



# The Holy Eucharist

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

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WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*The glory of the Lord*

Richard Smallwood (b. 1951)

### WELCOME

*The people stand as able.*

### HYMN

*Sanctuary*

*Sung by all three times.*

John Thompson (b. 1950) and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true;  
with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### THE COLLECT FOR THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

# THE READINGS

## FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

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.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 84:1-6

Isaac Everett (b. 1981)

*The worship leader introduces the refrain, then all repeat.*



*The worship leader sings the psalm.*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

*All repeat the refrain.*

Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
they will always be praising you.  
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

*All repeat the refrain.*

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

*All repeat the refrain. The people stand as able for the Gospel Alleluia, singing twice.*

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA

*Alleluia*

Norah Duncan IV (b. 1952)



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, Jesus' parents 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All sing the Gospel Alleluia.*

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan

*The people stand as able.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — 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 resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

*After each petition,*

God of life and light:  
Hear us, we pray.

*The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The presider offers absolution and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
And also with you.

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERING

*An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world. All are invited to make a gift to help keep the Cathedral strong—either as the plate is passed or texting the dollar amount you wish to give to (202) 856-9005.*

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Stand*

Donnie McClurkin (b. 1959)

What do you do, when you've done all you can, and it seems like it's never enough? And what do you say when your friends turn away, and you're all alone? Tell me, what do you give when you've given your all, and it seems like you can't make it through? Well, you just stand when there's nothing left to do. You just stand; watch the Lord see you through. Yes, after you done all you can, you just stand. Stand and be sure. Be not entangled in that bondage again. You just stand and endure. God has a purpose, yes, God has a plan. Tell me, what do you do when you've done all you can, and it seems like you can't make it through? Child, you just stand. Stand. After you've done all you can, you just stand.

*The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.*

## HYMN

*We have come into this house*

*Sung by all.*

*Worship Him*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a G minor key signature (one flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "We have come in-to this house to gath-er in his Name and wor-ship him. We have come in-to this house to gath-er in his Name and wor - ship him. We have come in-to this house to gath-er in his Name and wor - ship Christ the Lord. Wor - ship him, Christ the Lord." The music ends with a double bar line.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our mothers and fathers: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself. He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all people whose story you have shaped, with women and men of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Sung by all.*

Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948)

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now Jesus offers himself in touch and taste beyond what words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time. May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb, and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace, and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & FRACTION ANTHEM

*The presider breaks the bread in silence.*

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Jesus is here right now*

*Sung by all twice.*

Leon C. Roberts (1950-1999)

Je - sus is here right now, Je - sus is here. \_\_\_\_\_ With this  
bread and wine his peace you'll find, Christ Je - sus is here right now. \_\_\_\_\_

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*The people are seated.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*

*Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher. During the administration of Holy Communion, the laying on of hands and prayers for healing are offered in War Memorial Chapel.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Something about the name Jesus*

Kirk Franklin (b. 1970)

Something about the name, Jesus. Something about the name, Jesus. It is the sweetest thing I know. Oh, how I love the name, Jesus. Oh, how I love the name, Jesus. It is the sweetest name I know. Some people say I'm crazy, but I can't explain the power that I feel when I call your name. It's just like fire shut up in my bones. The Holy Ghost is movin', and it just won't leave me alone. Something about the name, Jesus. Something about the name, Jesus. It is the sweetest thing I know. Oh, how I love the name, Jesus. Oh, how I love the name, Jesus. It is the sweetest name I know. Sweeter than honey from the honeycomb; I can feel the Holy Ghost movin'. It won't leave me alone. At the name of Jesus, every knee has got to bow. You don't have to wait until the fire comes, you can go and shout and praise him right now. Something about the name, Jesus. Something about the name, Jesus. It is the sweetest thing I know. Oh, how I love the name, Jesus. Oh, how I love the name, Jesus. It is the sweetest name I know. I know. I know. I know. I know.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*We are standing on holy ground*

*Sung by all.*

Geron Davis (b. 1960)

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'We are standing on holy ground'. It consists of three staves of music in a G major key signature (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, and I know that there are'. The second staff contains: 'an - gels all a - round; Let us praise Je - sus now.'. The third staff contains: 'We are stand - ing in his pres-ence on ho - ly ground.'.

*The people stand as able.*

## SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(when scheduled)*

In the name of God and this Cathedral Church, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

*All who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries are asked to approach the clergy closest to their seat, either at the rood screen or altar.*

We pray for those celebrating a birthday or an anniversary. Let us pray together.

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN • 556

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart*

*Sung by all.*

*Marion*

## THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Rejoice*

Donald Vails (1948-1997)

*Thank you for worshipping at Washington National Cathedral, your National Cathedral.*

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