

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

February 2, 2025

**The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in the Temple**

Processional Hymn 533: *How wondrous and
great thy works, God of praise!*

Opening Sentence Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 76

The Officiant begins the service with this sentence of Scripture

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may
reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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.**

The Layreader remains kneeling and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 81

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Venite *Psalms 95:1-17*

Hymn S35, BCP 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. ***

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 24:7-10 *Domini est terra*

BCP 614

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."

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit. The lesson is read by the Lector.

First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the Book of the prophet 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand and recite the canticle

16 **The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

Hymn S248, BCP 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
 High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
 shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

The people sit. The lesson is read by the Lector.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the Letter to 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand and recite the canticle

7 We Praise Thee *Te Deum laudamus* Hymn S205, BCP

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We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

**All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee,
the Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.**

**Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of
the**

Father.

**We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,**

**whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
in glory everlasting.**

The people sit.

Like the others, this lesson is read by the Lector from the lectern.

There is no procession.

Third Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

read by Sarah Harmon

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The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People stand or kneel

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.**

Suffrages A

BCP 97

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

BCP 239

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Additional Collects may be added from pages 99-100 and/or 810-841 in the BCP

A Collect for the selection of a Rector

BCP 818

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

BCP 100

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

(Insert the prayers in thanksgiving for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and prayers for those who have died, those for whom our prayers have been requested.)

Announcements

by a member of the vestry

Offertory

The Officiant begins the Offertory with the following, or one of the sentences on page 376

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Hymn 539 *O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling*

James Walch

Doxology and Presentation of Alms Hymn 380, v. 3

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of money or other gifts, to the Officiant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

**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 General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus
Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 531

O Spirit of the living God

The Officiant may conclude with the following

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.*** *Romans 15:13*

Upcoming Events & News

Discretionary Fund: This Sunday the loose plate offering (gifts not designated for pledges, building, etc.) will be deposited into the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Forward Day by Day: The February, March, & April issue of Forward Day by Day has arrived and will be available for you to pick up this Sunday in the Narthex and in the office during the week. We will also mail you a copy if you wish – please call or email Katie if you would like her to mail one to you.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed & Flower Scheduling: St Paul's Altar Guild needs volunteers for the following months: September (need 1), and October (need 1).

Also, flowers are needed for the following Sundays before Ash Wednesday: Feb 23rd, and March 2nd. Contact Jo Cargill-Krug at 870-613-6981. Text Jo if possible and she will confirm what dates are available.

153rd Annual Diocesan Convention: *Per the Communiqué from the Episcopal Church in Arkansas-* This year's convention will be Friday, February 14th-15th in Little Rock. The theme for 2025 is "Nurturing Fertile Soil" Ezekiel 17:5. Friday's service and other events will take place at **Trinity Cathedral**, and Saturday's events will take place at **Episcopal Collegiate School**.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, everyone is invited to the Parish House (two lefts at the bottom of the steps) for refreshments and fellowship
- **Children's Sunday School:** Sunday, February 2nd & 16th at 9:45 am
- **Churchmen's Club Meeting:** Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 pm at Scott McSpadden's home
- **Care Team Meeting:** Sunday, February 9th after the 10:30 am service

- **Pub Theology:** Thursday, February 13th at U.S. Pizza at 6:00 pm
- **Mardi Gras: Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 pm; tickets are**
- **Mahjongg Lessons:** Every Sunday at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Adult Sunday School:** Sundays, 9:30 am in the Parish Hall
- ***The Chosen Discussion Group:*** Every Monday from 5:30-7 pm. During the waiting period for Season 5 of *The Chosen* to become available, we will be using our Tuesday 3-4:30 pm meeting time to put together a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle depicting Jesus and the apostles. We invite anyone who likes such puzzles to join us each Tuesday afternoon for comradery starting January 7, 2025.

Blessing Box: Looking for ideas about what to donate for the Blessing Box? Rice Krispie treats, pop tarts, ramen noodles, fruit snacks, granola bars or chips work! These items will go in the Blessing Box, and will also be shared with our Lyon College students when the Care Team makes “snack bags” to pass out monthly. Thank you! 😊

St. Paul’s Prayer List:

*Prayer requests will stay on the Parish Prayer List for four weeks with the exception of parishioners with ongoing needs. **If you wish a prayer request to remain on the list, please call the office to renew the request.***

Intercessions: Jamie Bridgers, Ann Rhodes, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Matt Stephenson, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Rebecca Ward, Cindy Perkey, Tammy Kipfer, Ann Stephenson, the Healey family, and Cameron Gillespie.

Intercessions for Family & Friends: Jim Wilson, Jay, Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Mark & Jennifer, Susan, Jody Gayle, Tara Nance, David Smith, Lucy Harris, Adam M, Keith Perkins, Jim & Charlotte, Daniel & Steven King, Sherry Snow,

Mark Counts, Nan & Matt Tucker, Walker, Mark Higginbotham, Danny Yeager, Shannon Bohnert, Micah Jordon, Rodney Brady, Kathy Kleveno, Mike & Brandy Wyatt, John V. Miller, Ben Handford, Jim Reynolds, Christina, Peggy Comer, Kristin, Marilyn Townsend, Georgina Mosser, Jeannie Sade, Kristi Smith, Raymond Staggs, Gary & Phylis Bratton, Connie Barnett, Neva Miles Hector, Diarmund (Dar Mood), Sarah, Cody, & Brady, Q, Vicki Bettis, Betty Rains, Vani Jo Geroy, Stetson McSpadden.

Birth Announcement: Stetson Wayne McSpadden (Grandson of Scott & Jacqui McSpadden, born January 24th).

Birthdays: Rocky Willmuth (2/3), Kenton Guenzel (2/6), Kirk Harmon (2/7), and Cathy Dozier (2/8).

Lay Ministers Serving this Sunday

Officiant: Sarah Harmon

Lector (8:00): Kristian Ameigh

Lector (10:30): Dwight Ford

Acolyte: Ardis Gillespie

Ushers: Fuller Bumpers & Abby Dickey

Technical Support: Jon Healey

Coffee Hour: Regina Cooper

Altar Guild: Paul Hance

Community Meal (2/5/2025): Team Olson

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8am-12pm. The office is closed on Wednesdays.