

# St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

"A Harbor for God's Love"

Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament

Healing Prayers

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ  
in the Temple

February 2, 2025 ~ 10:30 am



### *The Mission of the Church:*

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to  
unity with God and each other in Christ.

*Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 855*

We welcome visitors. Take a moment to sign our guest book in  
the narthex, and join us for coffee hour after the service.  
Please join us in worship again, and may God bless your week.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;  
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;  
after the service, speak to one another.*

# Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament Healing Prayers

*Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska  
Barbara Learmonth~ Officiant*

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

**Sunday, February 02, 2025**

## Liturgy of the Word

*Please Stand as able for the Opening Hymn*

### Opening Hymn

***The spacious firmament on high***

**Hymnal 409**

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for a unison or harmony setting. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lyrics. The lyrics are: 1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high, 2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail, 3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all with all the blue e - ther - eal sky, the moon takes up the won - drous tale, move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

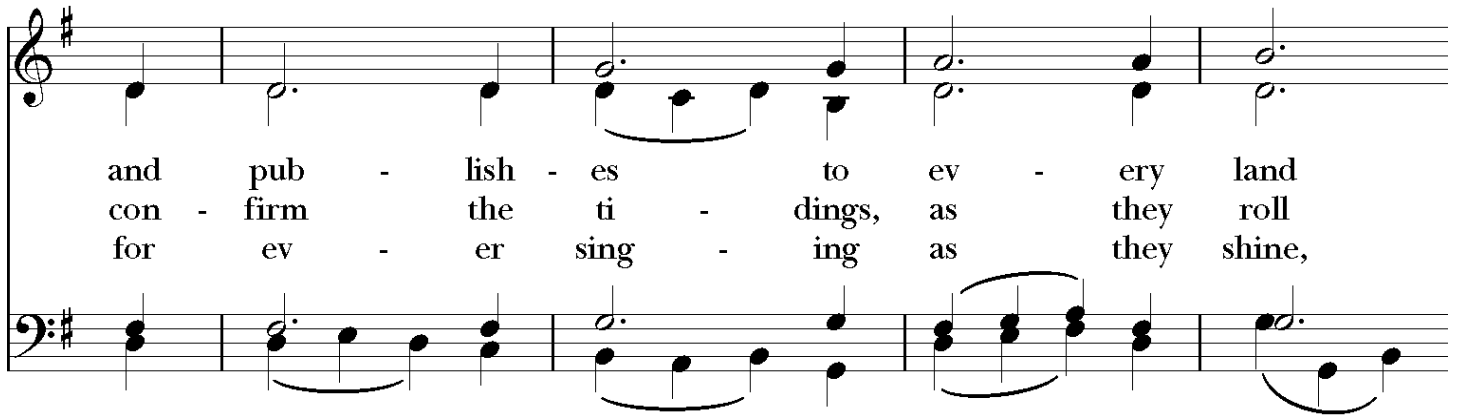
and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,  
 and night - ly to the lis - tening earth  
 What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim.  
 re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:  
 a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day  
 whilst all the stars that round her burn,  
 In rea - son's ear they all re - jice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;  
 and all the plan - ets in their turn,  
 and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

***Hymn continues on next page...***



*All standing as able, the Officiant says*

*People*                    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*All stand, as able.*

*The Officiant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Officiant and People together say*

**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 Officiant 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 Officiant says*

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.**



The following is sung, all standing

## Gloria

## Glory & Praise 100

Refrain

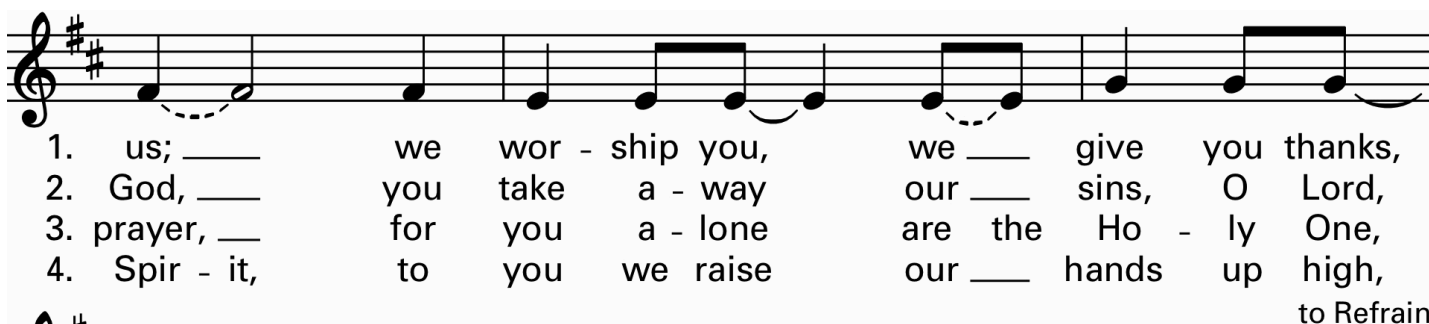


Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Verses



1. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, peace you bring to
2. Je - sus, Sav - ior of all, Lord God, Lamb of
3. At the Fa - ther's right hand, Lord, re - ceive our
4. Glo - ry, Fa - ther and Son, Glo - ry, Ho - ly



1. us; \_\_\_\_\_ we wor - ship you, we \_\_\_\_\_ give you thanks,
2. God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way our \_\_\_\_\_ sins, O Lord,
3. prayer, \_\_\_\_\_ for you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
4. Spir - it, to you we raise our \_\_\_\_\_ hands up high,



1. we sing our song of \_\_\_\_\_ praise.
2. have mer - cy on us \_\_\_\_\_ all.
3. and you a - lone are the Lord.
4. we glo - ri - fy your \_\_\_\_\_ name.

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## Collect of the Day

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

People

**And also with you.**

Officiant

Let us pray.

**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.**

**First Reading**

*Malachi 3:1-4*

**Dave Muldoon**

*All sit.*

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.**

**Psalm 84**

**Stephanie Hall**

*Quam dilecta!*

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.

- 5 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.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 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.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

## **Second Reading**

***Hebrews 2:14-18***

**Jo Schoeppe**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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.**



# Sequence Hymn

All stand, as able.

## Love astounding

Voices Found 143

1 Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found - ing lim-its fear - ful minds im - pose.  
2 Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,  
Love re - new-ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows  
faith re - gain-ing, hope pro - claim-ing; Love has taught us, we be - long  
Love's trans-form-ing, heal - ing good-ness, Love's a - bid - ing, gen - tle grace,  
safe with - in Love's tend - er keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.  
Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing, strong em-brace.  
Love de - fend-ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22-40*

Barbara Learmonth

All stand, as able.

*Officiant* A reading from 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, Jesus' parents 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.

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

## **Sermon**

Barbara Learmonth

## **Baptismal Covenant**

*Officiant*                    Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People*                        **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
                                         creator of heaven and earth.**

*Officiant*

*People*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

*Officiant*

*People*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Officiant*

*People*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in  
the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant*

*People*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall  
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant*

*People*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of  
God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant*

*People*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your  
neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

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*Officiant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers of the People: Form II**

**Brita Rice**

*All remain standing. In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*All remain standing as able*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for *Sean* our Presiding Bishop, *Mark* our Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

### ***Silence***

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

### ***Silence***

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for: ***those that lost family in the recent plane accidents, Londi & Richard, Missy & family, Janet, Holly & family, Keith & Sandy, Fred, Sara & family, the Fujioka family, Henry, Sharon & family, Ed & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Billy, Dee, Sam, John, Judi, Mari, Linda, Cheri, Heaven, John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Miryam, Rudy, David, Steve, Julie, Jerry, Linda, Marilyn, Stephanie, Penny, Marlene, Jim, Arlen, Cyndy, Anne, Steven & Kathy, Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center and SEARHC'S: Ravens Way; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them.***

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

## ***Silence***

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

## ***Silence***

I ask your prayers for the departed; *especially those that died in the recent plane accidents.*

Pray for those who have died.

## ***Silence***

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

## ***Silence***

*Officiant reads the following collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*All stand.*

*Officiant*                    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                     **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*Today's loose offering will go into the Rector's Discretionary Fund.*

## Offertory Hymn

*When candles are lighted*

**Voices Found 31**

1 When can - dles are light - ed on Can - dle - mas Day  
2 The kings have de - part - ed, the shep - herds have gone,  
3 They go to the tem - ple, o - bey - ing the law,

the dark is be - hind us, and spring's on the way.  
the child and his par - ents are left on their own.  
and of - fer two pi - geons, the gift of the poor.

A glo - ry dawns in ev - ery dark place,

the light of Christ, the full - ness of grace.

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*The People stand, as able, and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.*

## **Doxology (a hymn of praise)**

***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.***

*The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer all stand, as able.*

## **Prayer of Preparation for Communion**

*A General Thanksgiving (BCP Pg. 836)*

*Officiant and People say*

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

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

*Officiant and People sing*

**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 Officiant says*

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord.  
Let the Chalice Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers-.Jo & Rob*

**Communion Music**

**Stephanie Hall**

*After Communion, the Officiant says*

Let us pray.



*The Officiant and People together say*

**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.**

*On the first Sunday of the month all are welcome to come forward for healing prayers.*

## **Healing Prayers**

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.*

*You alone, O Lord, are holy.*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.*

## **Birthdays/Anniversaries**

**Prayer for Birthdays (BCP 830, prayer 50)**

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer for Anniversaries (BCP p. 431)**

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, N. that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

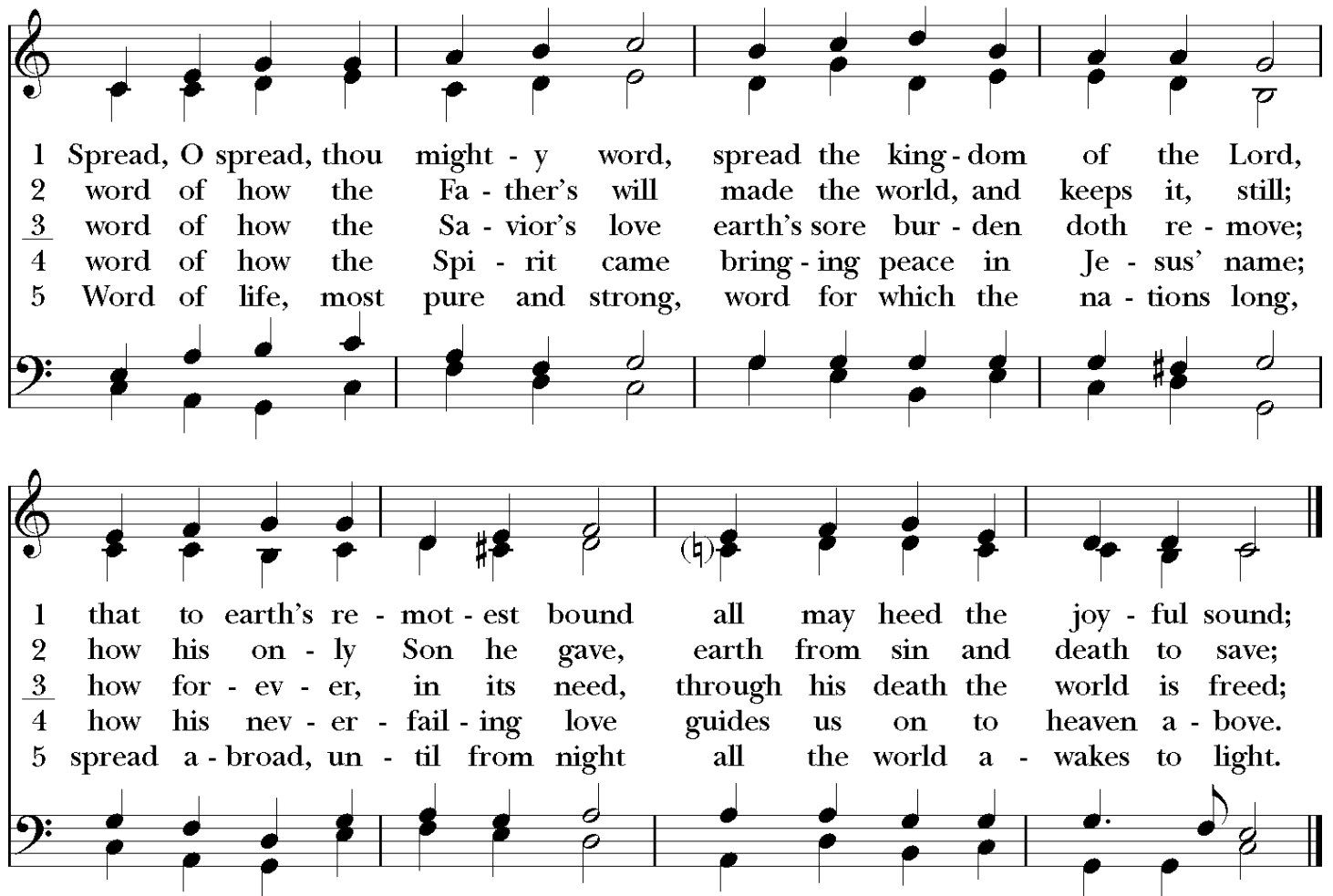
## Announcements...*See insert*

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

## Closing Hymn

### *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

Hymnal 530



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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## Dismissal

*Officiant*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant says*

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*

**"To go in peace as you have promised"**

*The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, VIIIth Bishop of Alaska*

February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation. It is a Feast Day that commemorates Mary and Joseph presenting the baby Jesus at the Temple 40 days after his birth--as required by the Torah. As Feasts go, the Presentation ranks pretty high. It even takes precedence of a Sunday celebration. This year, February 2 is a Sunday and, therefore, our churches will celebrate the Presentation.

The Presentation is sometimes called "Candlemas" due to the tradition of blessing candles for the altar at the celebration. This tradition grew out of the song of Simeon (Luke 2:25-32). The words of Simeon have various translations, but I am fond of the version in the Prayer Book found in our Evening Prayer Service (BCP page 120):

"Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel."

Those of us who know the Light of Christ, who embrace and hold fast to the hope that is ours in Jesus, are invited to go, like Simeon, in Peace. Although for Simeon the recognition of Jesus as the Savior and Light of the world was received as his hope for a peaceful death, the same hope is ours for a peaceful and transformative life.

The Light of Christ our Savior calls us to live in Peace as disciples who reflect this Light. We are called to be disciples of peace.

This doesn't mean being pushovers or quiet conformists. It means seeing the world, our communities, and our relationships in the Light of Jesus. It means shining His light into every darkness, especially the darkness of sin: sin which cloaks the world in the darkness of hate, oppression, selfishness, greed, anger, and cruelty.

Let us go in Peace as God has promised. For our eyes have seen the Savior whom God has prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations.

I was reminded how we, as disciples of the Light of Christ, can go in Peace. It is to live deeply into the words of our Baptismal Covenant: To be people of prayer and genuine fellowship; to be people who resist evil (in ourselves and others); to be people who repent and return time and again to the Lord for our hope and renewal; to be a people of Good News in Christ and not cruel judgment in our self-interest. But perhaps most important of all, we are a people who go in Peace when we seek to serve Christ in all persons; when we love neighbor as self; and when we strive for justice and peace among all people (ALL people), and respect the dignity of every human being.

Go in Peace!

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