

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Presentation of Jesus

St. Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Organist: Su Lee

WELCOME

Please remain seated.

The Rev. John Seib

OPENING HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light
Hymnal 490

OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Let us pray: **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***

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. 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*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect)

Please be seated.

The Lord 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***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

8 am

BCP, p. 707

10 am

How lovely is your dwelling place

Hymnal 517

SECOND READING

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(sing refrain 3x)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ!**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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.

At the conclusion of the reading...

Priest The Gospel of Christ,

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Sing refrain **Alleluia...**

SERMON

The Rev. John Seib

MUSICAL MEDITATION (Choir Anthem)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All able to do so, please stand

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the creed that unites us as followers of Jesus:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 *Please be seated for prayer.*

*At the 10 am service "O God We Call" is sung twice.
Everyone is invited to join in this preparation for prayer.*

***O God we call, O God we call,
From deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn for you.***

As we join Simeon and Anna in the temple and behold the salvation of God, let us pray to the God of Israel to bring the light of Christ to all peoples, saying "Hear us, God of Glory."

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place, that we may always rejoice to be in God's presence. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Bishop, John our Priest, for our Vestry and parish leaders, and all who serve God in the church. Let us pray: ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For mercy, justice, and peace among peoples of the earth. We pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority, that they may make decisions that benefit the common good. Let us pray: ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, travelers and prisoners, the hungry and the oppressed. We pray that we may reach out in compassion to all who need comfort and support. Let us pray: ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For the light from above which exposes evil and shows us the path to follow. We pray for the forgiveness of our sins, that through the mercies of Christ we will always walk in faith as children of the light. Let us pray: *Hear us, God of Glory.*

Guided by the light of Christ shining in our hearts, we continue our prayers:

We pray for God's healing and comfort for those connected with this congregation who are ill or homebound, and all who have asked for our prayers.

We give thanks this week for the birthdays of Bruce Kozlowski, Stephanie Arndt, Barb Nesbit, Alex Prue, Bradley Kozlowski, Lynn Moore, and Janette Phillips.

We ask for God's blessing on all who are considering baptism or confirmation, especially the young people attending our Confirmation Class.

[You may add your own prayers of thanksgiving or petition, silently or aloud.]

Then the concluding collect is said by all:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to see with our own eyes him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PEACE

All able to do so, please stand

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

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:

SANCTUS

8 am *Spoken, as follows:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory:**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest!

10 am *Sung*

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts

(For music, see insert)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. (2x)

The whole earth is full of his glory. (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Blessed is the One who comes

in the name of the Lord. (2x)

Hosanna in the highest. (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

(Please be seated or kneel for the remainder of the prayer.)

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 St. Mark and 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.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION ANTHEM)

As the bread is broken, the choir leads the congregation in a

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God Hymnal S-164

Priest We share the bread of life, and that life is the
light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Priest The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION

*Everyone is invited to receive the Holy
Communion. Communion may be taken
in both forms, or in bread or wine alone.*



*Gluten free wafers are available; please let the priest know if you
need them. Those who choose to not receive communion are
welcome to come forward for a blessing. During Communion,
meditative music is played, and the following hymn is sung.*

COMMUNION HYMN *I am the bread of life Hymnal 335*

SENDING OUT OF THE DISCIPLES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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

May God the Father show you the light of his glory in the face of his Son, so that you may be a light to the world; and may the blessing of God – our Creator, Redeemer & Sustainer – be with us all, now and for ever. *Amen*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

CLOSING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine... (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine... (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine... (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Repeat first verse

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace. Your light has come. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

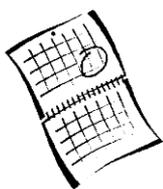
POSTLUDE

Whether you are visiting or regularly attend St. Mark's, you are very welcome here. If you are visiting, our ushers will be happy to answer any questions. Please sign our Guest Book located on the table near the door.

PLEASE JOIN US for refreshments & conversation in the Fellowship Hall following the 10 am service. Thanks to Jim Maurer for hosting today's Coffee Hour!



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ST. MARK'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is welcome to join us for **Mid-Week Eucharist and Roundtable Discussion** in the chapel at 10:00 am this **Wednesday, February 5**. At our weekday service we look for inspiration in the lives of men/women commemorated by the church. This week we'll learn about the "Dorchester Chaplains" – four World War II chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank in February 1943.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 9 (The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany) – Services at 8 and 10 am. Lectionary readings assigned for the day: *Isaiah 58:1-9a* • *Ps. 112:1-9* • *1 Corinthians 2:1-12* • *Matthew 5:13-20*

COMING SOON! St. Mark's Annual "Theme Tray/Basket Auction" is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 23. More details will follow soon. In the meantime, please see the sheet that suggests items to donate....and sign up to help on the chart in the hallway!



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NOTICE re the Vestry Election and Annual General Meeting

This meeting has been set for **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020**. In addition to reports from our Treasurer and parish leaders, the election of Vestry members will take place that day. We’re seeking candidates to fill one of the positions of Warden and several vestry seats (of varying terms, from one to three years). Members and leadership is also being sought for several parish committees. A box for nominations and suggestions will remain in the hall outside the Parish Office through **this Sunday, February 2**. Please prayerfully consider whether God is leading you to volunteer!