The Holy Eucharist

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

February 2, 2020

9:00 AM
WELCOME
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. Ushers are available during the liturgy as well as greeters and clergy following, should you have any questions or concerns. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service. Children of any age are always welcome at Saint Mark’s liturgies. In addition, child care during services is available in the Child Care Center, located in the west end of the cathedral building. You may reach the Child Care Center through the southwest doors of the nave, or by taking the elevator to the 5th floor. Ushers will guide you.

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 Nancy Ross, Canon for Cathedral Relations, Presider
The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Canon for Congregational Life, Preacher

THE GATHERING

The three-fold tolling of a bell, followed by a brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour, bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.

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

HYMN 259
Hail to the Lord who comes ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #259
stanzas 1, 2 & 3

TUNE: Old 120th

OPENING ACCLAMATION
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Assembly Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY
Presider 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.
All Amen.
Everyone:

Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

Presider

Let us pray.

God be with you. And also with you.

Organ:

by your Spirit, may we receive your faithful word and know your reconciling presence offered to all people;

through Jesus Christ, the Light and the Glory of God.

Please be seated for the readings.
**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*  
Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

The Cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.

The Cantor chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

**Quam dilecta!**

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

1. 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.  
   **ANTIPHON**

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

3. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
   whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.  
   **ANTIPHON**

4. 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.

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

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!  ANTPHON

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 descen-
dants 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

12th-century chant, adapt. Marilyn Haskel (b. 1945)

The Cantor introduces the alleluias, all repeat them.
The Cantor chants the verse below, then all repeat the alleluias.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

℣. The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. —Habakkuk 2:20
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.
All rise as able.

**THE NICENE 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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*  Let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly*   Lord, have mercy.

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

Deacon  Let us confess our brokenness to God.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Deacon  Gracious God,

All  We place boundaries around your goodness,
    Yet You share your love with all people;

Silence

Deacon  Lord, have mercy.

Assembly  Lord, have mercy.

Deacon  Patient God,

All  We hold back in fear and shame,
    You immerse yourself in love and life.

Silence

Deacon  Christ, have mercy.

Assembly  Christ, have mercy.

Deacon  Loving God,

All  We let our hearts be restricted in scarcity and fear,
    You invite us into abundant life.

Silence

Deacon  Lord, have mercy.

Assembly  Lord, have mercy.

The Presider pronounces God’s forgiveness of our sins. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider  Christ has broken down the dividing wall
    that makes us strangers to one another;
He has made us one humanity
    that God might be all in all;
he is our life, our hope, our peace.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Assembly  And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of February are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.
The Assembly stands as able and joins the Presider in saying the prayers.

Birthdays:  Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Anniversaries:  Loving God, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, you reveal yourself as a community of self-giving love. We thank you for bringing us together into families. Bless we pray these couples who celebrate the anniversaries of their commitments to one another, and grant that they may grow in grace, fidelity and mutual affection all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone worshipping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Together, our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.

In the front cover of your hymnal, or in the pew rack in front of you, you will find an offering envelope and a form to give by credit card, as well as a card to place in the offering plate as a token of a gift given electronically. To donate online, visit saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right).

CAROL

And all in the morning

Words & Music: traditional Derbyshire carol arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

It was on Christmas Day,
   And all in the morning,
Our Savior was born,
   And our heavenly King:
And was not this a joyful thing?
   And sweet Jesus they called him by name.

It was on the Twentieth Day,
   And all in the morning,
The wise men returned
   from our heavenly King:
And was not this a joyful thing?
   And sweet Jesus they called him by name.

It was on the Twelfth Day,
   And all in the morning,
The wise men were led
   to our heavenly King:
And was not this a joyful thing?
   And sweet Jesus they called him by name.

It was on Candlemas Day,
   And all in the morning,
They visited the Temple
   With our heavenly King:
And was not this a joyful thing?
   And sweet Jesus they called him by name.

The bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.
When the Presider stands, all rise as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
Assembly We lift them to God.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Presider We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs freely throughout the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul. In your grace your Word is made known to all people, calling forth their goodness; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation, healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine and warms hearts grown cold and withered. Therefore, we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:
We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

In the same way after supper, he took the cup of wine, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. And so we proclaim the great mystery of faith, saying:

**All**

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

**Presider** With these gifts we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation’s host, transforming poverty into plenty with his generous love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people will come from east and west, north and south to share a feast of abundance.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

**All** AMEN.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Communion is distributed at standing stations at the head of the side and center aisles. If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know. Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available at the Presider’s communion station at the center aisle left.

- 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

HYMN 517  How lovely is thy dwelling-place  ♫ The Hymnal 1982 #517  TUNE: Brother James’ Air
All rise as able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

   Presider  One body are we.  
   Assembly  For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.
   Deacon  Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

   Presider  Let us pray.

   All  Lord of the wedding feast,
   we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life:
   in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy
   the gift of the stranger,
   the grace of the water,
   and the living bread of love’s desire.

   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
   stanzas 1 & 3

   TUNE: Lift Every Voice

DISMISSAL

   The Deacon dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

   Postlude on Old 120th
   [tune of Hymn #259, “Hail to the Lord who comes”]

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The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross

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