

Sunday, February 2, 2025
Presentation of our Lord
St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats

Gathering: Our God Is Here (Muglia) ... BB301

Here in this time, here in this place,
Here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
Here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Here in the Word, God is revealed,
Here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
Here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
Our God is here.
And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Gloria: Mass of Creation

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi

Thus says our God:

Lo, I am sending my messenger

to prepare the way before me.
And suddenly there will come to the temple
The One whom you seek,
And the messenger of the covenant
Whom you desire.

Yes, One is coming, say the God of hosts
But who will endure the day of the coming?
And who can stand when this one appears?

For this messenger is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye.
This one will sit refining and purifying silver
and will purify the Children of Levi,
Refining them like gold or like silver
That they may offer due sacrifice to the Most High God.
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please God,
As in the days of old, as in years gone by.

The word of God.

Responsorial Psalm: We Long to See Your Face-Ps24 (Keil) ... G32

O God, This is the people that longs to see your face.
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Vs. 1) All the earth is yours,
O God, the world and those who dwell on it.
You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Vs. 2) Who can ascend your mountain. God?
Or who may stand in this holy place?
Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of the earth.

Vs. 3) The shall receive your blessing God,
Their Savior shall reward them.
Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, O God of Jacob

Second reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Since the children share in blood and flesh,

Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life.

Surely Jesus did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham;

Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people.

Because Jesus was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*“Jesus brings light to our lives;
see Jesus in our world.”*

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to God, just as it is written in God’s law, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to God, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, according to the dictate in God’s law.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law regarding him, he took him into his arms and blessed God saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,
according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and glory for your people Israel.”

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of the poor, hear our prayer.

(God of the poor, hear our prayer.)

For the grace to be poor in Spirit: that we may recognize our poverty whenever God is not at the center of our life and decisions, let us pray...

For peacemakers, for those who promote dialogue and understanding within families or between nations, racial groups, or gangs: that God will bless and make fruitful their efforts, let us pray...

For all who suffer for the sake of Christ, for those who live in communities that are hostile to Christians, for those imprisoned or persecuted because of the Gospel: that they may have courage and hope as they live the paschal mystery today, let us pray...

For the leaders and members of legislatures: that their hearts may be sensitive to the needs of the poor and voiceless as they formulate new policies and budgets, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: This Alone (Manion) ... BB397

One thing I ask, this alone I seek,
To dwell in the House of the Lord all my days.
For one day within Your temple heals every day alone.
O Lord, bring me to Your dwelling.

1. Hear, O Lord, the sound of my calling.
Hear, O Lord, and show me Your way.
2. The Lord is my light and hope of salvation.
The Lord is my refuge; whom should I fear?
3. Wait on the Lord and hope in His mercy.
Wait on the Lord and live in His love.

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Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer *(if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)*

**Holy: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Mem: Missa Pacem (Babin) - When We Eat This Bread ... H/O**

**Amen: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Lamb of God: Mass of the Goodness of God (Kendzia) ... H/O**

**Communion 1: I Say "Yes" Lord (Donna Peña) ... G421**

1 To the God who cannot die: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

To the one who hears me cry: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

To the God of the oppressed: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

To the God of all Justice: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

Refrain

I say 'Yes', my Lord in all the good times,

Through all the bad times,

I say 'Yes' my Lord to every word you speak.

2 I am a servant of the Lord: I say 'Yes', my Lord....

I'm a worker in the fields: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

I'm a prisoner of their wars: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...  
I say like a politician inevitably: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

3 For the dream I have today: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...  
To be a healer of all pain: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...  
To come to love my enemies: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...  
For your peace in all the world: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

4 Like that of Job, unceasingly: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...  
Like that of Mary wholeheartedly: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...  
Like that of David in a song: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...  
Like Israel, for You I long: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

### **Communion 2: Beyond the Moon and Stars (Schutte) ... BB48**

Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night,  
So great our hunger, Lord, to see your light.  
The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing,  
So may we come to rest where angels sing.

Our eyes have longed to see your loving face,  
To live within your courts for all our days.

Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone.  
You choose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.

When life's great journey ends, and day is done,  
Then may our eyes behold your Holy One.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending/Blessing of Throats: Christ Be Our Light (Farrell) ... BB518**

Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see. **REFRAIN**

**Refrain:** Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **REFRAIN**

Verse 3: Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed. **REFRAIN**

Verse 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone. **REFRAIN**

Verse 5: Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come. **REFRAIN**