THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

February 2, 2020

8:00 AM
Newcomers and visitors, the community of Saint Mark's welcomes you. We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service.

MUSIC NOTE: We sing “Lift every voice and sing” [Hymn #599] as our concluding hymn today in celebration of Black History Month. The Johnson brothers wrote this song in 1900 at the request of a group of young black men in Florida who sought to pay tribute to Abraham Lincoln, our President who had signed the Emancipation Proclamation thirty-seven years earlier. It quickly became known as “The Black National Anthem,” but the song’s message of hope, coupled with its compelling musical setting, made it a favorite not only among black Americans but among groups of all races who seek liberation from oppression. What is more, for its images of the “rising sun,” the “bright star,” and being “led into the light,” this song makes a great hymn for Epiphany-tide and the Feast of the Presentation.

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Canon for Congregational Life, Presider & Preacher

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on How bright appears the Morning Star
[tune of Hymn #497]

All rise as able.

HYMN 259

Hail to the Lord who comes
◆ The Hymnal 1982 #259

stanzas 1, 2 & 3

TUNE: Old 120th

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Almight 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.

All Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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_  
_Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people._

_Assembly_  
_Thanks be to God._

PSALM  
_Psalm 84 ◆ read by all in unison_

_V quam dilecta!_

_How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of Hosts! *_

_My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God._

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold * from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you! ◆
**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**  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Assembly**  
Thanks be to God.

All rise as able.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**  
*Luke 2:22–40*

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

**Assembly**  
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.

**Presider**  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Assembly**  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.
All rise as able.

THE NICE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

After each petition:

**Intercessor** Lord, in your mercy,
**Assembly** Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.

CONFESSION

**Presider** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

**Presider** Most merciful God,
**All** 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 Presider pronounces God’s forgiveness of our sins. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

**Presider** The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**Assembly** And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.
All rise as able.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  Eucharistic Prayer B  
*Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**Assembly** And also with you.

**Presider** Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly** We lift them to the Lord.

**Presider** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Assembly** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Presider** 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  Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  heaven and earth are full of your glory.  Hosanna in the highest.  Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  Hosanna in the highest.

**Presider** 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,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider 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.

All AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All 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

Presider Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Assembly Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.
All seeking God are welcome at Christ’s Table.

If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know.
Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.

• Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.
• Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip in the wine and feed you.
• To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY Organ Improvisation
All rise as able.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Presider* Eternal God,  
*All* 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 Presider asks God’s blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

**HYMN 599**  
*Lift every voice and sing!* ♬ The Hymnal 1982 #599  
TUNE: *Lift Every Voice*  
*stanzas 1 & 3*

**DISMISSAL**  
*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*Assembly* Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY**  
*Postlude on Old 120th*  
[tune of Hymn #259, “Hail to the Lord who comes”]  
David Thorne (b. 1951)

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