



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican

Alexandria, Virginia



THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

February 2, 2020

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

*Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.
Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.
In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked
to remain as quiet as possible.*

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 24:7-10 *Domini est terra*

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

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

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

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

The Epistle: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People:

After the Intercessor says “Holy and gracious God,”
the congregation responds “*Hear our Prayer.*”

Confession of Sin & Absolution

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei

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All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy.

For those who are interested in being baptized, please see a member of the clergy.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers *(if needed)*

Celebrant: We now send you forth to carry Communion to those in need.

People: *May our hands carry Christ’s love into the world.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Altar Guild:* Diana Walker; *Flower Guild:* Connie Kur; *Reader:* Ken McDonald; *Chalice:* René O'Brien; *Usher:* Tom Brown, Jr.; *Coffee Host:* Sujatha Augustine; *Vestry Greeter:* Hartley Hobson Wensing; *Vestry Counter:* Martha Shimkin; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Susan D. Parsons