



The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Sunday, February 2, 2025 ❖ 10:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Dick Briggs and Sara Schulz and in loving memory of Dick's mother, Eleanor Briggs, on the anniversary of her birth.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Feb. 2

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Feb. 3

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Feb. 4

- 7:00 pm Series: C.S. Lewis on Joy, Suffering, and Inbetween

Wednesday, Feb. 5

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Group
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group

Thursday, Feb. 6

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, Feb. 7

- 9:00 am Beaders Group

Sunday, Feb. 9

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:

<https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar>

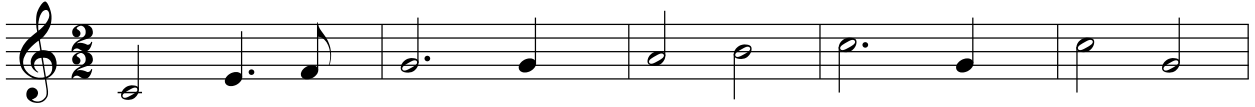
The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymnal #436



Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be - hold the
 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is draw - ing -
 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py -
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for heaven's em -
 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner pres - ence
 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit guide us -



near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: "Truro," melody from "Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II," 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **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.**

Please remain standing as able and join in singing.

The Gloria

Gloria

WLP #900

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, — and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, heav'ry King, al-
13 might-y God and Fa - ther, — we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry.
25 Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
40 of the world: have mer-cy on us; — you are seated at the right hand of the Father: — re - ceive our prayer. For
56 you a-lone are the Holy One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the mosthigh, Je-sus Christ
70 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, — in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A — men. —

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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.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

¹See, 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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then 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

Reader Let us read from Psalm 84 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).

How dear your dwell - ing place to me, O Lord of hosts, my king; — My
soul de - sires — the courts of God — whose praise my heart will sing. —

Words: Paraphrase of Psalm 84, Christopher Webber © 1986. Used by permission.
Music: "Land of Rest," American Folk Melody.

¹How 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.**

²The 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.**

³Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

They will always be praising you.

⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Refrain

⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

⁷LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Refrain

⁹For 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.**

¹⁰For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *

he will give grace and glory;

¹¹No good thing will the LORD withhold *

from those who walk with integrity.

¹²O LORD of hosts, *

happy are they who put their trust in you!

Refrain

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

Reader A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹⁴Since, therefore, the 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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because 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.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

O Zion, Open Wide Thy Gates

Hymnal #257



O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let sym - bols
 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the low - ly
 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his Lord, so
 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of the yet
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all glo - ry



dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim, both in one, the
 Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with two young doves, her
 long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes Is - rael's hope, with
 si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things in her heart, with
 to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly Ghost, to thee, while



Truth him - self, is here.
 hum - ble of - fer - ings.
 ho - ly rap - ture fired.
 speech - less praise a - dored.
 end - less a - ges run.

Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.
 Music: "Edmonton," from "Harmonia Sacra," ca. 1760; harm. "Hymnal 1982".

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who
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.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

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

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.**

The Absolution

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.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

The Offertory Anthem

"O Gladsome Light (La Cantique de Simeon)" Hymnal #36

*O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father's face,
The eternal splendor wearing; celestial, holy, blest,
Our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing.*

*Now, ere day fadeth quite, we see the evening light,
Our wonted hymn outpouring; Father of might unknown,
Thee, his incarnate Son, and Holy Spirit adoring.*

*To thee of right belongs all praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, Life-giver; thee, therefore, O Most High,
The world doth glorify, and shall exalt for ever.*

St. Francis Choir

The Offertory Hymn

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

Hymnal #25

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - lamps are lit - ther's to pierce - ry the night. Praise Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and Fa - ther, you Son, and Spi - rit: the God who fore you are through all the earth and blest dwells in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

Words: Greek; 3rd c.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of "O Gracious Light".
Music: "The Eighth Tune," Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. "Hymnal 1982".

Please stand as able.

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-78

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho -ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is_ the One who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: "Forest Green," English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem
 Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Hymnal #277



Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, vir - gin
 Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, in the
 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; glo - ry

5
 mo - ther un - de - filed; sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, who be -
 home at Naz - a - reth, toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry love en -
 be to God the Son; glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit; glo - ry

9
 came her lit - tle child. Fair - est child of fair - est
 dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was the love he
 to the Three in One. From the heart of bless - ed

12
 mo - ther, God the Lord who came to earth, Word made
 gave her, though he went forth from her side, forth to
 Ma - ry, from all saints the song a - scends, and the

15
 flesh, our ve - ry bro - ther, takes our na - ture by his birth.
 preach, and heal, and suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.
 Church the strain re - ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

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 Music: "Raquel," Skinner Chavez-Melo (1944-1992); © 1985, Skinner Chavez-Melo.

The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

The Communion Song

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan) *Tony Lowe, tenor*

Please kneel or stand as able as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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 Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✙ The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Closing Hymn
O Zion, Tune Thy Voice

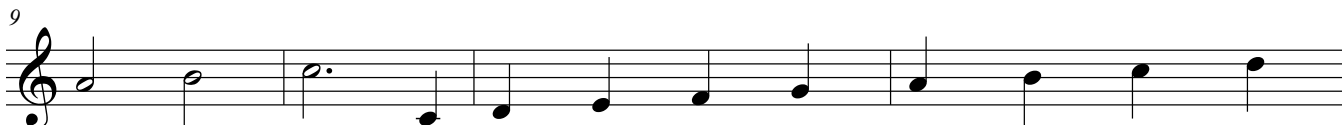
Hymnal #543



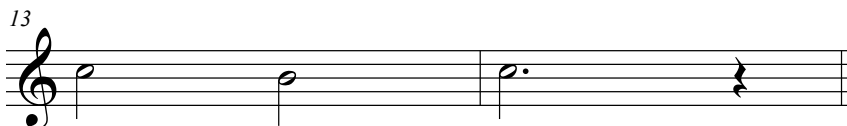
O Zi - on, tune thy voice, and raise thy hands on high; tell
He gilds thy morn - ing face with beams that can - not fade; his
In hon - or to his Name re - flect that sa - cred light; and
There on his ho - ly hill a bright - er sun shall rise, and



all the earth thy joys, and boast sal - va - tion nigh. Cheer -
all - re - splen - dent grace he pours a - round thy head; the
loud that grace pro - claim, which makes thy dark - ness bright; pur -
with his ra - dian - ce fill those fair - er pur - er skies; while



ful in God, a - rise and shine, while rays di - vine stream
na - tions round thy form shall view, with lus - ter new di -
sue his praise, till sov - ereign love in worlds a - bove the
round his throne ten thou - sand stars in no - bler spheres his



all a - broad.
vine - ly crowned.
glo - ry raise.
in - fluence own.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751); based on "The Third Song of Isaiah".
Music: "Darwall's 148th," melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789);
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

The Postlude

Joyful, Joyful

Beethoven/arr. Melvyn Warren

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES

C.S. Lewis on Joy and Suffering and Inbetween

This discussion-based course explores C.S. Lewis's insights on joy, suffering, and the human experience. We will look at works such as, *Surprised by Joy*, *The Problem of Pain*, *Mere Christianity*, and other essays and talks. We will explore questions of why we suffer, what joy truly is and how we can find meaning in both. We will engage with Lewis's reflections, consider our own perspectives, and explore how joy and suffering shape our lives.

When: Tuesdays, 7:00pm - 8:15pm

Where: Board Room

Leader: Dale Westervelt

RSVP: dswestervelt@gmail.com or 310-977-3014

St. Luke's Breakfast Update

St. Francis will be preparing and serving breakfast to the homeless at St. Luke's in February and March this spring, not January. If you wish to help, please keep these dates in mind:

Feb. 14 and 15 (prep at St. Francis, serve at St. Luke's)

March 14 and 15 (prep at St. Francis, serve at St. Luke's)

Contact Gayle Taylor (gaylentaylor@gmail.com) if you wish to help.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Sally Hill, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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