

St. Mary the Virgin

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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
commonly called The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin
and Commemoration of the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
2 February 2025

Low Mass

Processional

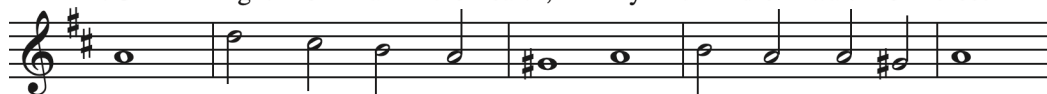
Old Hundred Twentieth

Hymn 115

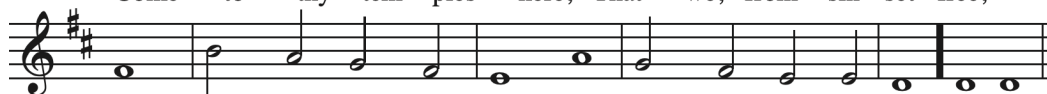
Thomas Est's *Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1592



1. Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his tem - ple gate;
2. But, borne up - on the throne Of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
3. There Jo - seph at her side In rev' - rent won - der stands;
4. O Light of all the earth, Thy chil - dren wait for thee!



Not with his an - gel host, Not in his king - ly state;
Watched by her du - teous love, In her fond arms at rest,
And, filled with ho - ly joy, Old Sim - eon in his hands
Come to thy tem - ples here, That we, from sin set free,



No shouts pro - claim him nigh, No crowds his com - ing wait; A-men.
Thus to his Fa - ther's house He comes, the heav'n - ly guest.
Takes up the prom - ised child, The glo - ry of all lands.
Be - fore thy Fa - ther's face May all pre - sen - ted be!

John Ellerton, 1880, alt.

Collect for Purity

BCP 67

Introit

The Decalogue (*may be said here*)

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Deacon: GOD spake these words, and said:

I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
 Deacon: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
 Deacon: Honour thy father and thy mother;
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
 Deacon: Thou shalt do no murder.
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
 Deacon: Thou shalt not commit adultery.
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
 Deacon: Thou shalt not steal.
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
 Deacon: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
 Deacon: Thou shalt not covet.
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Summary of the Law 69

Kyrie Eleison 70

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.
 People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis 84

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple 231

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.*

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 114

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.*

The Lesson

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there. And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb. And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her.

[20] Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord. And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young. And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

Magnificat

St. Luke i. 46.

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.

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be * world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle

Malachi 3:1-5

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THUS saith the Lord God : Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Luke 2:22-40

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AT that time: When the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband

seven years from her virginity; and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Nicene Creed

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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.*

Announcements

Sermon Hymn

Hymn 418

Franconia

Johann B. Koenig, 1738



1. Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The
 2. The Lord, who left the heav'ns Our life and peace to bring, To
 3. He to the low - ly soul Doth still him - self im - part; And
 4. Lord, we thy pre - sence seek; May ours this bles - sing be; Give



se - cret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's a - bode. A - men.
 dwell in low - li - ness with men, Their pat - tern and their King;
 for his dwel - ling and his throne Choos - eth the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, A tem - ple meet for thee.

John Keble, 1819, alt.

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn
Bedford

Hymn 116
William Wheall, 1723



1. O Si - on, o - pen wide thy gates, Let sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
2. No more the sim - ple flock shall bleed; Be - hold, the Fa - ther's Son
3. Con - scious of hid - den de - i - ty, The low - ly vir - gin brings
4. The a - ged Si - meon sees at last His Lord, so long de - sired,
5. But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest Of the yet si - lent Word,
6. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, All glo - ry to the Son,



A priest and vic - tim, both in one, The Truth him - self is here.
Him - self to his own al - tar comes For sin - ners to a - tone.
Her new - born babe, with two young doves, Her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
And An - na wel - comes Is - rael's hope, With ho - ly rap - ture fired.
And pon - d'ring all things in her heart, With speech - less praise a - dored.
All glo - ry, Ho - ly Ghost, to thee, While end - less a - ges run.



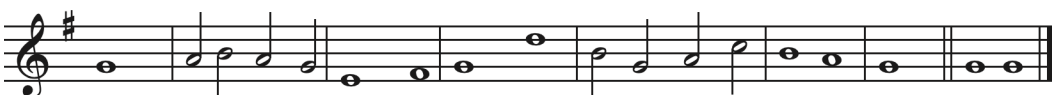
A - men.

Jean Baptiste de Santeuil, 1680; Tr. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.

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 Fa - ther, 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.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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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 76

Sursum Corda 76

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Preface of the Purification 77

Sanctus and Benedictus 77

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration 80

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

The Lord's Prayer 82

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 Fracture

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access 82

By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up

the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

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 custom 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.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you 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.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 197

Picardy

Traditional French Melody, 17th cent.



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of — Ma - ry, as of old on earth he — stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of — hea - ven spreads its vanguard on the way,
4. At his feet the six - winged se - raph; che - ru - bim with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der no - thing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
As the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Veil their fa - ces to the Pre - sence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
He will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly — food.
That the powers of hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"



A - men.

Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

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 and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Final Blessing

Celebrant: 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 ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:
Pleading Saviour

Hymn 117

Plymouth Collection, New York, 1855



1. Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er un - de - filed,
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, In the home at Na - za - reth.
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to God the Son;



Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle child.
Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing un - to death.
Glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit; Glo - ry to the Three in One.



Fair - est child of fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
Con - stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
From the heart of bles - sed Ma - ry, From all saints the song a - scends,



Word made flesh, our ve - ry broth - er, Takes our na - ture by his birth. A - men.
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died.
And the Church the strain re - ech - oes Un - to earth's re - mo - test ends.

Anonymous, c. 1914

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Lector	
Acolyte	Tony Shehata
Acolyte in Training	Robert Yeager
Floral Arrangements and Accompanist	Beth Kubo
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed
Altar Guild	Tori Wood

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 (St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, 3rd cent.).

Happy Birthday!
Christina Yeager (3 Feb)

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was conducted with 16 present in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Highlights: Robert Jones and Tori Wood were elected each to serve a three-year term on the Vestry.

Bishop announced his appointment of Robert Jones as 2025 Senior Warden. Tori Wood was elected to

serve as 2025 Junior Warden. A Budget for 2025 was adopted in the amount of \$43,980. Deacon Yeager and Tony Shehata were elected to serve as Delegates, and Evan Sears and Landon Melamed elected to serve as Alternates for 2025 Annual Synod XXXVIII of the Diocese of the Pacific & Southwest.

Annual Reports pertaining to 2024 were given by the Bishop, Deacon Yeager, and last year's Senior and Junior Wardens, the Altar Guild, Acolyte guild, Choir, Funeral Committee, Sunday School, Web Master, Communications (for email notifications, parish directory, special events) and an Usher report.

We allocated a charitable donation of \$5,000 to Mater Delarosa Passionist Retreat Center, Sierra Madre, California (we held many Diocesan Synods there) over the loss of their beautiful chapel and all their outbuildings and garden areas in the recent Eton Canyon fire. They lost all but the original monastery building!

Also at the Orientation Meeting following the meeting, Tori Wood was elected Clerk of the Vestry and Debbie Ruiz was reelected as Parish Treasurer (Debbie requested to have volunteer help to assist her with the duties!)