## St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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# The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany Anticipation fo the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Feb) 29 January 2023

#### **Choral Mass**

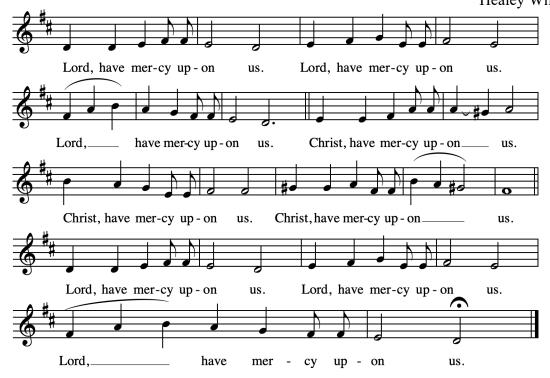


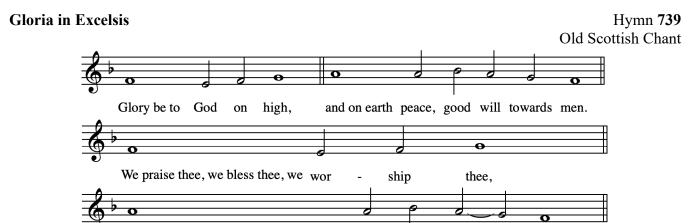
George Weissel, 1642, based on Psalm 24; Tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.

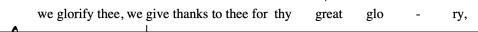
Introit
Collect for Purity
Summary of the Law

**BCP 67** 

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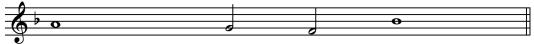








O Lord God, heav'nlyKing, God the Father Al - migh - ty.



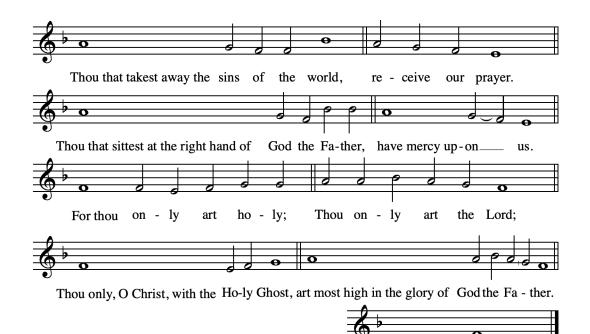
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - ther,



that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us



#### Collect for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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men.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### **Prayer for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty: that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen*.

#### The Lesson

#### II Kings 4:32-37

And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

#### Magnificat (St. Luke i. 46.)

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My soul doth magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded \* the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth \* all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; \* and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him \* throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; \* he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble and meek;.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; \* as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be \* world without end. Amen.

#### The Epistle

Romans 13:1-7

BRETHREN: Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves condemnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

#### Gradual and Alleluia

### The Gospel St. Matthew 8:1-13



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AT that time: When Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

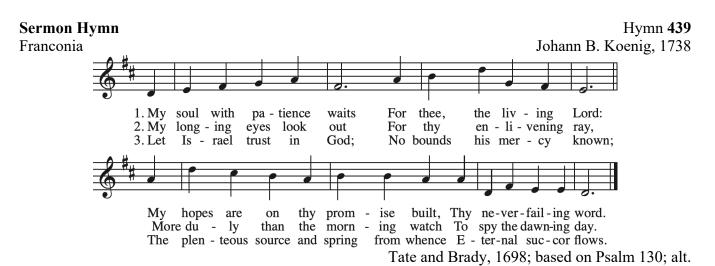


Nicene Creed 71

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen*.



Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

**Offertory Verse and Sentences** 

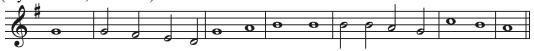
Gardiner

William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815



Frank Mason North, 1905

#### Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

#### **Bidding Prayers**

#### **Orate, Fratres**

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father

Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to

our benefit and that of all his holy Church. Amen.

General Confession 75

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Absolution 76

#### **The Comfortable Words**

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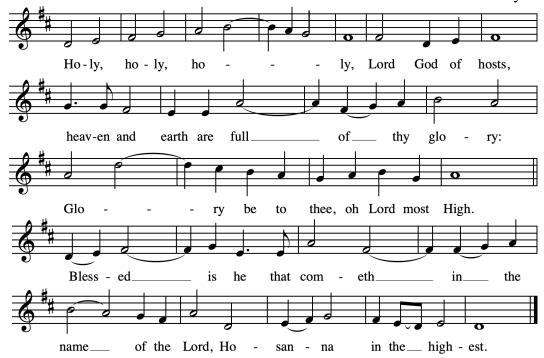
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**Preface for The Epiphany** 

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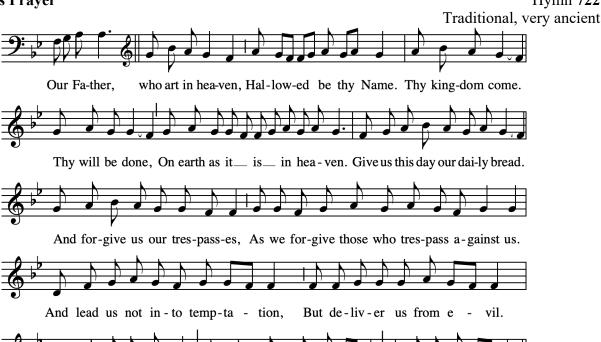
#### **Prayer of Consecration**

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722



For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.



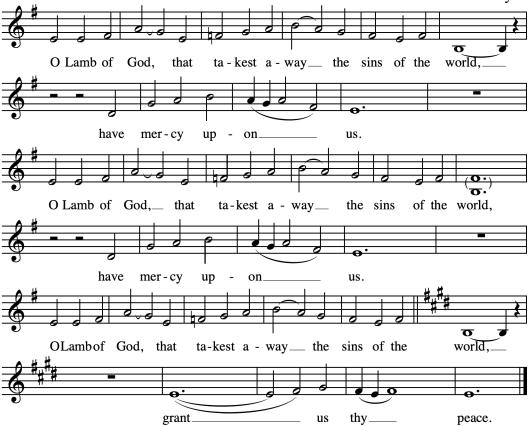
#### The Fracture

#### The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Hymn 712 Agnus Dei Healey Willan, 1928



#### **Prayer of Humble Access**

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#### Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word

only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the customer of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue. Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.

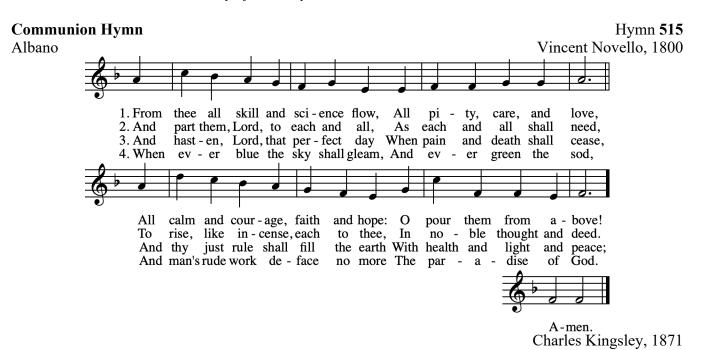
Please replace your mask as you return to your seat.

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

#### **Communion Verse & Post-Communion Prayers**

#### Dismissal

#### **Episcopal Blessing**

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord
People: From this time forth forever more.
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord
People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the

knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the  $\maltese$ Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with

you always. Amen.

#### **Retiring Processional:**

Lyons

Hymn **564** arr. 1822 from J. Michael Haydn



#### Announcements

Celebrant
Assisting
Epistoler
Lector
Acolyte
Acolyte in Training
Accompanist
Altar Guild
Zoom Wrangler

The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Robert Jones

K. in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

Tony Shehata Robert Yeager Ken Kubo Gretchen Martin Landon Melamed Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

Midweek Mass will be celebrated this week on Wednesday at 10 am (Presentation of Christ in the Temple, aka The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, transferred from 2 Feb).

The Fourth Quarter Mite Box will be received throughout the month of January.

#### \* REMINDER \*

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will commence immediately in the Parish Hall (and Zoom) after a brief Coffee Fellowship. Refreshments are available to all prior to the start of the Parish Meeting

Business to be handled at the Meeting:

- Appointment of the 2023 Senior Warden.
- Election of two new members to the Vestry.\*

  Proposed nominees to date include: Ann Hanna, Landon Melamed, and Shannon Shehata
- Election of a 2023 Junior Warden.
- Presentation and Approval of the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2022
- Presentation and Approval of the Proposed Budget for 2023.
- The election of three Delegates and three Alternates to the 2023 Diocesan Synod (the location is yet to be determined).

All parishioners are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. To be eligible to cast a vote, or be nominated to the Vestry, our Parish Bylaws require that individuals must be:18 years of age or older, listed as a Member in the Parish Register, a Contributor of Record, and regular in attendance. PLEASE, if you plan to nominate someone from the floor, ask their permission in advance, and be certain that they meet the Bylaw requirements!

Immediately following the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Vestry will meet briefly to elect a Parish Secretary and a Parish Treasurer for 2023. Installation of all new officers will occur at next Sunday's Mass.

\*Please note that this will bring us to a Vestry size of 7, down from 9, and will allow us to move forward with 2 new Vestry members elected each year. Our Bylaws allow the Vestry to have up to 9 members with preference for an odd number. Due to the reduced number of active attendees in the Parish, the reduced Vestry size is both reasonable and practical.