

**ST. ALFRED'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
**The Presentation of Our Lord**  
Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 5 p.m.

The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant  
The Reverend Agostino Rivolta, Preacher

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*Cantor* Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised. **Antiphon**

*Cantor* For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see. **Antiphon**

*The Celebrant then says the following prayer*

Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. Amen.

### **The Procession**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

### **Hymn 93**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*Regent Square*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the following Collect.*

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 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*(Remain seated for the singing of the following hymn.)*

**Hymn 517**

*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*  
*(A metrical version of Psalm 84)*

*Brother James' Air*

**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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 259**

*Hail to the Lord Who Comes*

*Old 120th*

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

*Priest* 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.

*Priest*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Agostino Rivolta

*(A moment for reflection.)*

### **The 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.

**The Prayers of the People**     *The response following each intercession is:*  
*Leader* We pray,  
*People* Let our eyes see your salvation.

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Priest, stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth*

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth  
and a scepter from Israel rise up.  
And dash in pieces princes and nations.

How brightly beams the morning star!  
What sudden radiance from afar  
With light and comfort glowing.  
Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us,  
Rightly leads us, life bestowing.  
Praise, o praise such love o'erflowing!

*(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)*

### **Hymn 380, Stanza 3**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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*The Celebrant, faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

## The Sanctus

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [St. Alfred and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

*Celebrant and People AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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**Fraction Anthem**

*Blessed are Those Who are Called*

Plainsong

*(The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat it. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)*

**Antiphon**



Bless-ed are those who are called to the Sup-per of the Lamb.

*Choir* Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him all you peoples.  
For his lovingkindness toward us is great,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. **[Antiphon]**

**Communion Voluntary**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*(The voluntary is based on No. 490 in the Hymnal.)*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by All)*

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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.

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 657**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Hyfrydol*

**The Dismissal**

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*The People respond* Thanks be to God.

*(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)*

**Postlude**

*Allegro maestoso e vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn

*(Sonata in B Flat, Op. 65 No. 4)*

**Coffee Hour**

Please join us in Reister Hall for coffee immediately following the service.

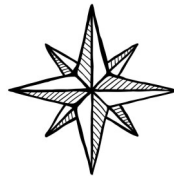
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## Prayer List

David  
 Michele, Charlotte and John  
 David and Lynne Aukamp  
 Kristen B.  
 Beverly Butters  
 Patrick Dean  
 Robert Grayshaw  
 Dan Groothuis  
 Terry Harrison  
 Alex and Diane Hugill  
 Fran Lever  
 Diane Linindoll

Fran Martin  
 Martha McBride  
 Ted Ortoski  
 Dick Purchase  
 Lynn Sanford  
 Bonnie Schumacher  
 Wally and Joan Tyson  
 Michael Wilkey  
 Our nation  
 All who serve our country at  
 home and abroad

Those affected by the Flu  
 and COVID  
 Healthcare Workers  
 Victims of violence  
 Victims of the California  
 wildfires and all natural  
 disasters  
 The people of The Middle  
 East, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti  
 and all places torn by strife



### Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 3	12 p.m., Daughters of the King (Library) 7 p.m., Bible Study (Library)
Tuesday, February 4	10 a.m., Communications Team (Library)
Wednesday, February 5	10 a.m., Book Club (Library) 7 p.m., Bell Choir (Church)
Thursday, February 6	10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) <b>12 p.m., The Holy Eucharist with Healing</b> 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, February 7	1:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group (Library)
<b>Saturday, February 8</b> <b>5 Epiphany</b>	<b>5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I</b>
<b>Sunday, February 9</b> <b>5 Epiphany</b>	<b>10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II</b> 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12 p.m., Adult Faith Formation (Library and Zoom) 4 p.m., Organ Concert

*Please pray for*

— *Announcements* —

**Adult Faith Formation begins new study, Sunday, February 2**

Sunday, February 2, the Adult Faith Formation group will begin study of the book *Life of the Beloved* Living a Faithful Life in a the Secular World by Henri Nouwen. The group is led by Fr. Peter and begins at noon in the Library of the Parish Center. All are invited.

**2025 United Faiths Walk of Peace, Sunday, February 2**

Join your neighbors for an afternoon of fellowship and dialogue in the United Faiths Walk of Peace. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park, 420 Main Street, near downtown Dunedin. The walk begins at 2 p.m and ends at Weaver Park, 1258 Bayshore Boulevard.

**Daughters of the King, Monday, February 3**

The Daughters of the King will meet on Monday, February 3 at 12 noon in the Library of the Parish Center.

**Organ Concert, Sunday, February 9**

Kevin Johnson will present an organ concert on Sunday, February 9 at 4 p.m. In addition to pieces for organ alone, Kevin will be joined by Laurel Bennett, clarinetist and Scott Garrett, flutist in some works for woodwinds and organ. Plan now to attend and invite your friends.

**Fellowship Luncheon, Wednesday, February 12**

The next Fellowship Luncheon will be at noon on Wednesday, February 12. The luncheon will be held at Ozona Blue Grilling Co. located at 125 Orange Street, Palm Harbor. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

**Clothing Donation Shed**

A shed has been placed in our parking lot for the purpose of collecting used clothing for charitable organizations. St. Alfred's will receive funds based on the number of pounds of clothes collected. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

*O Morning Star How Fair and Bright* - Patricia Hurlbutt, Choristers Guild

*I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light* - Cathy Moglebust, Choristers Guild

*Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata in B flat, Op. 65 No. 4)* - Felix Mendelssohn, Henle Verlag

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