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Sunday, February 2, 2025
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
The Presentation of our Lord
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am

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Whoever and wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments, which are God's gifts. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty nor earned. It is radical, transformative, and universal. As such, we seek to mirror God's healing love by making this a safe place for skeptics, seekers, those whom the church has wounded, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered away, new believers, and those who never left. As a diverse community, we have discovered a unity more significant than our differences in God. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine completeness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, God invites you to keep traveling. The Spirit of God drew you here in some subtle or profound way. Our hearts are open to God and to you.



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Prelude

Deb Harstine

Welcome

Jacob Dennison

The people stand

Let us pray...Holy God, Joseph and Mary, brought Jesus to his Father's house with peasant gifts so that he could be seen and designated holy to the Lord, proclaiming him the source of peace and well-being for all of humanity. Grant to us, little or great, that same proclamation. *Amen*

Processional

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

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Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

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 in Excelsis

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**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***

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, 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 forever. *Amen*

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Lessons

The people sit

Old Testament

Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 84

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Epistles

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand

Seq. “How Bright Appears the Morning Star” Pg. 497

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

The Sermon

The Rev. Les Jackson

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: 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

Most Holy God, cast away the shadows in our lives so that we might know the glory of your presence. Hear and respond to our prayers so that we might more fully live into your dreams, as we say, “Lord have mercy, hear our prayer.”

Guide your faith community into the light of your revelation and grant us the will and commitment to continue Jesus’s mission in our lives.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant the people of this nation the will and commitment to live in peace and to work in unity for the benefit of all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show us, gathered here today, the glory of your Son and help us discern your call on our lives more clearly so that we might work in concert to further the reign of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency and a firm commitment to be better stewards of your creation so that all future generations may know the abundance we have taken for granted.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with all who suffer, relieve their distress, and bring healing to whatever needs mending in their bodies, souls, and minds (*please add your petitions aloud and silently*)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying into your loving care and deal gently with all who grieve.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pray for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Clay Center, the Reverend Rex Matney, the Reverend Carolyn Garwood, Deacon, and their lay leadership.

For the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishop Cathleen Bascom, Father Les, Deacon Pastor Diane, all bishops and ministers, and all God's holy people.

For Heartland Minster and their Shepherd, The Reverend Richard Osborne, Interim at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Newton, Kansas.

We give thanks for the opportunity to gather as a community of skeptics, seekers, and believers and to support through outreach the Family Life Center Safehouse, RISE Meals for the Homeless, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach ministries of Trinity.

The Concluding Collect

In Christ, we have seen your desire for our lives. Guide our feet and hearts to truly live in His example so your hopes for humanity might be fulfilled. We ask for all these through our Lord and intercessor, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. *Amen*

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

The Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you, beloved, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

The Doxology

“Praise to God”

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, who presented himself in human form as a sacrifice for our sins, we have become your children and the same flesh and blood of him who destroyed death and won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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

The people stand or kneel as able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. *AMEN* +++

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

This is the banquet of the Lamb. It is ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Hymn "Lord God, You Now Have Set Your Servant Free" Pg. 499

**Lord God, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as promised in your word:
my eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,
prepared by you for all the world to see,
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
the glory of your people, and their light.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*

*A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so we may live deep within your heart.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war so that we may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world and do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Recessional

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Deb Harstine

Ministers This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson

Jacob Dennison, *Lector*

Cindy Badwey, *Acolyte*

Carol Tuner, *Usher*

Cindy Badwey, *Counter*

Deb Harstine, *Organist*

Cherilyn Chiaro, *Flautist*

Micah Miller, *Videographer*

David & Christie Reynolds, *Hospitality*

Glenda Giro & Kathleen Mabry, *Altar Guild*

*Join us after the Eucharist in the parish hall for
fellowship and refreshments.*

* A Franciscan Benediction

Sister Ruth Fox, Order of Saint Benedict (OSB)

Sacred Heart Monastery, North Dakota



The Presentation of the Lord

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendour of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of His eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ. The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true Light in her arms and brought Him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true Light as we hasten to meet Him.

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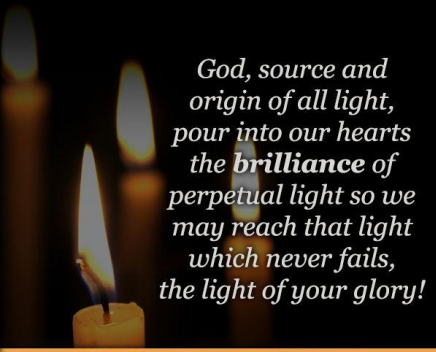
The commemoration of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the purification of Mary after his birth in fulfilment of the Law of Moses

WHEN?

February 2 (40 days after Christmas)

ALSO KNOWN AS:

- “The Feast of the Blessing of Candles and the Procession” or “Candlemas” because of the tradition of blessing and lighting of candles and procession to the altar on that day



God, source and origin of all light, pour into our hearts the brilliance of perpetual light so we may reach that light which never fails, the light of your glory!