THE PRESENTATION OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

10:30 A.M. Candlemas Procession begins in the Welcome Area (see insert)

8:00 A.M. Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)

Opening Acclamation 323 (red book)

Collect for Purity 323 (red book)

Gloria 324 (red book)

Collect of the Day 187 (red book)

(10:30 A.M. following the Candlemas Procession continue below)

I reading—Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84 707 (red book)

II reading—Hebrews 2:14-18

Gradual Hymn How lovely is thy dwelling place 517 (purple book)

Gospel—Luke 2:22-40

Homily The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

Nicene Creed 326/358 (red book))

Prayers of the People 8:00 a.m. Form I 328 (red book)

10:30 a.m. (Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy . People: Hear our prayer.)

At end of prayer-(Intercessor: Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary...)

(People: To you, O Lord our God.)

The Confession 330/359 (red book)

The Peace

Offertory

Presentation of Alms Doxology - Lasst uns erfreuen (insert)

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer II, 8:00 a.m. 340 (red book)

Prayer B, 10:30 a.m. 367 (red book)

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy, Lord Land of rest (insert)

At the Breaking of the Bread Eat this bread (insert)

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant "gluten-free".

Communion Music

Bless the Lord my soul - Taize

825 (green book)

When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to attend, they are sent at this time.

Celebrant:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion

of Christ's body and blood.

People:

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one

cup.

Post Communion Prayer

339/366 (red book)

Closing Hymn

Ye holy angels bright

625 (blue book)

Dismissal

Celebrant:

Let us bless the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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.

PSALM 84 707 (red book)

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.

LUKE 2:22-40

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.



WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). After the service please join us in the Welcome Area for coffee and hospitality. We are glad that you are here with us today.

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