

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

INTRODUCTORY RITES

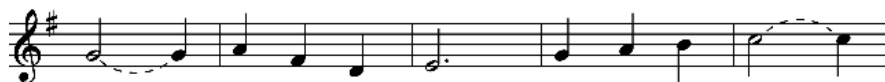
BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

GATHERING SONG

Christ Be Our Light #518



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

GLORIA



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We
praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo-ri - fy
you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord
God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al-might - y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on
us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

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COLLECT

Priest: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly,
which consisted of men, women,
and those children old enough to understand.
Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate,
he read out of the book from daybreak till midday,
in the presence of the men, the women,
and those children old enough to understand;
and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.
Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform
that had been made for the occasion.
He opened the scroll
so that all the people might see it
— for he was standing higher up than any of the people —;
and, as he opened it, all the people rose.
Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God,
and all the people, their hands raised high, answered,
“Amen, amen!”
Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD,
their faces to the ground.
Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God,
interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.
Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe
and the Levites who were instructing the people
said to all the people:
“Today is holy to the LORD your God.
Do not be sad, and do not weep” —
for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.
He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,
and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared;
for today is holy to our LORD.
Do not be saddened this day,
for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many.

If a foot should say,

“Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, “
it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.

Or if an ear should say,

“Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, “
it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God placed the parts,
each one of them, in the body as he intended.

If they were all one part, where would the body be?

But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you, “
nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.”

Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker
are all the more necessary,

and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable
we surround with greater honor,

and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety,
whereas our more presentable parts do not need this.

But God has so constructed the body

as to give greater honor to a part that is without it,

so that there may be no division in the body,

but that the parts may have the same concern for one another.

If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it;

if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.

Some people God has designated in the church

to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers;

then, mighty deeds;

then gifts of healing, assistance, administration,

and varieties of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?

Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing?

Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE CREED

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,**

born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All: Hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Opportunity for online giving

OFFERTORY SONG

The Lord is My Light #681

Verses



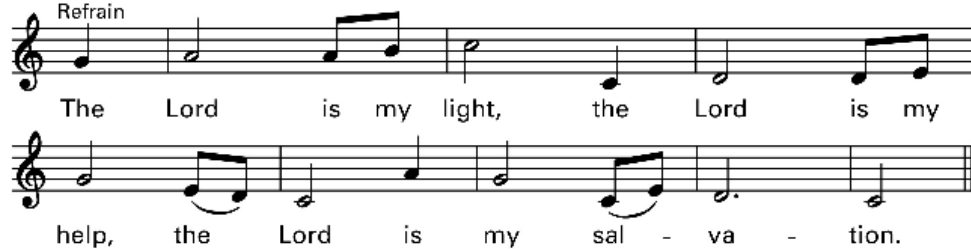
1. The ___ Lord is my light, my ___ help, my sal-
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I
3. I ___ know I will live to ___ see the Lord's

1. va - tion. Why should I fear? With God I fear
2. long for: all of my days with God to be
3. good-ness; now, in this life, I'm sure I will

1. no one. God pro - tects me ___ all my ___
2. dwell-ing, gaz - ing with awe at the beau - ty of
3. see it. Trust in the Lord, be ___ strong and be

1. life. With the Lord what should I ___ dread? ___
2. God, and in won - der look on God's house. ___
3. brave; wait in hope for God, our sal - va - tion.

Refrain



The Lord is my light, the Lord is my
help, the Lord is my sal - va - tion.

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All: Blessed be God for ever (x2)

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Priest: Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

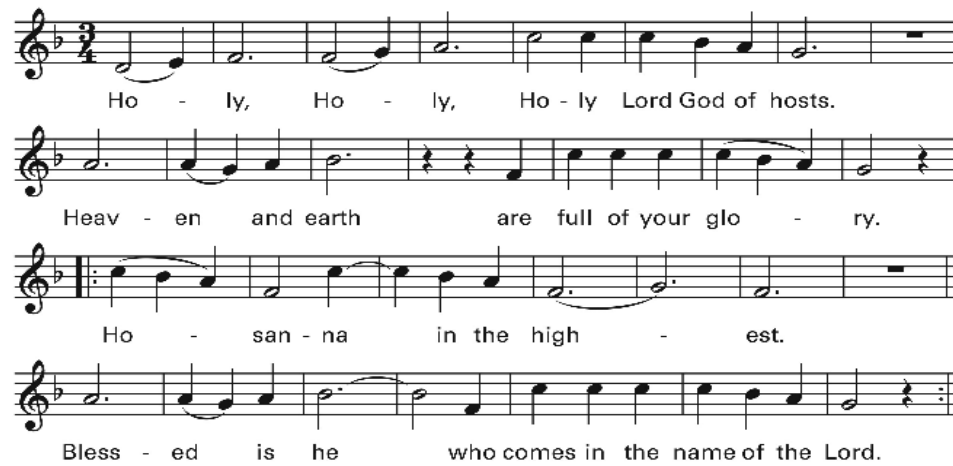
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

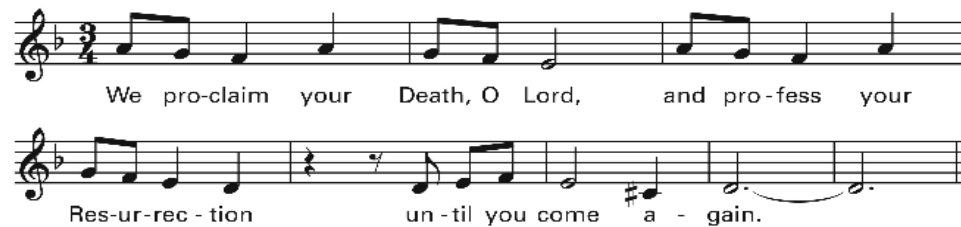
HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

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Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

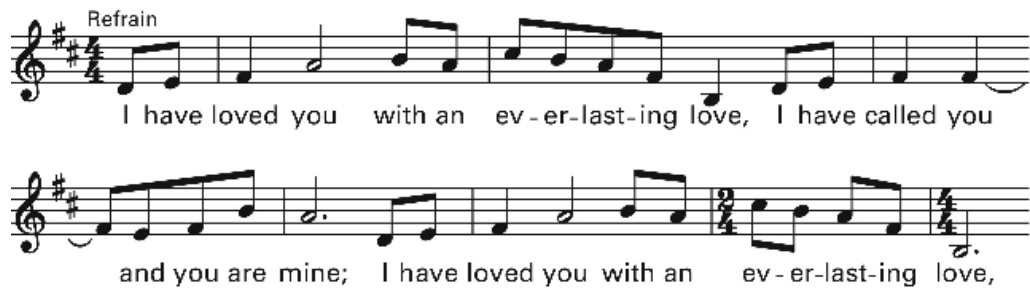
I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

COMMUNION SONG

I Have Loved You #610

Refrain



I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love, I have called you
and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love,

Verses



I have called you and you are mine. 1-3. Seek the face of the Lord and

to Refrain

1. long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

FINAL BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

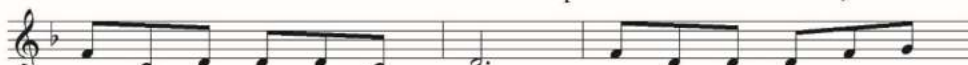
All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL SONG

We Are The Light of the World #520



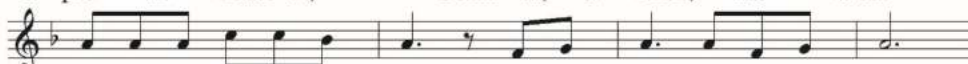
1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,
2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble,
3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row,
4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice,
5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,
6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,
7. Bless - ed are they who bring peace a - mong us,
8. Bless those Who suf - fer - from per - se - cu - tion,



1. Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us
2. They will in - her - it the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us
3. They will be com - fort - ed. Bless us, O Lord, when we
4. They will be sat - is - fied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our;
5. They will know mer - cy too. Bless us, O Lord, hear our
6. They will be - hold the Lord. Bless us, O Lord, make us
7. They are the chil - dren of God. Bless us, O Lord, may your
8. Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they



1. poor in spir - it; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
2. meek and hum - ble; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
3. share their sor - row; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
4. cry for jus - tice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
5. cry for mer - cy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
6. pure and ho - ly; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
7. peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
8. per - se - scute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.



Ref. We are the light of the world, may our light shine be - fore all,



That they may see the good that we do, and give glo - ry to God.