



**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
The Presentation of Our Lord
February 2, 2020
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Welcome to Ascension!

For more information about our community, fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from a member of the Welcome Team or the table by the Church office door.

Please silence your audible devices.

Beginning ten minutes before the service, please help us create a contemplative space by refraining from cell phone use or loud conversation.

*Within the service, the people read the parts in **bold print**.*

The Entrance Rite

(10:00 a.m. service only - the 8:00 a.m. service begins with the Opening Acclamation)

Opening Voluntary

Choral

Joseph Jongen

Introit

Sung by the Choir

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch

The people stand and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

Processional Hymn (10:00 a.m.) *Sung by all.*

How lovely is thy dwelling place

1982 Hymnal # 517

Brother James' Air

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest and People

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.*

Prayer for our Children and Teachers

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed Ascension with these children and these teachers: Give these children your gift of joy and wonder, and pour your blessings upon them. Give these teachers calm strength and patient wisdom so they may teach our children to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (8:00 a.m. – spoken by all)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis: (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by all.

Glory to God in the Highest

Lift Every Voice and Sing #243

Carl Haywood

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Hal - le - lu -

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- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

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praise your Ho - ly name. 1.Glo-ry to God _ in the high - est and

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peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2.Lord God heav-en-ly King, al - migh - ty God _and

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Fa-ther, We wor-ship you, _ we give you thanks, _ we praise you for _ your glo-ry.

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3.Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo - ry,

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Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, _ Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu -

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4.You take a-way the sin of the world: have
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mer - cy on us, 5.You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive _ our _
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prayer. 6.For you a - lone _ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are _ the Lord,
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7.You a - lone _ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ _ with the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the
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glo - ry of _ the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
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praise your Ho - ly name, _ Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
61
praise your Ho ly name. A - - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People

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 people sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Reader 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84 (Read responsively)

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a
place of springs,
**for the early rains have covered it with pools of
water.**

They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a
thousand in my own room,
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of
my God than to dwell in the tents of the
wicked.**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Reader A reading from the epistle 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

O Zion, open wide thy gates

Sung by all.

1982 Hymnal #257

Edmonton

First four verses are sung before the Gospel reading; last verse is sung after the Gospel reading.

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Gospeller

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.

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon

The Rev. Javier G. Ocampo

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

Priest and People

**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.
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

Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann and Chilton, our Bishops, and Javier and Eugene, our clergy.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage, and hope for **Samuel** Tellu, **Sciou** Broderick, **Marcia** Noble, **Eduardo** Rincon, **Warren** Porter, **Sue** Jenkins, **Olive** Rivera, **Judy** Conroy, **Doris** Chin, **Jean** Cohn, **Johnetta** Mars-Gibson, **Neville** Barr, **Susan** Mclaughlin, **Amy** Van Dalinda, **Clint** Miller, **Roger** LeCompte, **Rachelle** Vasquez and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as those on our extended healing prayer list.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We give thanks for the birthdays of **Chirs** Watson, **Elise** Johnson, **Yanira** Serrano, **Semera** Fahnbulleh, **Ruth** Achard, **Wadai** Dennis, **Jay** Zeman, **Riobert** Brown, **Aaron** Toee, **Flor** Ortiz, **Sarah** Gallargher.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

All say the prayer for Ascension:

God of all, we offer thanks to you for this our parish, Church of the Ascension, as we gather here together in your name. Bless us with remembrance of those who founded this parish, erected the walls, and provided the space we have today. We pray that we may continue their work with perseverance and faithfulness to become a truly One Ascension for this community. We pray for strength, steadfastness, and vision for Padre Javier on his journey as our Rector. Guide us as we walk the way with him. We pray that the path we take together and the light that shows us the way are your own. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

All kneel.

**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 Celebrant alone 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are then seated.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Nunc Dimittis

Sung by the choir

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

Hymn at the Presentation

Lord God, you now have set your servant free

Sung by all, standing

1982 Hymnal # 499

Song 1

The Holy Communion

Celebrant 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.**

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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus (Spoken at 8:00 a.m.; Sung 10:00 a.m.)

Holy, holy, holy

Lift Every Voice and Sing #255

Grayson Warren 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

The people kneel or stand; the Celebrant continues.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 forever. AMEN.

Celebrant and People

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

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

(8:00 a.m.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

(Sung at 10:00 a.m.)

Lift Every Voice and Sing #270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. It consists of nine lines of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace." The score includes rests at the beginning of each line and various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes) with slurs and ties.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The people sit.

Administration of the Sacrament: All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to a communion station at the direction of the Welcome Team. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please cross your arms on your chest – this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed. If you need communion brought to you please let a member of the Welcome Team know. **Healing Prayers:** If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex beside the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.

Communion Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Sung by all.

1982 Hymnal #324

Picardy

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitor

When at this service

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you visit 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 and one cup.**

The people kneel or stand.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the one who made us, who journeys with us, who breathes us into life moment by moment, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

The people stand.

Recessional Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Sung by all.

1982 Hymnal # 657

Hyfrydal

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Closing Voluntary

Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	8:00 am Marcia Noble 10:00 am Roger LeCompte Emmanuel Chukwurah	Danielle Allen Gina Fera Esther Tellu
Prayers of the People	8:00 am Marcia Noble 10:00 am Betsy Hasegawa	Danielle Allen Barb Mansfield
Chalicians	8:00 am David Burton Edna Leake 10:00 am Christian Nwankwo Swithin Kwamena-Poh	Wadai Dennis Sharon Hayden Gina Fera Howard Holland
Healing Prayer Ministers	8:00 am Marcia Noble 10:00 am Susan McLaughlin	Karen Olsen Barb Mansfield
Acolytes	8:00 am Ray Chin Isa Noble 10:00 am Hallie Porter Emmanuel Chukwurah Ethan Liberty	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Monty Petersen Elise Liberty Aaron Lalmansingh
Welcome Team	8:00 am Florence Sirleaf Janet King 10:00 am Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi Emmanuel Nwankwo	Wadai Dennis Frank Sanya Nii-Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson Angelique Cooper
Altar Guild	8:00 am Wadai Dennis Leslie Sanya 10:00 am Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Liz Lennon	Michelle Heining Wood Georgette Dennis Anika and Avin Lalmansingh
Hospitality Angels	8:00 a.m. David Burton 10:00 a.m. Dorett Sutherland Michelle Wood	Hawa Clemens Jan Hauber Ron Hauber
Flower Delivery	Alice Padmore Luis Pedron	Esther Sawyer Hawa Clemens
Eucharistic Visitor(s)	Peggy Ruppel	