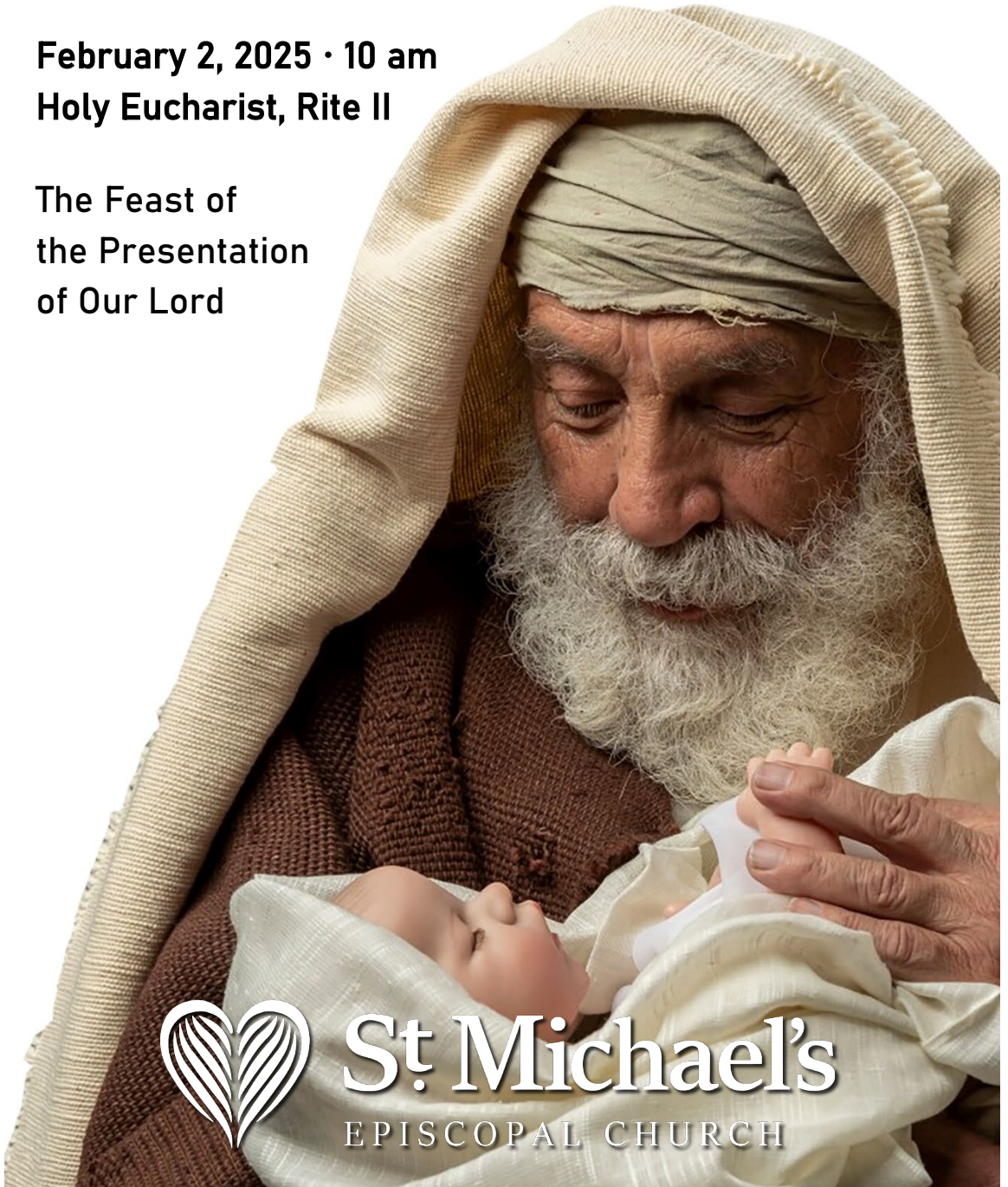


**February 2, 2025 · 10 am**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**The Feast of  
the Presentation  
of Our Lord**



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# The Word of God

\* **Processional Song**      *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*      Celebration # 43

\* **Opening Sentence & Collect for Purity**      Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

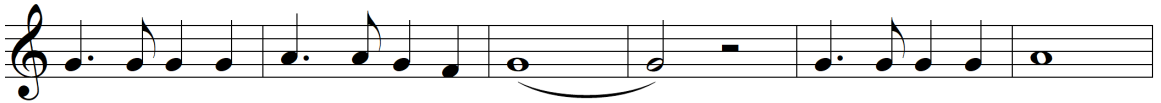
People      **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant      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.**

\* **Song of Praise**      *“Glorify Thy Name”*      Celebration # 9



1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,



Glo - ri-fy Thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ri-fy Thy name,



Glo - ri-fy Thy name,      Glo - ri-fy Thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_

## \* Collect of the Day

Presentation

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.*

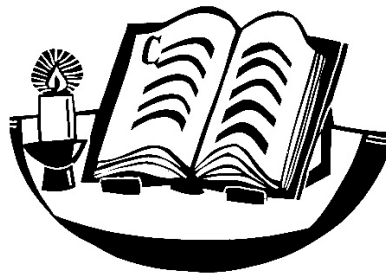
## First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

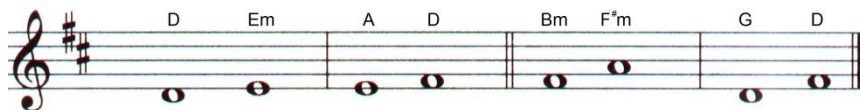
Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when 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. **Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 24:7-10 (changing notes at the highlighted word)



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**."

## Second Lesson

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. **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Sequence**

"Give Thanks"

Celebration # 170

## \* Holy 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**

*“Politics and Religion”*

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

\* **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.

## \* Prayers of the People

Form II, BCP p. 385

*(Add your prayers silently or aloud after each petition)*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Provisional Bishop, Diane and our Bishop elect, Amy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

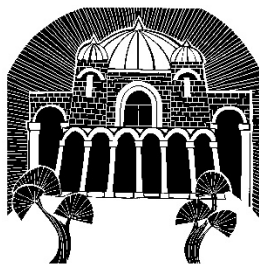
I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We remember this day those on our altar prayer list and those you would name. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed and those who grieve. Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*





## \* Confession and Absolution

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

**All:** 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.

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

## \*The Peace

Officiant     The peace of the LORD be always with you.

**People       And also with you.**

## Welcome & Announcements

- February Birthdays: “O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”
- Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m. – Game Night (Puzzle Race!)
- Sunday, March 2, after service – Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch

# The Holy Communion

Offertory

*“To God Be the Glory”*

Celebration # 56

\* **The Presentation**

*“Doxology”*

Celebration # 815

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\* **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant The LORD be with you.

*“Sursum Corda”* Hymnal # S-120

**People And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

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.

*Preface:* Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

\* **Sanctus**

*“Holy Holy Holy Lord”*

Brown

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the

Lord of the Lord Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high est.

Celebrant: 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:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again;**

Celebrant: 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 for ever.  
**AMEN!**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

Celebrant As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

**All** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

**\* Fraction**

*"Come to the Table of Mercy"*

Celebration # 464



Come to the ta-ble of mer - cy, Pre-pared with the wine and the bread;



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, Come and your souls will be fed. —



Come at the Lord's in-vi - ta - tion; Re-ceive from His nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



**Communion Notes:** Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

## Communion Hymn

*"Gather Us In"*



1. Here in this place a new light is stream-ing
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - tr'y.
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter.
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are the old who yearn for your face. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Here we will take the bread of new birth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 not in some heav - en, light years a - way, but



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 We have been sung through - out all of his - tr'y,  
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters.  
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing



brought here to you in the light of this day. \_\_\_\_\_  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race. \_\_\_\_\_  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
now is the king-dom and now is the day. \_\_\_\_\_



Gath-er us in the lost and for - sak - en Gath-er us in the  
Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh - ty. Gath-er us in the  
Give us to drink the wind of com - pas - sion. Give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in, and hold us for - ev - er. Gath-er us in and



blind and the lame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en.  
proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly.  
bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own. Gath-er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name. \_\_\_\_\_  
Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. \_\_\_\_\_  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. \_\_\_\_\_  
fire \_\_\_\_\_ of love in our flesh and our bone. \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing**

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** 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.

\* **Closing Song**

*“Awesome God”*

Celebration # 179

\* **Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

