



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
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**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

February 2, 2025

**Call to Worship:**

*Let There Be Light*

Text: Frances W. Davis, b. 1936, © American Peace Society

Tune: SPRAGUE, David Hurd, b. 1950, © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

As the Candles are being lighted, the following antiphon is sung.



The Lord will come to us with might-y pow'r, bring-ing light to eyes of those \_\_\_\_\_ who serve him well..

The Procession



Let us go for - ward in peace. In the name of Christ, A - men.

Canticle of Simeon



A light of rev-el - a - tion to the nations, and the glo-ry of your peo - - ple Is - ra - el.

**Song of Gathering:**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Text: Liturgy of St. James 5<sup>th</sup> C.; para. By Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885

Tune: PICARDY; French Carol



1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep\_\_ si - lence, And with fear and tremb-ling\_\_ stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of\_\_\_\_ Mar - y, As of old on earth he\_\_ stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of\_\_\_\_ heav - en Spreads its van-guard on the\_\_ way,
4. At his feet the six - winged\_ ser - aph, Che - ru - bim with sleep-less\_\_ eye.



Pon-der noth-ing earth - ly\_\_\_\_ mind - ed, For with bless-ing in his\_\_\_\_ hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man\_\_ ves - ture, In the Bod-y and the\_\_ Blood  
As the Light of Light de - scend - ing From the realms of end - less\_\_ day,  
Veil their fac - es to the\_\_ Pres - ence, As with cease-less voice they\_\_ cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing, Our full hom-age to de - mand.  
He will give to all the faith - full His own self for heav'n-ly\_\_ food.  
That the pow'rs of hell may van - ish As the dark-ness clears a - way  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, most\_\_ high!"

# Glory to God

## Missa Pacem

♩ = 80

L. Randolph Babin

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics under the first staff are: "Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,". The second staff begins with a measure rest marked with a '5' above it, followed by the lyrics: "and on earth peace to peo - ple of \_\_\_ good will. \_\_\_". The score ends with a double bar line.

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1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.  
We give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ. Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.  
With the holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father: Amen.

## Opening Prayer

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

*Malachi 3: 1-4*

## Psalm 24: Let the Lord Enter

Owen Alstott



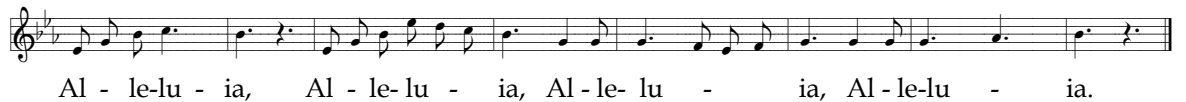
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Second Reading:

*Hebrews 2: 14-18*

Gospel Acclamation:

*Tune: Jacques Berthier, b. 1923 © 1984, Les Presses de Taize*



*Vs.: Glory to God, ~ God's light shines ~ and brings revelation to all peoples.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Luke 2: 22-40*

Homily

General Intercessions



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

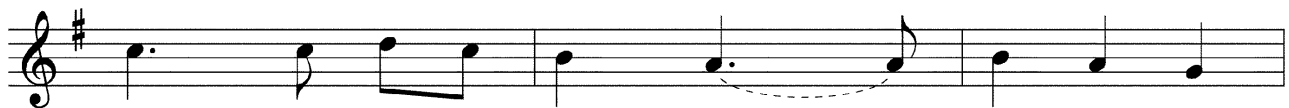
## Many Are the Lightbeams



1. Man - y are the light - beams from the one light.  
 2. Man - y are the branch - es of the one tree.  
 3. Man - y are the gifts giv'n, love is all one.  
 4. Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one;  
 5. Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one;



Our one light is Je - sus.  
 Our one tree is Je - sus.  
 Love's the gift of Je - sus.  
 ser - vant spir - it of Je - sus.  
 mem - bers all of Je - sus.



Man - y are the light - beams from the one  
 Man - y are the branch - es of the one  
 Man - y are the gifts giv'n, love is all  
 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is  
 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is



light; we are one in Christ.  
 tree; we are one in Christ.  
 one; we are one in Christ.  
 one; we are one in Christ.  
 one; we are one in Christ.

### Holy, Holy, Holy

4

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### Save Us, Savior of the World

Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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### Amen

Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

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# Lamb of God

Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

*Cantor:* *All:*

1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on  
2. *Second trope* \_\_\_\_\_  
3. *Third trope* \_\_\_\_\_

7 *1, 2.* *3.* *Cantor:* *All:*  
us. \_\_\_\_\_ us. \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God, you

15  
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. \_\_\_\_\_

21 *All:*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

26  
grant us peace. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Communion Procession

*Low Gluten hosts are available to the left of the altar in front of the pillars*

### We Are the light of the World

♩. = 84

Tune: Jean A. Greif, (1898-1981)

1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it, Theirs is the king-dom of God.
2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble, They will in - her - it the earth.
3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row, They will be com - fort - ed.
4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice, They will be sat - is - fied.
5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy, They will know mer - cy, too.
6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly They will be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.
7. Bless - ed are those who bring peace a - mong us, They are the chil-dren of God.
8. Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cu - tion, Theirs is the king-don of God.

5

Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spir - it;	Bless us, O Lord, our God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and hum - ble;	Bless us, O Lord, our God. _____
Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sor - row;	Bless us, O Lord, our God. _____
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for jus - tice;	Bless us, O Lord, our God. _____
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mer - cy;	Bless us, O Lord, our God. _____
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and ho - ly;	Bless us, O Lord, our God. _____
Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us;	Bless us, O Lord, our God. _____
Bless us, O Lord, when they per - se - cute us;	Bless us, O Lord, our God.

9

We are the light of the world, May our light shine be - fore all,

13

That they may see the good that we do, And give glo - ry to God.

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Meditation: (9AM)

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Text and Tune: Afro-American Spiritual

*Family Faith Choir*

Meditation: (11:30AM)

*Song of Simeon*  
By Janét Sullivan Whittaker

*The Xavier Choir*

## CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer, Blessing & Sending Forth

### Church of St. Francis Xavier Pledge for Racial Justice

As a Christian and a child of God . . .

- I support the dignity and worth of every human being as the Gospel demands and will work every day to treat each person as I want to be treated.
- I strive to dismantle white privilege and white supremacy and to understand the injustice and suffering caused by them.
- I commit myself to eliminating prejudice from my thoughts and actions so that I can promote the racial justice needed in our church, our nation, and our world.

# Hymn of Sending Forth:

## Christ, Be Our Light

VERSES: (♩ = ca. 132)



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

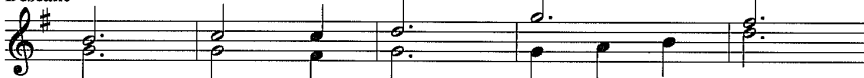


1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

### REFRAIN:

Christ, be our light! Shine out

Descant



Melody

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

through the dark, shine!



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

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welcome God's people . . . proclaim God's Word . . . prepare our liturgies & worship space . . .  
minister the Holy Eucharist to us . . . and for all who pray and celebrate with us this day.*

*Presider: Rev. Steve Pugliese, SJ ~ Sat. 5; Rev. Sam Sawyer, SJ ~ Sun. 9;*

*Rev. Ben Hawley, SJ ~ Sun 11:30 and 5*

*Cantor: Sam Scheidt . . . Director of Music: John Uehlein*

*Sun 9: The Family Faith Choir under the Direction of Jacqueline C. Perez*

*Sun 11:30: The Xavier Choir . . . Sun 5: The Xavier Players*

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