

La presentación de Cristo en el templo, Kelly Latimore

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2, 2020 | 9:15AM & 11:15AM



A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What Kind of Church Is This?

St. Paul & the Redeemer is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice. SPR honors both faith and doubt, bringing together our highest hopes and our deepest fears.

SPR Anti-Racism Vision Statement

To mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus and be true to our baptismal covenant, we strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Let's Get Connected

Fill out one of these cards, which you can find in the backs of the chairs and drop it in the offering basket or give it to a member of the clergy.

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Stop by the Welcome Table, which is near the west entrance to the church.

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Check-in and follow SPR on social media: facebook.com/sprchicago and @sprchicago



Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00a-12:30p | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, 10:15a-10:30a | During the sermon at the 10am service, children from **preschool to second grade** are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play 10:20a-11:05a | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play today, Sunday, February 2, at 10:20am to hear the story of The Good Samaritan. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn more about volunteering with Godly Play, contact director of children's formation Cynthia Bagrowski (bagrowski@sprchicago.org).

Some Helpful Things to Know Today

Can I receive communion?

Yes. Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive communion.

When am I supposed to stand?

At any point in the service, it's perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you're comfortable. We do have customary times when we stand or kneel; these are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. There are also times when it is customary to cross ourselves, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Are children welcome here?

Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Also, coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available.

Where are the restrooms?

There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms down the southwest stairs and also through the northeast door of the sanctuary.

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. There is an elevator which gives access to the first floor, lower level, and parish hall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service, as needed.

How about hearing assistance?

We can help there, too. Hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.

SPR Choirs

All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade): Thursday rehearsal 6-6:30pm. Contact: Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org).

SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above): Thursday rehearsal 6–7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Teen & Adult Choirs: Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Youth Formation

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20a-11:05a | Join us **today, Sunday, February 2,** for youth formation as we talk about **The Beatitudes**. We will gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion.

Youth Group, Sundays, 4-6p | Youth are invited to youth group today, Sunday, February 2, from 4-6p for an improv class with Gretchen Eng (Part 2 of 2), 4-6pm (note earlier time; no dinner these nights!). Youth Group is a weekly fellowship gathering on Sundays. Check out our info board outside of the youth room, subscribe to the SPR parish's weekly email blast, or follow us at @SPRYouth for more info.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is to say all **bolded** text aloud.

Prelude

Introit

Sung by the choir.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

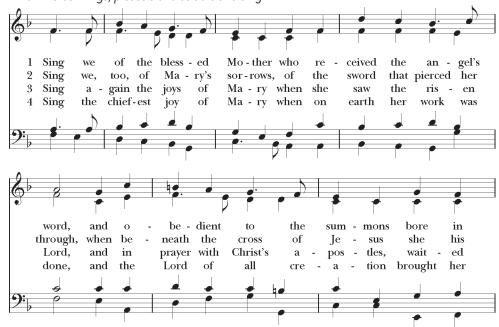
Words: The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis,* Luke 2:29-32) Music: Anglican chant by Kerry Beaumont (b. 1957)

Presider

Gracious God, source of all light, today you revealed to Anna and Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Entrance Hymn

When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing.







The Hymnal 1982 #278 "Sing we of the blessèd Mother"

Words: George B. Tims (b. 1910), alt.

Music: Rustington, 87. 87. D, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

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 Lessons

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The choir introduces the refrain, which all repeat. The choir sings the verses; the people join in singing the refrain where indicated.

Refrain

Bless - ed are they who dwell in your house,

O, O, O, Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the LORD. My heart and flesh cry our to the living God. *Refrain*

Blest are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise. Blest the people whose strength is in you, who heart is set on pilgrim ways. **Refrain**

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; look on the face of your anointed. *Refrain*

Words: from Psalm 84, *The Revised Grail Psalms*; refrain, *Lectionary for Mass*Music: taken from *Lead Me, Guide Me*; refrain, Raymond Wise; verses, Paschal Jordan, OSB.

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A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and sing.



"Jesus, the light of the world" (stanzas 2 & 4 only)

Words: George D. Elderkin; verses by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: We'll Walk in the Light, 7 7 7 7 with Refrain, George D. Elderkin; arr. Evelyn Simpson-Currenton (b. 1953) Copyright © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 2:22-40

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel (@ 9:15 only)

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to their own liturgy in the chapel. They will return at the peace.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, Priest Associate

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

All stand as able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body +, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

God for whom, through the life of Jesus, nothing human is foreign or alien, remind us that it is precisely through our fragility and idiosyncrasies that we are fit vessels for your grace and work of love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who chooses transformation over mere rejection or uncritical acceptance, embolden your church to be a refining fire for the all of the world's ills and goods.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who choses to exercise strength in humility, as the psalmist said that "a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere," so grant our leaders discernment that one day in the service of your Son is better than meeting the many shortsighted expectations of those clamoring for their own power and privilege.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who provides a home even for the sparrow, teach us to provide for those who lack secure sources of food, clothing and shelter; enrich our generosity until it outweighs our anxiety.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who comforts, be present with those suffer in body, mind and spirit, including **Nancy** Harlan (mother of Anne Harlan), **Anna** Braucher, **Mary** Johnson (friend of Mary Naftzger), **Willie** C. Spraggins (aunt of Jo Ann Roberts), **Sally** Wolcott **and her family**, **Eli** Taylor (brother-in-law of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Rock** Sehr, **William** Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), **Cheryl** Vanorsby, A. **Henry** Randall, Jr. (grandfather of Evan Randall), **Sophie** Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), **Naomi** Haynes, **George** Whitley, **Sean** Knight (son of Shirley Knight), **Tim** Sehr, **William** Starnes (father of Pam Anderson), **Jewel** Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), **Leatrice** Mowatt, **Katherine** Beetle Broadway (family of Tonsgards), **Bronwen** O'Wril (sister of Persis Berlekamp), **Chris** Wiley (cousin of Camille Long), and **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer) as well as their caregivers. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who remembers when all others have forgotten, recall our loving concern to those we have lost, including **Niyelah** Washington (1/26/2020, great-granddaughter of Shirley Knight), and **Edward** Brundge (1/25/2020, brother of Dorothy Sparkman). Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who rejoices, join our own celebrations, for the birthdays of **Alexandra** Golder Tonsgard (2/2), **Christopher** Worthley (2/5), **Nadia** Jesuthasan (2/6), **Kirk** Bagrowski (2/7), and **Victor** Mowatt (2/7); and for the anniversaries of **Kerstin & David** Wellbery (2/3). Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

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

Prayers written by Joshua Daniel. Requests for prayers can be sent to Barnabas Pusnur at pusnur@sprchicago.org.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All bow or kneel as able.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats. Some announcements will be given, but there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

Commissioning of New Vestry Members

The newly elected and appointed leaders gather at the front of the altar.

Rector or warden: On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul & the Redeemer, we present *N*. for leadership on the vestry. They have been elected/appointed in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation.

Rector: Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

Leaders: I do.

Rector (to the leaders): Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders: I do.

Rector (to the congregation): Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: We will.

Rector: In the name of the Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer, I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the choir.
"And all in the morning"

It was on Christmas Day, and all in the morning,

Our Saviour was born, and our heav'nly King:

And was not this a joyful thing? and sweet Jesus they called him by name.

It was on the Twelfth Day, and all in the morning,

The wise men were led to our heav'nly King:

And was not this a joyful thing? and sweet Jesus they called him by name.

It was on Candlemas Day, and all in the morning,

They visited the Temple with our heav'nly King:

And was not this a joyful thing? and sweet Jesus they called him by name.

It was on Good Friday, and all in the morning,

They crucified our Saviour and our heav'nly King:

And was not this a woeful thing? and sweet Jesus they called him by name.

It was on Easter Day, and all in the morning,

Our Saviour arose, our own heav'nly King;

The sun and the moon they did both rise with him, And sweet Jesus we'll call him by name.

Words: English traditional

Music: English traditional, setting: Gerald Near (b.1942)

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

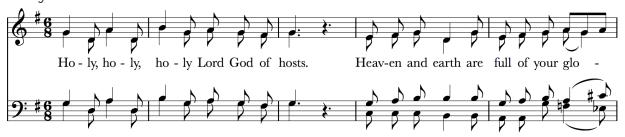
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

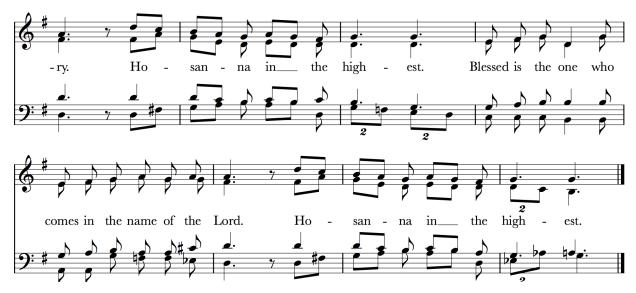
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son 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:

All sing.





Music: from *Unity Mass*, Norah Duncan, IV
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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,

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 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**.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

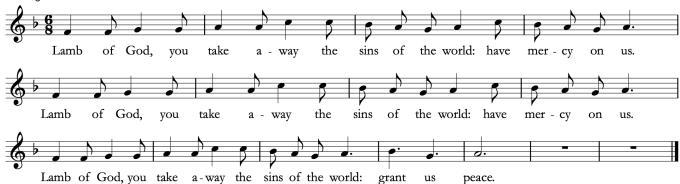
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All sing.



Lift Every Voice and Sing II #271. Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)
Music: Eugene W. Hancock (1929-1994)
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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, tell an usher. The ushers will help each section up to the altar. Don't worry; all will be fed.

Healing Prayer

If you would like to be prayed for individually, you are invited to the area in front of the columbarium (in the southeast corner of the sanctuary) after you have received communion, where a prayer team member will pray with you briefly before you return to your seat.

Sung by the choir.

- 1. Adórna, Sion, thálamum,
 Adorn, o Sion, the bridal chamber,
 quæ præstoláris Dóminum;
 you who await the Lord;
 sponsum et sponsam súscipe
 receive the groom and the bride
 vigil fídei lúmine. Alleluia, alleluia.
 vigilant in the light of faith. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2. Beáte senex, própera,
 O blessed old man, hurry,
 promíssa comple gáudia
 fulfill the promised joys
 et revelándum géntibus
 and (the light) to be revealed to the gentiles
 revéla lumen ómnibus. Alleluia, alleluia.
 reveal the light to all. Alleluia, alleluia.

- 3. Paréntes Christum déferunt,

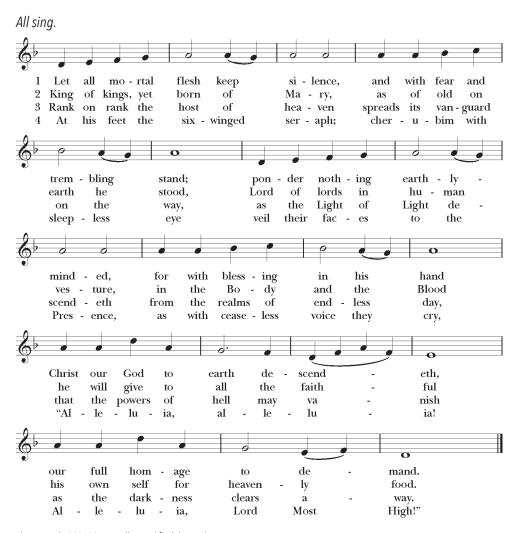
 The parents bring Christ,
 in templo templum ófferunt;
 in the temple they offer the temple;
 legi parére vóluit
 he wished to submit to the law
 qui legi nihil débuit. Alleluia, alleluia.
 who owed nothing to the law. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 4. Offer, beáta, párvulum,
 Offer, o blessed lady, the child,
 tuum et Patris únicum;
 yours and of the father only;
 offer per quem offérimur,
 offer through whom we are offered,
 prétium quo redímimur. Alleluia, alleluia.
 the price by which we are redeemed. Alleluia, alleluia.

5. Procéde, virgo régia,
Proceed, o royal virgin,
profer Natum cum hóstia;
bring forth the one Born with a sacrificial offering;
monet omnes ad gáudium
advise all to joy (or, the cause of joy)
qui venit salus ómnium. Alleluia, alleluia.
who comes as the salvation of all. Alleluia, alleluia.

6. lesu, tibi sit glória,

Jesus, to you be glory,
qui te revélas géntibus,
who reveal yourself to the gentiles,
cum Patre et almo Spíritu,
with the Father and the propitiuos Spirit
in sempitérna sæcula. Alleluia, alleluia.
in eternal ages. Alleluia, alleluia.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142) Music: Charles H. Giffen, 2011



The Hymnal 1982 #324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: Picardy, 87. 87. 87. French carol, 17th cent.; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860; harm. after The English Hymnal, 1906

Sending Forth

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

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 Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in 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, mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Voices Found #31 "When candles are lighted"

Words: Elizabeth Cosnett (b. 1936). Music: Lourdes, 11. 11. 99, French traditional melody

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Serve in Children's Ministry

Do you want to get to know the stories of the Bible and of our faith? Do you love seeing and interacting with the children of our parish? Our Godly Play program has a few slots for Doorpeople. A Doorperson greets the children, helps establish the tone of the classroom, and assists the Storyteller as the class progresses. Godly Play takes place each Sunday, between 10:20 and 11:10. Individual commitments vary, between once a month and three times a month; you can decide what works for you. Training will be provided. If you think you might be interested, consider sitting in on a class and observing. The curriculum is powerful for both the children and the adult leaders. For more details, please contact Cynthia Bagrowski (bagrowski@sprchicago.org).

Faith & Justice: Adult Formation Series

How does our faith challenge us to work for justice? Join us to explore this question from many angles in our winter adult formation series on Sundays at 10:20am in the parish hall.

- February 2: Freedom & Salvation: A Political Problem (speaker: Jaime Briceño) (See below for more information.)
- February 9: Refugee Ministry with the Syrian Community Network (speaker: Maya Attasi)

Adult Formation on Liberation Theology

On Sunday, February 2 at 10:20am, deacon associate Jaime Briceño will lead an adult formation class to explore an essay by liberation theologian Gustavo 20s & 30s Group: Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Julia McMillan Gutiérrez: "Freedom & Salvation: A Political Problem." Join Jaime to discover this (mcmillan013@gmail.com). radical thinker's re-visioning of salvation from a liberationist perspective.

Parents' Night Out

Calling all parents of children and youth at SPR! We're sending you out on the town on Saturday, February 8 from 5-7pm. Drop your kids off and then walk to the Jolly Pumpkin (5215 S. Harper) for dinner and drinks. Youth, do you miss Godly Play? Kids, we know you want to hang in the youth room. Tonight's your chance! We'll have an informal night in the nursery, youth room, and parish hall with cartoons, board and video games, and the BOUNCY HOUSE! RSVP with the names and ages of your children to Cynthia Bagrowski (bagrowski@sprchicago. org).

Adult Formation on Refugee Ministry

On Sunday, February 9 at 10:20am, Maya Atassi, director of the Syrian Community Network, will fill us in on their intensive work with Syrian refugees under the constraints of the ban on new refugees from Syria. SPR adults and children have served as mentors to a refugee family in Chicago in partnership with this agency for the last two years, and will do so again on Saturdays, in 2020 starting on February 29.

Hands: Photography Exhibit by Valerie Tonsgard

Please visit the chapel for the latest SPR art exhibit, entitled Hands, by parishioner Valerie Tonsgard. Hands have an unspoken language of their own, and with the fifteen photos in the exhibit, Valerie portrays some of this language. Sometimes when there are no words, a touch or gesture can speak volumes.

Birthday Invitation

You're invited to Anna Mary Wallace's 90th birthday party on Saturday, February 15, 3-5pm in the East Room of Montgomery Place, 5550 S. Shore Drive, Chicago. No need to RSVP and NO GIFTS.

SPR Dance Party

Join us for a dance party on Saturday, February 29 (leap day) from 6-8pm in the parish hall. For more information contact Fran Spaltro (pambasilea@gmail. com) or Kerstin Wellbery (kara.kerstin@gmail.com).

SPR Groups and Programs

Please consider joining one of these groups or programs. New participants are always welcome.

Bible Study: Every Thursday, 10-11am in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Kerstin Wellbery (kara.kerstin@gmail.com).

Open Kitchen: The Sunday before the third Monday of each month, 12:30pm in the Kitchen. Contact: Fran Spaltro (pambasilea@gmail.com).

Fiber Arts: Every second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Rebecca Luttrell (southsideknitter@gmail.com).

Arts Committee: Every second Sunday of the month, 12:30pm in the Chapel. Contact: Jim Wright (jimphotoguy1@gmail.com).

50s & Better Group: Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Sheila Bator (sbator@aol.

SPR Choirs: All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade): Thursday Rehearsal 6-6:30pm. Contact: Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org).

SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above): Thursday rehearsal 6-7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Teen & Adult Choirs: Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

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Catherine Healy, Shawn Evelyn

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Shawn Evelyn

Deacons

8 & 9:15: Jack Seymour 11:15: Jaime Briceño

Music Leader

Christian Clough

Acolytes

9:15: Ari Karafiol

Subdeacon

11:15: Mel Parks

Lectors

9:15: J'Heannhehbelle Rosier, Fran Spaltro

11:15: David Farris,

Prayer Reader

9:15: Joshua Daniel 11:15: Claire Hartfield

Children's Chapel Leaders

Cynthia Bagrowski, Gretchen Eng

Chalice Ministers

9:15: Fran Spaltro, Yanick Rosier, Gail Williams, Meryl Prochaska 11:15: Robert Bator, Kelsey Shaw, Jim Wright, Tamara LaVille

Healing Prayer Leaders

9:15: Joshua Daniel, Padmaragam Vundi 11:15: Toni Daniels, Vinita Wright

Ushers

9:15: Mahrhoztal Rosier, Swahdreeznya Rosier 11:15: Chinyere Agina

Vestry Greeter

9:15: Jeff Stackert 11:15: Jared Beverly

Altar Guild

9:15:

11:15: Pamela Anderson

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