



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Christ Episcopal Church • Cape Girardeau, Missouri
8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services

February 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

The People Gather

Prelude "Beautiful Savior" Charles Ore

Processional Hymn #259 Hail to the Lord Who Comes

The Liturgy of the Word

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

All: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity BCP p.355

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 Rutter
(See pew card)

Collect of the Day

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 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

The Response: Psalm 84

- 1 **H**ow 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!

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel: Luke 2:22–40



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

All: *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.

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

Children's Sermon

Joshua Smith

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

In this season of miracles and wonders, in this time of God's showing-forth, help us to pay attention to the moments of our days, to the miracle and mystery of life in our daily lives.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We give thanks for those miracles and wonders that we do recognize, especially [the prayer list of thanksgivings] and those we now add [thanksgivings may be spoken aloud]. We pray that we may be filled with gratitude for all your blessings, especially the miracle of this very moment of life.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

O God, there is great healing when we give our attention to your presence. Help us to repent, to turn our hearts and minds to you, and to bravely turn away from those things that entice us, but are not good or healthy for us, our neighbors, or our earth.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We pray for the church, that the Unity of Christ will draw us together in the humility of your love and forgiveness. And we pray for all of us who would follow Christ, but have forgotten how.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We pray for the sick, especially [the prayer list for the sick] and others we now name [prayers for the sick may be spoken aloud]. May they be healed by your life-giving Presence.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We pray for those in need of guidance and strength: [the prayer list for guidance] and others we now name [prayers for guidance may be spoken aloud]. Be with each of these ones, O Lord.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We pray for all of us who feel overwhelmed by all that we have to do. May we find the simpler way, trusting you with all our hearts.

All: Cleanse and heal us by the in-breathing of your Spirit.

We remember all those who have died, especially those known to us: [the prayer list for the deceased], and for those we now name [prayers for the deceased may be spoken aloud]. For those who have passed on from mortal life, we pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, may they be with you today in paradise.

Confession and Absolution

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The Passing of the Peace

Offertory

#517 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

The Liturgy of the Table

All are welcome at Christ's table. Should you for your own reasons choose not to commune, however, you may simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest instead.

Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP p.367
Lift Up Your Hearts (<i>Sursum Corda</i>)	Hymnal S120
Holy, Holy, Holy (<i>Sanctus</i>)	S. C. Fletcher (See pew card)
Lamb of God (<i>Agnus Dei</i>)	S. C. Fletcher (See pew card)
Communion Hymn	There Is One Banquet (See bulletin insert)
Prayer after Communion	BCP p.366
Final Blessing	Rev. Edie Bird
Recessional Hymn	#436 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Dismissal	
Postlude	“Fanfare in E” Charles Ore



SERVICE MINISTERS

8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister	Gina Thomas
Lector	Bonnie Cochran
Preacher	Rev. Edie Bird

10:15 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Miller
Lector	Barbara Muench
Children's Sermon	Joshua Smith
Vergers	Chris Masters
Acolytes	Youth Team
Host	Sue Balsamo
Altar Guild	Monica Waldon
Guided Lilies	Bev Hoover
Vestry Counters	Kevin Hampton & Sue Balsamo
Coffee Hour	Potluck

Rector	Rev. Edie Bird
Organist	Mary Miller
Choir Director	Randyn Heisserer-Miller
Nursery Leader	Deanie Hadley
Ministry Intern	Joshua Smith