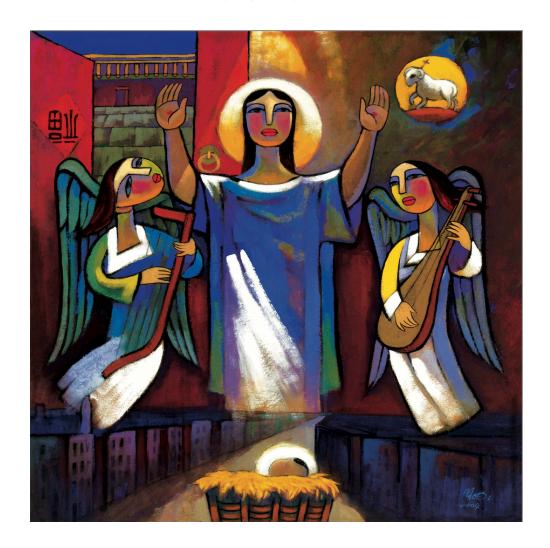
The Presentation of Our Lord

Sunday, February 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.



St. Augustine by-the-Sea with
The Parish of St. Matthew

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Welcome to St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church!

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



If you are new or visiting, we invite you to introduce yourself by filling out the online Welcome form through this QR code. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. A's.

Holy Eucharist February 2, 2025 10:30AM

The Presentation of Our Lord, Rite Two

Prelude: Ballad on "Balm in Gilead," Joe Utterback

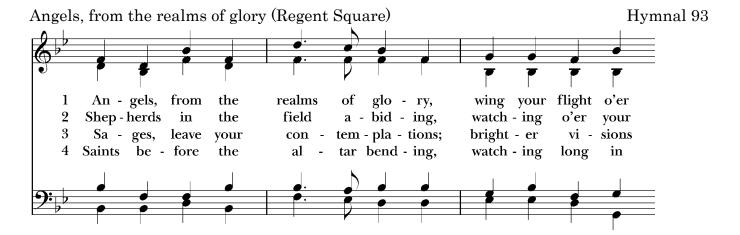
Dwayne Milburn, Organ

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

(at the sound of the bells, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)

ENTRANCE HYMN





OPENING ACCLAMATION

(the Celebrant says)

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

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

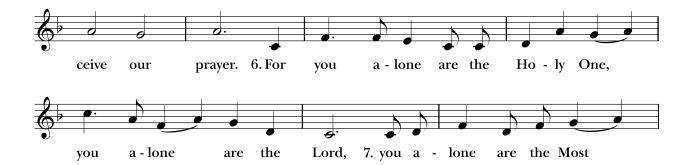
COLLECT FOR PURITY

(the Celebrant says)

Almighty God, 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.*

OPENING ANTHEM







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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 sit for readings)

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 24:7-10 (led by cantor, with congregation singing alternate verses)

Tone I.2



- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O éverlásting doors; * and the King of / glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *

 "The LORD, strong and mighty,
 the LORD, migh/ty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O éverlasting doors; * and the King of / glory shall come in.
- "The LORD of hosts, he is the / King of glory?" * [Ant.]

SECOND READING
Hebrews 2:14-18

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since, 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, 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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung three times before and after the Gospel)



GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When 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 (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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - The Rev. Robert Radtke

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED

(the Celebrant announces the Creed and the people stand)

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We long for the promise of God to be fulfilled, standing with Anna and Simeon, praying for the redemption of the world, saying "Let our eyes see your salvation."

For the Church and our call to work for reconciliation in Christ's name, we pray,

Let our eves see your salvation.

For those in civil authority, that they may make decisions for the common good, we pray,

Let our eyes see your salvation.

For all those in places of strife, war and conflict; for those who suffer from systems of oppression and injustice; embolden us to respond with your love, justice, and mercy, we pray,

Let our eyes see your salvation.

For those who are without shelter, for those who hunger, for victims of inclement and violent weather; and for all those who are sick and suffering; open our hearts to respond in Christ's name, we pray,

Let our eyes see your salvation.

For all those who have died and know already the salvation that Christ promises; for all those who mourn, we pray,

Let our eyes see your salvation.

For the many blessings of our lives, for ourselves and all those we love, we pray,

Let our eyes see your salvation.

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (intercessions may be offered), we pray,

Let our eyes see your salvation.

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

God of mercy, be our light in times of darkness and our comfort in times of affliction. May we be as light in a darkened world, proclaiming your faithful love. We ask this through Christ, our one high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant and People

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 Priest stands and says)

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.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2



Offerings in thanksgiving for God's gifts to us are invited through:

- Offering plate
- Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625
- Using this QR code

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether, Harold Friedell

sung by the combined choirs of Matthew's and St. A's conducted by Dwayne Milburn

(the people stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN





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.

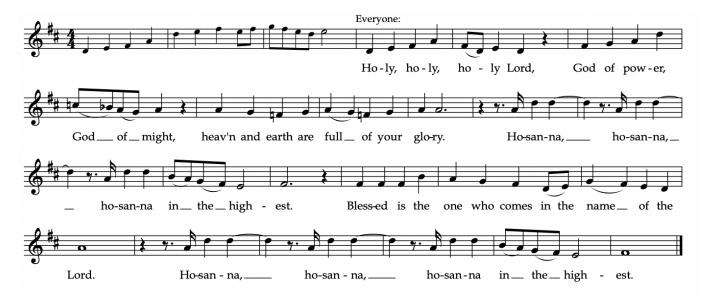
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(the Celebrant proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:



(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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 God,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

(the Celebrant continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

EAT THIS BREAD (Repeat)



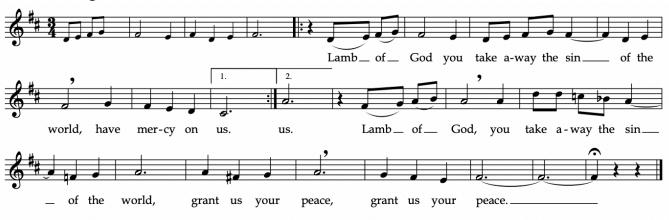
THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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



Invitation to Holy Communion

(Celebrant)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)

Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

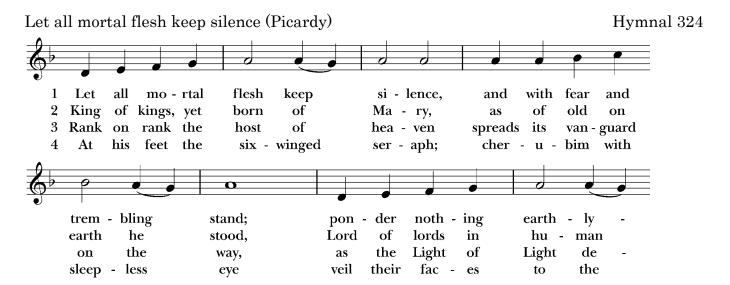
(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

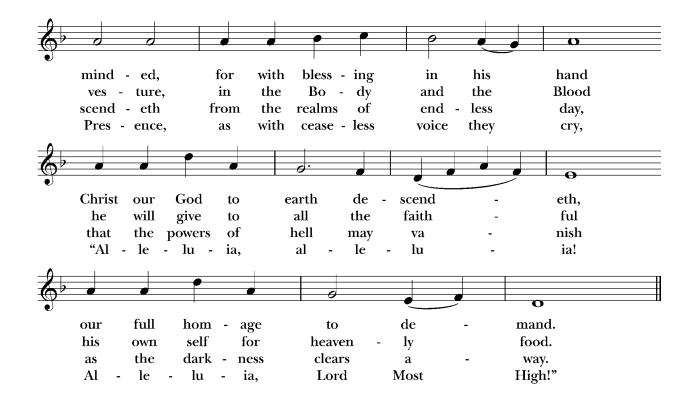
COMMUNION ANTHEM – Short Service "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" Orlando Gibbons

sung by St Matthew's and St. A's Section Leaders conducted by Michael Raleigh

(the people stand)

COMMUNION HYMN





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN



DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: "He Will Listen to You" by John Heard.

performed by Sultans of String

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome guest preacher, the Rev. Robert Radtke! Episcopal Relief & Development

We are blessed this morning to welcome the Rev. Robert Radtke, President and CEO of Episcopal Relief and Development. Rob provides strategic leadership for ERD's programs in nearly 40 countries across Africa, Latin America and Asia, as well as the United States, including the US Disaster Preparedness and Response Program, which helps Episcopal dioceses, congregations and other church institutions. Rob will be available for questions and conversation on the patio after both services.

The Gospel of Luke Sunday Forum Between service, 9:20 – 10:10am

Come discover – or re-discover – the riches of Luke which include the birth narrative and unique parables like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. We will read through the Gospel, exploring its stories and theological themes which include social justice, prayer and salvation for all. Topic today: Chapters 7-9, Ministry in Galilee. *Next Sunday: Chapters 10-13, Beginning Journey to Jerusalem.* Meet on the 2nd floor of the church office building.

Make & Serve Meals for SPY Cook: Wed Feb 5, 6pm – Serve: Thurs Feb 6, Noon

Every month we cook and serve a piping hot meal for unhoused youth with Safe Place for Youth. Helpers needed for: shopping ahead of time; cooking on Weds; and serving the meal at SPY on Thurs. Questions? Email Laura Horton at hortonlaura@att.net or Jason LaPadura at Jasonlapadura@gmail.com

Make Bagged Meals for Home-y Made Meals Fri Feb 7, 6:30pm

Once a month we make meals that Home-y Made Meals distributes to people living on the streets. All are welcome to join in cooking and prepping the individual meals! Questions – email Ariana Stultz at arianahmm93@gmail.com

Love Songs - St. Matthew's Music Guild Concert Feb 14, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

The St. Matthew's Music Guild, now in its fifth decade of providing "world-class music close to home," is holding their February concert *Love Songs* at St. A's on Valentine's Day! The concert features pianist David Kaplan, violinist and Concertmaster, YuEun Gemma Kim, soprano Liv Redpath, and friends. This Valentine's Day event features intimate works by Brahms, Copland, and Shaw, and ends with Franz Schubert's wonderfully melodic "Trout" Quintet. Tickets are \$45 – and can be purchased on the Music Guild's website: musicguildonline.org. **St. A's parishioners should follow the pricing information & link in the weekly email – or email Carrie Price for purchasing. **

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