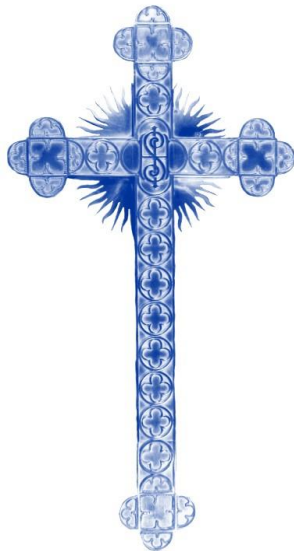


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

February 2, 2025 ✠ 10:30 am





# The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 93**

Angels, from the realms of glory

*Regent Square*

Opening Acclamation

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A Song of Praise (*Benedictus es, Domine*)  
(\* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.)

John Rutter

The Collect of the Day

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 Lesson**

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.

**The Psalm**

Psalm 24:7-10  
*Domini est terra*

**S 411**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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- 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**."

## The Second Lesson

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.

**Hymn # 496** (vv.1-2) How bright appears the Morning Star *Wie schön leuchtet*

## The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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.

<b>Hymn # 496</b> (v.3)	How bright appears the Morning Star	<i>Wie schön leuchtet</i>
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## **The Holy Communion**

The Offertory		
<b>Choir Anthem</b>	O how amiable are thy dwellings	Ralph Vaughan Williams
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# Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Sanctus*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics 'might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The accompaniment continues with sustained chords and moving bass lines.

san - na in the high - est. \*Bless - ed is he who comes

The third system features the vocal line with lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. \*Bless - ed is he who comes'. The accompaniment includes a prominent bass line with eighth notes.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fourth system continues with the vocal line: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the'. The accompaniment maintains its harmonic support.

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fifth and final system concludes the piece with the vocal line: 'high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The accompaniment ends with sustained chords.

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

David Hurd

The Invitation

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The Communion of the People

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.*

*Kneel or stand as able.*

*Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.*

*As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.*

*To receive the wine:*

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

*Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

During Communion

**Hymn # 656**

Blest are the pure in heart

*Franconia*

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

**Hymn # 657**

Love divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

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