

Trinity Episcopal Church

Offering Companionship along the Way

The Feast of the Presentation

Annual Meeting Sunday

February 2, 2025

Prelude

Processional Hymn 528 Lord, you give the great commission

Rowthorn

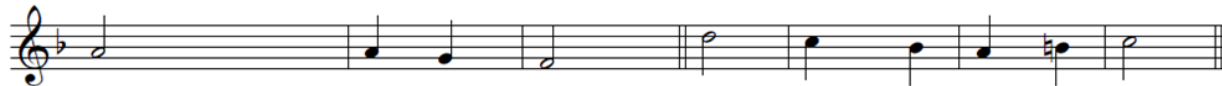
Priest Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria S 276 Glory to God

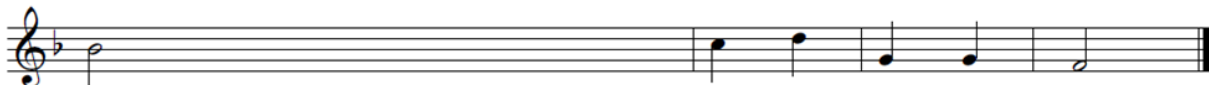
Edward Hodges (1796-1867)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord,



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you alone are the Most High,



we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray together our collect:

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Malachi 3:1-4

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10

Gevert-1

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

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

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

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

A reading from The Letter to the Hebrews 2:14-18

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

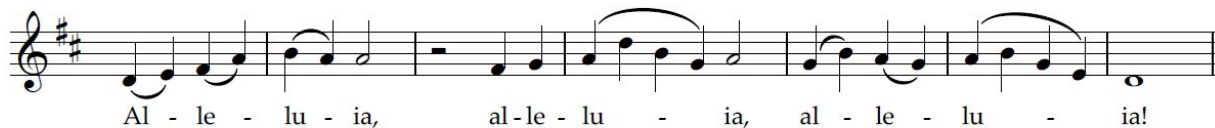
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 499 Lord God, you now have set your servant free

Song I

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Gevert-2025-01



Christine Gevert (b. 1964)
For Trinity Church, January, 2025

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 2:22-40
People **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.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Heidi Truax

Minute of silence for reflection

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 of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops, for all lay and ordained ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish cycle of prayer, Pari Forood, M.E. Freeman, Danielle Gaherty, and for their families, and for all who live and work in our communities, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, all who suffer and those who have asked for our prayers (*we read from the book and leave time for people to add names;*) for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (*we read from the book and leave time for people to add names,*) and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of our lives especially all we lift up in prayer at this time (*we leave time to lift up our thanksgivings.*) Give us grateful hearts, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship 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. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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.

Pastor The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 24 verses 2-4 We thank thee that thy Church *St. Clement*

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow *Old 100th*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Gevert 2017-06

50 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth - are
58 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who
comes - in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na - in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Fraction Anthem: Blessed are those

Gevert 2017-06

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature, which changes to 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him all you peoples. For his loving-kindness to ward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever." The score includes measure numbers 72 and 77. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Christine Gevert. For Trinity Church Lime Rock, June 1, 2017

Here at Trinity we welcome all to take communion with us. You may drink from the chalice, or you may intinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask Pastor Heidi for a blessing.

Communion Hymn 302 Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez a Dieu

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we take counsel at our annual meeting. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the One who made us, the One who loves us, and the One who travels with us, be with you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**

Henri-Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Closing Hymn 362 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicea

The Dismissal

Pastor Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Sturges Ferranti by her daughter, Bev Becker

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director: Christine Gevert

Guest Organist: Amy Vinisko

Minister of Communion: Mike Cuoco

Lector: Susanna Schindler

Epistoler: Hotchkiss Student

Intercessor: Linda Lloyd

Altar Guild: Theresa Kenny

Flowers: Marilyn Anderson

Greeter/Usher: Jim Conzo/Marian Beers

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

- Today** 11:30 AM—Annual Meeting with potluck lunch.
- Sunday, Feb. 9** 2:00 PM on Zoom—NW Region Leadership Meeting
- Sunday, Feb. 16** 4 :00 PM Vecinos Seguros Meeting in Walker Hall. All are welcome.
- Saturday, Mar. 22** 11:00 AM Funeral for Martha Nesbitt
- Sunday, Feb. 23** 9:30 AM Burning of the palms from Palm Sunday 2024
- Saturday, Mar. 1** 4:00 PM Crescendo Concert
- Sunday, Mar. 2** 10:30 AM Baptism of Olivia Bottum, granddaughter of Pat Barton
Chocolate Sunday! Just for fun this year!
- Wed., Mar. 5** 12:30 PM Short Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday service with Eucharist and Music
- Thurs., Mar. 6** 6:00 PM CT Attorney General William Tong speaks at Trinity Walker Hall

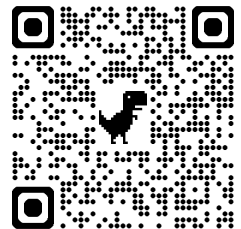
Weekly Schedule

- Mondays** 6:00 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall
- Tuesdays** 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays** Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge each month
6:00 PM Women’s AA in Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Explorers will resume on Zoom on January 9
- Fridays** 6:00 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall until the March 1 concert.
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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