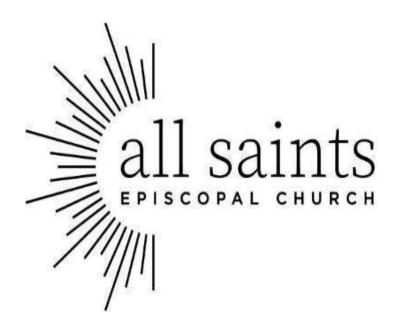
# THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2024 AT 10:30 AM



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6301 PARKMAN PLACE
CINCINNATI, OH 45213



If you are joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are with us this evening! Know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to sign our guest book as you exit or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and return it to the offering plate. We'd love to stay connected with you and tell you about the wonderful offerings and community here at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Please feel free to find out more about us on our website at allsaintscincinnati.org

# Artist's Note

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

The Peace of Wild Things - Wendell Berry

Improvisation on Lasst uns erfreunen

#### **OPENING HYMN**

H 436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gate

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

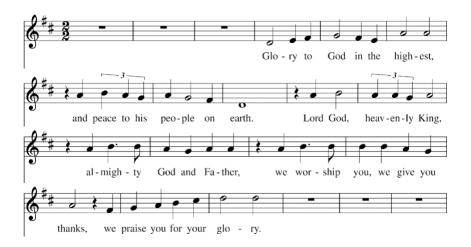
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.* 

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 Liturgy of the Word

#### 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.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

#### THE RESPONSE

Psalm 84

Prayed responsively by whole verse.

- 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 always 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 reveal himself in Zion.

<sup>7</sup> Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.

# 8 Behold our defender, 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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

The people stand to sing the following.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

H 657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Verse 1 before the Gospel, Verse 3 after the Gospel



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Jerusalem Greer Interim Executive Director of Procter Center

#### 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

Celebrant: We come into your presence seeking your blessing, O Holy One: Let our eyes see the salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all the nations, as we pray: Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Litanist: Gracious God, let your Church be presented to you purified and holy through the mercy of our faithful High Priest, Jesus your Son, a light for revelation to the world and for the glory of your people. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Compassionate One, purify our leaders like gold and silver that they may cooperate with your work of justice and peace, and free those who have been held in slavery by the fear of death. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

O Blessed One, endue our elders and sages with wisdom and righteousness. that we may listen to their truth and be blessed. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.* 

Eternal God, honor the intercessions of those who worship with fasting and prayer, night and day, that all humanity may look for the redemption of your creation and have our dreams fulfilled. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Gracious and Loving One, kindle your light in the temple of our hearts and let your comforting grace be among us as we pray in intercession especially for \_\_\_\_. *All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.* 

Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God; we bring to your presence our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for \_\_\_\_. *All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.* 

How dear to us is your dwelling, O God of hosts, our souls have a desire and longing for your courts. Bring into the fullness of your divine life all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_. *All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.* 

Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of St. Alban's Bexley, St. Paul's Chillicothe, St. John's Cambridge, Extraparochial priests, and Episcopal Retirement Services.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of South America.

Celebrant: Loving God, let your blessing and favor be upon us to grow and become strong in Spirit, filled with wisdom and goodness, that when we come before you, we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* 

#### THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence

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.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

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

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Liturgy of the Table

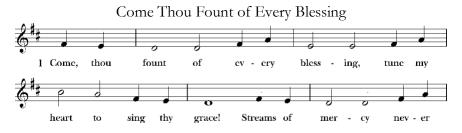
#### HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

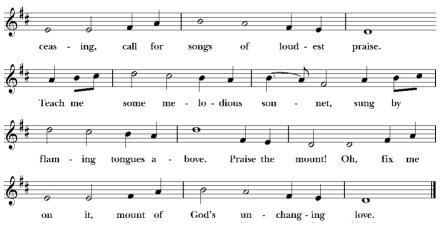
**Charles Wood** 

Nunc Dimittis

#### PRESENTATION HYMN

H 686, v 1





Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music. Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

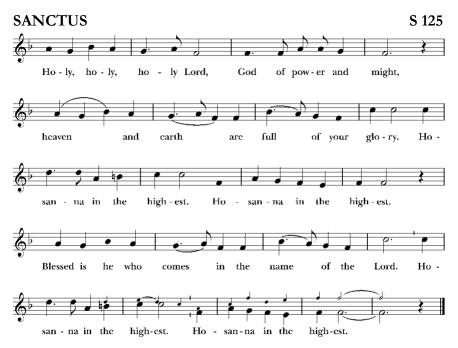
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and

for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

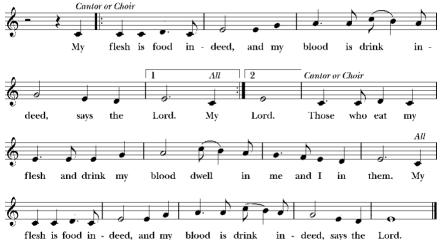
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.



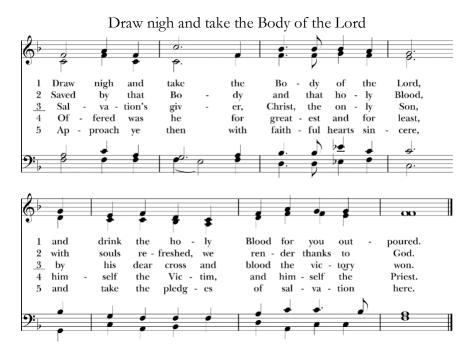


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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### A Note About Communion: All are Welcome.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest so that the priest may give you a blessing. If you would like to receive but mobility is a concern, the priest will come serve you at your seat.



- 6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields to all believers life eternal yields;
- 7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: Bangor Antiphoner, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Song 46, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

# POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Standing; said by all.

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.

#### BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*.

#### HYMN AT THE CLOSE

H 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

#### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Florence Price

# Festal March

# Serving Today 2/4

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

Preacher: Jerusalem Greer

**Musicians:** Ethan Neal and the All Saints Choir **Lectors:** Dorothy Powell and Jenna Beall Mueller

Server: Jackson Hearn
Usher: Mackenzie Hammel
Altar Guild: Helen Prather
Communion Bread: Kate Butler
Coffee Hour: Ron and Karen Murphy

# Serving Next Week 2/11 (Hymn Festival)

Officiant: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn Musicians: Ethan Neal and the All Saints Choir Lectors: Tony Nagygyor and Kate Butler

Usher: Chris Denhart
Altar Guild: Maggie Nelson
Coffee Hour: Julie Chaney

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 4TH

# Welcome Jerusalem Greer!

We're thrilled this morning to welcome Interim Executive Director of Procter Camp and Conference Center, Jerusalem Greer! Before her appointment as Director of Procter, Jerusalem served on Presiding Bishop Michael's Curry's staff as Manager for Evangelism and Discipleship. After the service, Jerusalem will be around at coffee hour to share with us about all the exciting things happening at Procter, including multiple opportunities to attend camp this summer. See you there!

# Annual Meeting Recap and Updated Pledge Card



Many thanks to all those who attended the Annual Meeting this past Sunday-- we had a great turnout! In addition to reports on the various happenings, ministries, and growth of All Saints, the Vestry presented some

important information regarding our parish finances. While the total number of pledging households (42) is up for 2024, the total amount of pledged dollars is down significantly; this is due primarily to the deaths of several generous and faithful givers. This year, we are currently looking at a budget deficit of close to \$38,000. Our Vestry asked that all households prayerfully consider the possibility of an increase to their 2024 pledge or to make a pledge for the first time. We invite you to return the card you received during the meeting to the offering plate this morning or next Sunday. You may also fill out a digital version of the card and view the Annual Report with the QR code above. If you have any questions, please reach out to Meredith+at clergy@allsaintscincinnati.org

# Hymn Festival Next Sunday February 11th

Let us join together in song and sing out our faith with one another! Join All Saints for a service of hymns, poetry, and readings in our hymn festival: Let Light Shine Out of Darkness. This festival will take the place of the regular liturgy on the Last Sunday of Epiphany, February 11th at 10:30am. In a world full of hate, strife, and turmoil, we seek to use our gifts as a light through the darkness to shine unto others as a beacon of hope, love, and comfort. The gift we have been given to give unto others: Christ's love given for us – Christ's light in us – this little light of ours.

# **Epiphany Christian Formation Series**

Get your New Year started off on the right foot! Plan to join us for the Good Book Club, a discussion of the book of Genesis. We'll meet on zoom on **Tuesday evenings, from 7-8 pm**, beginning **Jan. 9 through Feb. 13.** You're invited to read or listen to one or two chapters of Genesis each day following the schedule found at goodbookclub.org/readings. There will be plenty to discuss as we learn about God's most notorious seekers and hooligans! Please contact Mary Taflinger at mjtaflinger@gmail.com to join.

# Save the Date: Saints and Sinners on Feb. 13th

Since our normal Saints and Sinners date falls on Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day, we will gather a day early and enjoy Mardi Gras together! Meet at Element Eatery in Madisonville from 7-9pm. See you there!

# Save the Date: Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 14th

This year our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 14th. At this liturgy we will offer the imposition of ashes as well as the Eucharist.

# All Saints Goes to Tikkun Farm

Imagine Cincinnati has invited All Saints to attend a Winter Family Celebration on February 24th at 4:00pm. Come learn what the farm has to offer in winter and get to know the programming of Imagine Cincinnati, which hosts spaces and events for parents & caregivers to build rhythms, create family rituals, and cultivate spirituality. Families of all ages and abilities are welcome. Grandparents and solo adults

are also welcome. Please note: a vegetarian dinner will be served, and we'll be outdoors for half of the event (so dress accordingly!) For questions and registrations, email Julie at children@allsaintscincinnati.org

# **Digital Visitor's Card**



If you are new among us, we offer you a special word of welcome at worship this morning and invite you to join us after the service in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats, and

fellowship. We'd love to greet you and answer any questions you might have. Whether you're a first-time visitor or have been around All Saints for a while, please scan the QR code above. We'd love to learn more about you and add you to our weekly email newsletter list.

# Ways to Give



All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash/checks in the offering plate. You can also donate by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give online by

scanning the QR code.

# Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for Jonathan Hornschemeier, Adam Buckley, Kyla, Ron and Karen Murphy, The McOsker Family, the Family of Ed Nare, Danny Brown, Gary Slater, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names will remain on the list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.



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