

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

the Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany



Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

February 2, 2025, 10am

"O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!"

— Psalm 84:12

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral. We are the Cathedral for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and an active community serving greater Springfield. It is a blessing to have you with us today. If you are new here, we encourage you to fill out a Visitor's Card to receive more information. Our clergy and leaders would love to make a connection with you. Christ Church Cathedral is an open and inclusive community which invites all people to the incredible love of God, with no barriers of race, culture or sexual orientation. You are loved and welcomed here.

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During the week, please pray for those whom Christ's healing power has been requested:

Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Jim McBride, The Reverend Jerry True, Monique Ray Burwell, The Reverend Tom A. Callard, Milagros Lopez, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Ann Lincoln, Joyce Howard, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, Eleanor Parke, Blaise and her family.

Please note that the Prayer List will be reset every 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested in the Main Office!

INTROIT: "Give Me Jesus"

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS #1) 1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en road Bit - ter the 2. Sto - ny the we trod, chast - 'ning 3. God of our wea гу years, God of our si - lent Ring with the lib 1. ring, har nies of er -.... mo 2. rod, Felt in the days when_ hope un born_ had 3. tears, Thou who hast brought. thus far the us. on. joic High list - 'ning. 1. ty; Let our - ing rise as the re 2. died; Yet with a stead beat, Have not our wear - y - y 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in the. to -1. skies, Let re - sound loud the roll ing it as sea. 2. feet which fa sighed?. Come to the place for оиг thers 3. light, Keep us for - ev in the path, er we pray. 10



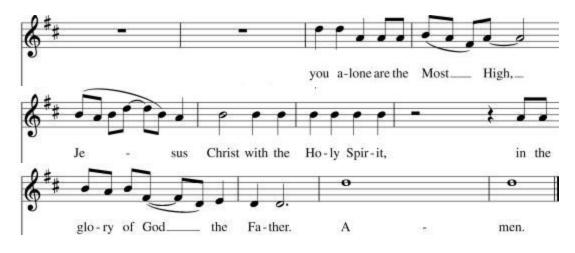
THE OPENING SENTENCES

The people standing, the Celebrant says:Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.All:And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

GLORIA: Glory to God (LEVAS #241)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. 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.**

THE FIRST READING: 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 84



1 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. 2 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. 3 Happy are they who dwell / in your house! * they will al/ways be praising you. 4 Happy are the people whose strength / is in you! * whose hearts are set / on the pilgrims' way. 5 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. 6 They will climb from / height to height, * and the God of gods will re/veal himself in Zion. 7 Lord God of hosts, / hear my prayer; * heark/en, O God of Jacob. 8 Behold our defend/er, O God; * and look upon the /face of your Anointed. 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in / my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the / tents of the wicked. 10 For the Lord God is both / sun and shield; * he / will give grace and glory; 11 No good thing will the / Lord withhold * from those / who walk with integrity. 12 O / Lord of hosts, *happy are they who / put their trust in you!

THE SECOND READING: 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.

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THE SEQUENCE HYMN: How Bright Appears the Morning Star (The Hymnal 1982 #497)



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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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, 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.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Domenic Ciannella

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM VI

The People may stand or kneel

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence* For all people in their daily life and work;

All For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Donald, our President; for Maura, our Governor, for Dominic, our Mayor.

For this Community; the Nation and the World;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, and for those in sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and our Diocesan Bishop, Doug Fisher We pray for Church Without Walls and the Big Blue Drop-in Center.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence (The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We are thankful for those celebrating **birthdays** this week, especially Cevanya Ray, Joseph Peter Holstead, Ms. Judy Cooke, David Godin, Anthony Campbell, and Rafael Verdejo. We pray for those celebrating **anniversaries** this week. We give thanks for the flowers adorning the sanctuary today in loving memory of Crawford and John Lincoln by Ann Lincoln. *Silence*. We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for the departed, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially those whom we name aloud now; *(pause for names)*.

We pray for those in the history of Christ Church Cathedral who died the

week of February 2nd: Marsh Turner, Grace Bradford Vining, Frederick Arterton, Erline Lander, Lillian Markle, Isabella G. Holden, Eureka Wiltshire, Mary McKenna, and Lawrence D. Chapin. May they rest in peace. Bless all those whose lives have been cut short by gun violence and war. Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. A period of Silence is kept.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

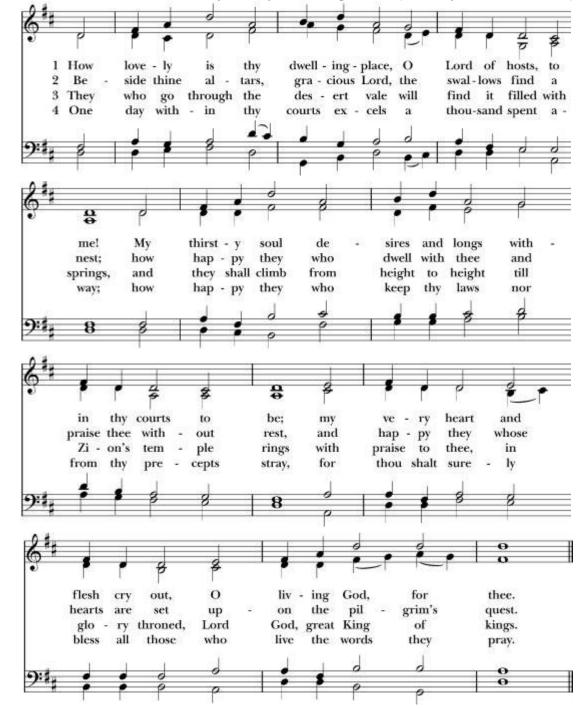
And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "Freedom is Coming" (Bishop's Choir School)

During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code to the left

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place (The Hymnal 1982 #517)



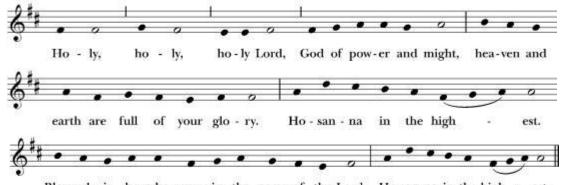
THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks

to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 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:

THE SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy (The Hymnal 1982 #S124)



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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

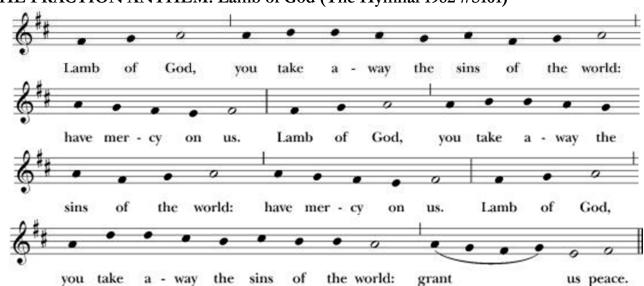
holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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



THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God (The Hymnal 1982 #S161)

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. If you prefer Gluten-Free wafers or non-alcoholic grape juice, please tell the eucharistic ministers.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM – "O How Amiable" (Ralph Vaugh Williams)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people



THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: We've Come this Far By Faith (LEVAS #208)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!! Alleluia!! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!**

POSTLUDE: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around" (spiritual)

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS February 2, 2025 Questions, links: Contact Jackson Chamberlain at <u>cccspfld@gmail.com</u> or 413-736-2742

Cathedral Finances – February 2025 –

Looking for a way to increase your MA Income Tax Refund?



Did you know that MA will give you a deduction for CHARITABLE DONATIONS on your taxes? The deduction is worth 5% of what you gave....no matter how small, or large, the amount. For example, if you donated \$2000 to the Cathedral last year, your refund would be increased by \$100.

Just remember to give the **"Donations Statement"** that you received a few weeks ago to whomever is doing your taxes. This does not apply to your Federal taxes – only your MA taxes. And, only money donations (not items) count.

Questions? Or, need a reprint of your Donations Statement? Ask Laura, or send her an email at Treasurer@cccspfld.org

BROOKS GALLERY RECEPTION – "Faith Flowers and Blessings"

Please join us in the Library for refreshments and a discussion with the Artist Cindy Lutz February 2nd following the 10am service at 11:15am.





MAKE A DONATION TO THE CATHEDRAL

Point your camera at the QR code to the left and it will lead you to a link where you can donate electronically. We rely on the pledges and financial support of our members and friends, and we thank you for making all of this possible.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" - Matthew 6:21

WE ARE COLLECTING MEAL KITS FOR SQUARE ONE!

Christ Church Cathedral once again would like to begin collecting Meal Kits to send Square One! Meal kits are items placed in a bag that will be given to parents. They should be non-perishables or items with an extended shelf life.





FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Donate flowers in memory of a loved one today! Send your dedication, along with your \$45 donation to the Main office, and we will call you to confirm placement! We still need dedications for 01/19/2025, and 02/21/2025, 03/02/2025, 07/07/2025, and 11/23/2025

THE PRAYER TEAM IS BACK!

It is with much joy we resume this important ministry and we look forward to praying with everyone over the coming months! Just remember that we will only be 'on duty' in the side two Sundays a month, the second and the fourth.



UPDATED CORI CHECKS

All of those who participate in the following need to have an updated CORI check to be able to engage in any ministries involving children: Sextons, secretaries, choir directors, Sunday school leaders, activity chaperones, nursery, J2A, confirmation mentors, acolyte trainers and adult acolytes, VBS, Christmas programs, ACTS, Drop In Center. Forms may be obtained from Delphine Williams or the office and must be returned with a copy of a valid ID in a sealed envelope. Safe Church also needs to be completed by the same group as above via ZOOM.

Certificates of Completion must be forwarded to the Office when received!

DONATIONS NEEDED AT THE DROP-IN CENTER!

We need individual snacks and bottles of water! Please clean out your closets and WINTER COATS, sneakers and boots, etc.. We are also looking for NEW underwear, sizes for both men and women. For more information, contact the CCC Main office at 736-2742 or Jeanne Conrad at jeanne@conrad.us.com.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

There is an English as a Second Language class after the 12:15 mass on Sundays. This is a Level 1 class for new beginners. In October there will also be a Level 2 class for those in between the Beginner and Intermediate levels of English. For more information, speak with Sara Kalter Orsino or Barbara Garriga or send an email at ctmcsarita@gmail.com.

FEED YOUR SOUL

BIBLE STUDY

Weekly on zoom, Sunday morning 9:00am, Wednesday morning 8:00am, Saturday evening 5:00 pm. Links and more information are available through the office.

CENTERING PRAYER

weekly on zoom, Saturday morning at 10:30. Lectio Divino with a guided meditation every week. Links and more information are available through the office.

BOOK CLUB

meets via Zoom every 6 weeks or so. Next Meeting: Monday, February 10th, at 7:00 pm, via zoom. The book is **"The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave**.

For links and more information contact Laura Manship at laura@shouldertoshoulder.org





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Participants in today's service

Celebrant /Preacher 10AM	The Reverend Domenic Ciannella
Deacon	The Reverend Kate Derose
Music Director	Dr. Colin Britt
Verger	Oswald Howard
Acolytes	Sean Asante, Mark Betsher, Maame Asante, & BiJou Asante
Lectors	Mariana Bauman, & Peter Pappas
Intercessor	June Watson
Altar Guild 10A	Sarah Betsher, & Mark Giddings
Eucharistic Ministers 10A	Mark Giddings, Rajendra Lalak, & Mark Betsher
Ushers	Angelika Melien, and Nat Green
Livestream Team	Laura Manship, Brooke Larson, & Yolanda Hernandez

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