



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

February 2, 2020 • 10:30 am
Saint George's Episcopal Church • Arlington, Virginia

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, BWV 647 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

RECTOR'S GREETING

HYMN 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*

SALUTATION

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

GLORIA (HYMN OF PRAISE) S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

MALACHI 3:1-4

All are seated

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Malachi.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir first, then all sing antiphon as indicated.

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Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glo - ry shall come in.

Antiphon

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews
 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 259

Hail to the Lord who comes

Old 120th

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-40

Celebrant: 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, 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

THE REVEREND SHEARON SYKES WILLIAMS

A brief period of silence

THE NICENE CREED

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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 PEOPLE

BY DONNA CAMPAGNA

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. In this Epiphany season, we give thanks for our Savior, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Lord, humble each of our hearts this morning and every day of our lives to understand the enormity of your gift. *Leader:* Lamb of God *People:* **You take away the sin of the world.**

Help each of us with every new day, Lord, to truly, humbly, love and compassionately care for one another, in our homes, in our families, within our Church family, within our country and throughout our world. Guide us with your perfect love. *Leader:* Open our hearts, Lord. *People:* **to serve you well.**

We give thanks for the gift of all who serve so faithfully at Saint George's: for our clergy, Shearon and John, our Minister of Music, Ben and our devoted Choir. We pray and give thanks for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, and our Diocesan Bishops, Susan, Jennifer, Ted and David. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for _____ and in the Anglican Cycle we lift in prayer _____.

Leader: We are deeply blessed.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We give thanks, Lord, for fresh air to breathe and for the beautiful land upon which we live. We are humble guardians of this planet and we, for our time here, are called to be your caretakers in this incredible world by leaving it just a little bit better each day.

Leader: Lord of all Creation. ***People:* We pray; for eyes to see, hearts to care and strength and focus to protect and restore.**

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit; for those who are ill, for those who are in pain of any kind, for all who hunger, for all who live in danger, for all who are persecuted, and especially today we pray for those on our parish prayer list _____ and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. May your healing spirit strengthen and renew them.

Leader: May Christ's love protect, comfort, heal and restore them: ***People:* And bring them peace.**

We lift in prayer those who have died _____ Carry them, we pray, gently home into your loving arms into the joy of new and eternal life. Be comfort, Lord, we pray, to all who grieve and suffer in their loss. Bring healing to their broken hearts. *Leader:* We pray. ***People:* Be their peace.**

We give thanks and we celebrate this morning with members of our families and our church family who celebrate Birthdays and Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

Leader: With all our hearts ***People:* We give thanks to you, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief period of silence

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.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF 2020 WARDENS AND VESTRY MEMBERS

(Adapted from the (Episcopal) *Book of Occasional Services, 1994*)

Rector: Today we celebrate the beginning of the ministry of our 2020 Wardens and Vestry Members.

People: **We present Anne Norloff, Mike Giaquinto, Jim Causey, Lyn Crawford, Katie DeMott, Seton Droppers, Ike Emejuru, Preston Findlay, Margret Hjalmarson, Ed Mott, Laura Peterson Nussbaum and Suzanne Stephens, for the ministry of Vestry member in our congregation.**

Vestry: We present N. ____for the ministry of Senior Warden and N.____for the ministry of Junior Warden in our congregation.

Rector: The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

Wardens and Vestry: We are your servants, O Lord; grant us your understanding that we may know your decrees.

Rector: Let us pray.

Rector and People: **Eternal God, foundation of all wisdom and source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so guide their discernment, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Rector: In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission, N._____, as Senior Warden, N. _____as Junior Warden, and N._____ as Vestry members in this parish.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
Inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.*

PRESENTATION HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al-so 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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds:

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven_ and
earth_ are full_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name_ of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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.

People: **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said



The Bread and Wine are distributed to the communicants. Communion may be received around the Altar platform. Gluten-free wafers and chalice are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Intercessory prayer is offered during the administration of communion in the small sacristy room to the right of the baptismal font.

AT THE COMMUNION

Anthem: Nunc Dimittis

Caleb Burhans (b. 1980)

Hymn 277 Sing of Mary

Raquel

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Used on Sundays as needed

Celebrant: We send you out to share this Holy Communion with N__. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Go forth in the name of Saint George's bearing these holy gifts, so that those to whom you go may experience the majesty and mystery of Christ's presence through the sharing of the bread and wine. May you carry the prayers of all of us.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, BWV 642

J.S. Bach

All are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
(Exit left of the pulpit and proceed straight ahead)

Saint George's is a Place for All.

We welcome everyone — no exceptions — because we believe that inclusion is a Gospel value.

Together we make up the Body of Christ,
and your presence with us increases the richness of our worship experience.

We are glad YOU are here!

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