# **SEASON OF EPIPHANY**



JESUS IS PRESENTED
IN THE TEMPLE



The Fourth Week of Epiphany
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022



# Welcome to Church of the Savior

If You are Visiting: We'd love to meet you, even if only virtually! Please email Fr. Kevin at kevin@friendsofthesavior.org to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

**About our Worship:** We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable. You can't make a mistake.

**Current Covid Protocol:** Due to the recent COVID surge, we have chosen to worship over livestream through February 12. We plan to resume gathering in-person for worship services on Saturday, February 19.

**Children's Worship:** While services are livestreamed, children and youth are strongly invited to join in alongside everyone else. We will keep the service 10-15 minutes shorter than usual.

This is the Fourth Week after Epiphany, and today we are celebrating the Presentation of Our Lord. As Luke records in his gospel, on the fortieth day after Jesus was born, his parents took him to the temple to present him and make the required sacrifices. In this celebration, we marvel at how Jesus, even as an infant in the temple, revealed himself to Simeon and the prophet Anna as the promised Messiah. We rejoice in the words of Simeon: "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" (Luke 2:30-32).

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### PRELUDE & WELCOME

Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude as you quiet your mind and prepare your heart for worship.

### THE WORD OF GOD

### **PROCESSIONAL**

You may stand.

# Come Thou Almighty King

Come Thou Almighty King Help us Thy name to sing Help us to praise Father all glorious O'er all victorious Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word Gird on Thy mighty sword Our prayer attend Come and Thy people bless And give Thy Word success Spirit of holiness On us descend

Come Holy Comforter Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour Thou who almighty art Now rule in ev'ry heart And ne'er from us depart Spirit of pow'r

To Thee great One in Three Eternal praises be Hence evermore Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see And to eternity Love and adore Celebrant: The God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

All: 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.

If you have a candle at home, please light it now.

# Phos Hilaron (O Gracious Light)



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: 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.

Please be seated.

### THE FIRST LESSON

**HEBREWS 2:14-18** 

<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 24:7-10

<sup>7</sup> 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."
- <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

### **ALLELUIA**

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL LUKE 2:22-40

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **ALLELUIA**

Please be seated.

### THE SERMON

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Debra Nickerson Savior Member

#### THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

All: 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

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The officiant concludes the Prayers of the People.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

All: And also with you.

### THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

At this time, we invite you to place your Jesus figure in your sacred space.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

### ADMINISTRATION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

Officiant: Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. For my flesh is food indeed. Whoever eats my flesh abides in me, and I in him."

Let us pray.

All: Almighty Father, whose dear son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

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 sins,
as we forgive those
who sin 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.

Officiant: 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.

At this point, all who have the Reserved Sacrament will eat it together. If you do not have the sacrament, you may pray the following prayer.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Officiant: Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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### Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
Thy child shall I be
Thou in me dwelling
And I one with thee

Riches I heed not Nor vain empty praise Thou mine inheritance Now and always Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart High King of heaven My treasure Thou art

# **Eternal Weight Of Glory**

Now the days and hours and moments Of our suffering seem so long And the toilsome wait and wond'ring Threaten silence to our song Now our pain is real and pressing Where our faith is thin and weak But our hope is set on Jesus And we cling to Him our strength

# (Eternal Weight Of Glory - continued)

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time
All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

For behold I tell a mystery
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of grace
Ev'ry year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried how long
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's victory song

We will see our wounded Savior We'll behold Him face to face And we'll hear our anguished stories Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

## Lord God, Now Let Your Servants Depart in Peace

Lord God, now let your servants depart in peace; For our eyes have seen your saving grace. A light to the world and the light of life. Seen in our Savior's face.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

### THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, shine on you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

All: Amen

You may be seated.

### **RECESSIONAL**

### Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Annual Meeting - Next Saturday:** Join us immediately after the worship service next Saturday, February 5, to submit your vote on Savior's nominated vestry members and the 2022 proposed budget.

**2021 Giving Statements:** Your 2021 giving statements were emailed to you this week (using the information stored in Breeze, Savior's church database). Contact Jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org, if you have questions about your giving statement.

**Donations to Church of the Savior:** There are two ways to give to Church of the Savior in this season: MAIL: Church of the Savior, PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187 and ONLINE: Visit friendsofthesavior.org/giving.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nursery & Children's Worship:** Since we are livestream worshiping this week, there is no Nursery or Children's Worship. When we resume inperson worship, we provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and Children's Worship for children K-2nd grade. If you are interested in future volunteering, please contact Pastor Mary at mary@friendsofthesavior. org.

**Youth Winter Fun Day**: Youth are invited to an afternoon of winter fun, on Sunday, February 6, from 1:00-3:00pm at PHCC. We'll have hot chocolate, s'mores, and fun games! We will be gathering at PHCC, using their gym space and outdoor fire pit.

**Youth Group:** The first youth group meeting of the new year will take place on Saturday, February 19 at PHCC, 6:30-8:30pm. Future dates: March 5 & 19, April 2 & 23 and May 7.

**Parent Meeting:** Parents of youth (6th-12th grade), please join Pastor Steve Dilley for a parents' meeting on March 6, Sunday, 4:00-5:30pm, at Mary Gonzalez's home. Steve will explain his vision for the youth group, take questions, and solicit parents' ideas and suggestions. RSVP directly to Mary Gonzalez (mary@friendsofthesavior.org).

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Jean Ann Parker: jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org

As of January 22, 2022:

Church of the Savior = \$11,068 Christ Our Peace = \$5,705

### **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

"Season of Epiphany"

Epiphany, January 8: Kevin Miller

The Baptism of Our Lord, January 15: Kevin Miller

Jesus Announces His Work, January 22: Becky Castle Miller

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, January 29: Debra Nickerson

Jesus Calls People to Follow Him, February 5: Kevin Miller

Jesus Gives Blessings and Woes, February 12: Kevin Miller

Jesus Teaches What to Do with Enemies, February 19: Kevin Miller

Jesus Is Transfigured, February 26: Linda Richardson

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To ask about a ministry or volunteer to get involved, please talk with its leader (emails are found at friendsofthesavior.org/serve) or with Pastor Sarah Lindsay (sarah@friendsofthesavior.org).

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