

St. Michael's in the Hills  
Episcopal Church

The Feast  
of the  
Presentation  
of our  
Lord



Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.

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# Welcome to St. Michael's in the Hills!

We are so glad you have joined us today!

Please take a minute to grab your name tag off the rack before the service.

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## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*



Light and peace in Je - sus Christ our Lord.

*People*



Thanks be to God.

The following canticle is then sung, during which the candles are lighted. Please have your candle ready.

Canticle 17, The Song of Simeon

*Nunc dimittis*



1. Lord, you now have set your ser-  
vant  
free to go in peace as you have prom-ised; 2. For these  
eyes of mine have seen the Sa-  
vior, whom you have pre-pared for all the  
world to see: 3. A Light to en-light - en the na - tions, and the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. 4. Glo - ry to the  
Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit: 5. As it  
was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.



Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,  
glo-ry hal-le lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

*Choir:*

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,  
glo-ry hal-le lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. A - - - men.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* 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.

*\*\* Please blow out your candle.*

### 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 Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Response: 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 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.
- 7 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!

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. The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

The Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*

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

*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.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn 529, v. 3 (*See previous page*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Gregory Sammons

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 III

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People:* That we all may be one.

*Leader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Leader:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People:* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Leader:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Leader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Leader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People:* That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Leader:* Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*People:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

*Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Dick, Elmer, Letty, Gayle, Lillian, Didi, Kit, Mike, Cris, David, Dan, Diane, Henk, Chris, Nancy, Joan, Matt, Kent, Greg, Carol, Ava and Angela. Are there others you wish to name? *[pause]*

*Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* 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.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### The Peace and Announcements



The Holy Communion

Offertory Prayer

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory: *Heavenly Sunlight*

G. H. Cook

Julia Burtscher, French Horn

Doxology: Hymn 124, vs. 5

*Puer nobis*

*Unison or harmony*

5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 2

*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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* 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:

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (LEVAS 255)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

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

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a choir or organ. It consists of seven systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the highest". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

*Celebrant:* 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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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,

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant and People:*

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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (WLP 878)

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and  
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

*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.

Communion Music

VF 91

*Heal me, Lord*

*Carol E. Petersen*

Part I  
1 Heal me, Lord, heal me, Lord, heal me,  
am, here I am, here I  
you, touch-ing you, touch-ing  
Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,

Part II  
1, 2, 3 in your mer-cy in your mer-cy  
4 for your mer-cy for your mer-cy

1. 2. 3. | 4.

Lord, heal me, Lord. 2 Here I  
 am, here I am. 3 Touch-ing  
 you, touch-ing you. 4 Thank you, Lord. Oo \_

1. 2. 3. | 4.

in your mer-cy, heal me, Lord, in your mer-cy.  
 in your mer-cy, here I am, in your mer-cy.  
 in your mer-cy, touch-ing you, in your mer-cy.  
 for your mer-cy, thank you, Lord.

1. 2. 3. | 4.

The first system of the musical score features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has four phrases corresponding to the numbered endings. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Oo \_

The second system continues the musical score. It includes a vocal line with a long note and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

1 When can - dles are light - ed on Can - dle - mas Day  
 2 The kings have de - part - ed, the shep - herds have gone,  
 3 They go to the tem - ple, o - bey - ing the law,

the dark is be - hind us, and spring's on the way.  
 the child and his par - ents are left on their own.  
 and of - fer two pi - geons, the gift of the poor.

A glo - ry dawns in ev - ery dark place,

the light of Christ, the full - ness of grace.

*Please stand, as able.*

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*People:* O Lamb of God, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, my heart offers you praise and thanksgiving. I love you above all things, and I earnestly desire to receive you into my soul. And although I cannot receive you sacramentally, I invite you into my heart spiritually. May my soul be fed by this spiritual food, and may my heart know you more dearly in the breaking of this bread. Amen.

### Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

*Celebrant:* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 657 (*See next page for music*)

### The Dismissal

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

*Response:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “*Toccata*”

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.