

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

10:00 AM

We welcome you to St. Catherine's!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Song of Praise

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymnal 436

The Collect of the Day

Prayed by the Celebrant alone, with the People joining on "Amen."

The Lessons (*see insert for The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel Acclamation)

The Gospel

(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Silence may follow.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP p. 387

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

BCP p. 830 (50)

Stewardship Moment

**Jan Ignash,
Senior Warden**

Blessing of Candles and Other Instruments of Light

Lectionary and Music Insert

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from the Book of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 24:7-10

BCP p. 614

At 8:00 AM the Psalm is prayed by the Lector and the People.

At 10:00 AM the Psalm is chanted by the Choir.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

A Reading from the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The People sing the refrain after the Choir and then after each verse.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in G major and 8/8 time, starting with a forte dynamic. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The time signature changes to 6/8 for the final measure, which contains a whole note G4.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Gospeler 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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.


THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant




Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

THE GREAT AMEN



A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>Eternal Light</i>	Mark Schweizer
Presentation Hymn 380 (Verse 3)		<i>Old 100th</i>
<i>All stand who are able.</i>		
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)		BCP p. 367
<i>Sanctus</i>		Hymnal S-130
The Memorial Acclamation (<i>see Music and Lectionary Insert</i>)		
The Great Amen (<i>see Lectionary and Music Insert</i>)		
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p. 364
The Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S-164
Communion Hymn	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	SOS 88
The Postcommunion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Announcements		
The Final Blessing		
The Concluding Hymn	<i>How lovely is thy dwelling place</i>	Hymnal 517
The Dismissal		BCP p. 366
Postlude		

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

are given to the Glory of Almighty God.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

shines to remind us of our Lord's presence in the Sacrament
and is given by Suzette Lemrow in loving memory of Lesley Hanlon.

Worship Services

Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM

Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

First Wednesday of the Month

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector

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*The mission of St. Catherine's
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and to share the Good News with all.*