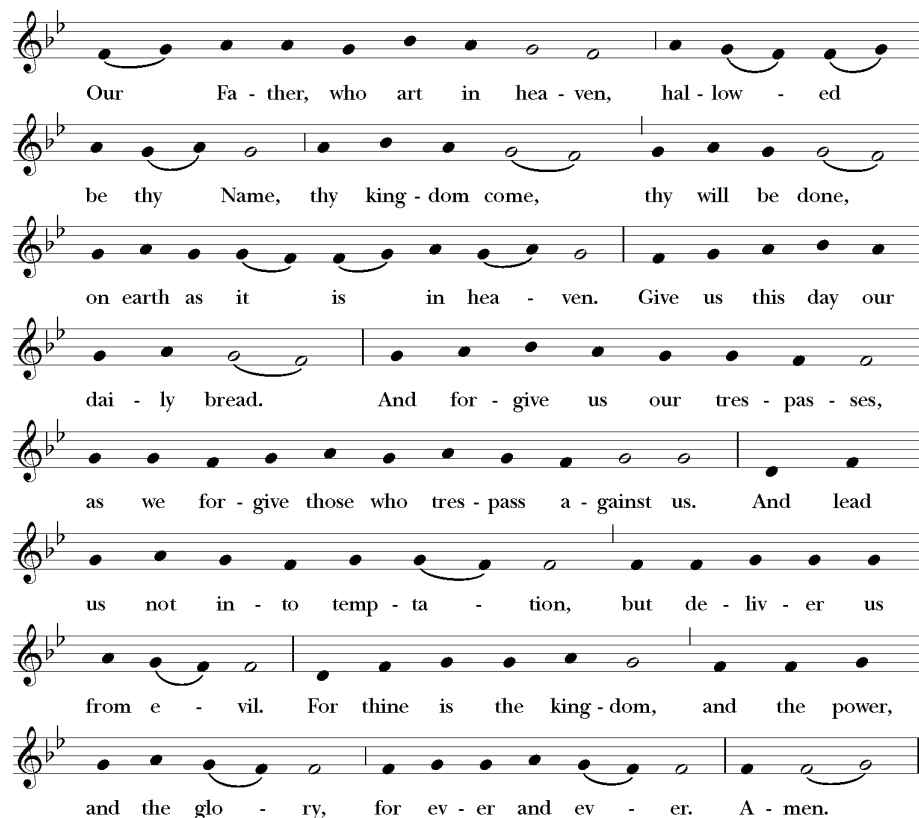
*The People respond* AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Celebrant and People*



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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

**B**EHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*People* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.*

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

**I** BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;  
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.  
Never permit me to be separated from thee!  
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may  
die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.  
The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only at the Crossing.  
Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.*

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

**A**GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

*The People kneel.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these  
holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our  
Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are  
very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful  
people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee,  
O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## SOLEMN BLESSING

*The Celebrant says*

**C**HRIST, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.  
*People* Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.  
*People* Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.  
*People* Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you, and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

*The People stand and the Congregation's candles are then lighted.*

## HYMN

RATISBON

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Chares Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870);  
harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

Go, in the light and peace of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Psalm Prelude No. 2

*Buck McDaniel*