



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
 Celebrated on February 01, 2025, for St. Mark's
 Diocese of Southern Virginia
 Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop
 The Rev. Dr. C. Derek Pringle, Celebrant
 Rev. Dana VanVliet-Pullin, Deacon
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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C) (Green)

THE WORD OF GOD (Please Stand)

The Opening Acclamation **BCP-355**

The Collect for Purity

The Gloria **BCP-356**

The Collect of the Day **BCP-222**

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.*

(Stay Standing)

PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us throughout our time of transition. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest, that we may receive a faithful shepherd, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. All this we ask in Your Holy Name. 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church **Thanks Be to God**

The Psalter **Psalm 84** **BCP-707** **Chuck**

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!

New Testament

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.

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Thanks Be to God

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.

Praise to you Lord Christ

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CONFESSION OF SIN

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Derek

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Wardens

Please Stand

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS: "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" *Old 100th*
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, Prayer B
THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion For those on Zoom (Please Stand)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; We proclaim your resurrection; We await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP-365

BLESSING (Please Wait for Procession to Exit before stirring)

Fr. Derek

DISMISSAL

Prayers for those who suffer in Body, Mind, and Spirit:

Billy Jr. (Billy Allen's son), David (Kathy's brother), Norma (mother of Andy), Ann E. (health), Mike D. (friend of Jim F.), Megan (granddaughter of Chuck & Kathy), Tina (Danny's sister), Irene (sister of Jim), Ronda (friend of St. Mark's), Irene K (health), Tina M (Bert's Sister), Shawn, Randy (health), David (Kathy's brother), Joan Winters (shut in)

For those feeling alone and/or depressed

For those traveling

For those not mentioned here that are known to you Lord

THANKSGIVINGS- For our Celebrant, The Rev. Dr. C. Derek Pringle, and our Deacon Rev. Dana VanVliet-Pullin. For warmth when others are cold, for family when others are alone, for food when others are hungry, and for health when others are afflicted. For the congregation of St. Mark's – persistent and faithful are they!

- Healing Prayers and Compline on Wednesday 7pm via Zoom
- Bible Study - Thursdays 7pm via Zoom

NO CHURCH NEXT SATURDAY DUE TO DIOSOVA COUNCIL

