

# Holy Eucharist

February 2, 2025

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## The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple: Epiphany 4C, and A Liturgy of Leave-taking

### Prelude



*All stand as they are able*

### Opening Hymn

*Hail to the Lord who comes*

**Tune: Hymnal 259**

Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his temple gate;  
But, borne up on the throne of Mar-y's gen-tle breast,  
There Jo-seph at her side in reve- rent won- der stands;  
O Light of all the earth, thy chil- dren wait for thee!

not with his an- gel host, not in his king- ly state;  
watched by her du- teous love, in her fond arms at rest,  
and, filled with ho- ly joy, old Sim- eon in his hands  
Come to thy tem- ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro-claim him nigh, no crowds his com- ing wait.  
 thus to his Fa- ther's house he comes, the heaven-ly guest.  
 takes up the pro- mised child, the glo- ry of all lands.  
 be- fore thy Fa- ther's face may all pre- sent- ed be!

*Presider* Blessed be + the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

*The Presider begins the Collect for Purity*

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.**

## Glory to God

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* 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.**

*All sit.*

## First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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

## Psalm 84

to be prayed responsively, beginning the men.

MEN <sup>1</sup>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.

WOMEN <sup>2</sup>**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 Sovereign and my God.**

<sup>3</sup>Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

They will always be praising you.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \***  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>**They will climb from height to height, \***  
**and in Zion will the Holy One will be revealed.**

<sup>7</sup>LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

<sup>8</sup>**Behold our defender, O God; \***  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>**For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \***  
**the Holy One will give grace and glory;**

<sup>11</sup>No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup>**O LORD of hosts, \***  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the 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, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.**

*All then stand as they are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

**Tune: Hymnal 285**

### *O Light of Light*

1 O Light of Light, Love gi- ven birth; Je- sus, Re-  
2 Two pro- phets, who had faith to see, with your e-  
3 May all who seek to praise a- right through pur- er

1 deem- er of the earth: more bright than day your  
2 lect found com- pan- y; the heavens a- bove your  
3 lives show forth your light. To you, the King of

1 face did show, your rai- ment whi- ter than the snow.  
2 glo- ry named, your Fath- er's voice his Son pro- claimed.  
3 glo- ry, now all faith- ful hearts a- do- ring bow.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,



<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There was also another 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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>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.**

## **Sermon**

**Marion VanLoo**

*All then stand as they are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider* Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ: we come to the Holy One, trusting that our prayers will be heard. Let the words of our mouths express the thoughts of our hearts, O God. Open our eyes to see that all we are, and all we have, comes from you. We ask you now to increase in us a spirit of love, generosity, and holy imagination.

*Intercessor* We are humbled by the good you can do through us when we give ourselves over to you. Keep us close to you, that we may be unafraid to speak your truth. Make your church quick to listen for your voice as we move forward as doers of the word. We pray for those who come to our Labyrinth that, as they walk, they may find peace and renewal. We pray for all those who support your missions of mercy in the world; those who teach; and those who take your word into their hearts. Pray for the Church: **hear our prayer, Holy One.**

***Silence is kept.***

We are living on a vast and diverse planet. Guide those who guide others, that they may genuinely be concerned about the welfare of their people, and the earth on which we live. Open our ears to the cries of your people who suffer in all the world's dark corners, and open our hands to reach out to them with generous spirits. Pray for the world: **hear our prayer, Holy One.**

***Silence is kept.***

We thank you for all that is good and true and gracious. You are the fount of every blessing. Your eternally bountiful gifts are all around us, and we pray forgiveness when we hoard or waste them. Tune our hearts to sing your praise for all your blessings [especially\_\_\_\_\_].

***Silence is kept.***

We are burdened by illnesses, anxieties, addictions, and broken relationships. Cover us with your grace and compassion. Drive far from us the fear which keeps us from trusting your goodness. We ask you to heal those who suffer [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who are suffering: **hear our prayer, Holy One.**

***Silence is kept.***

We are grieved by the loss of those who have died [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Give us confidence in your promise of endless life with you, surrounded by your glory and accompanied by your saints and angels. Pray for those who have died: **hear our prayer, Holy One.**

***Silence is kept.***

*Presider* We are astounded beyond measure by your creative powers, O God, and celebrate the mystery of all your creation. But most of all we celebrate the mystery of your love and care for us, for the gift of your Son, and the encouragement of your Holy Spirit. Be present with us always, Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Presider says to the people*

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*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*A 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 People are then seated*

## **Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries**

*In February, we celebrate the birthdays of Lynn, Henry, Georgia, Marion; the anniversary of Stephanie & Eric, and any others you wish to remember in prayer.*

*Prayer for a Birthday*

*BCP p.830*

O God, our times are in your hand,  
**Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Lynn, Henry, Georgia, Marion, ..., as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Prayer for an Anniversary*

*BCP p.429*

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: **Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon Stephanie and Eric [and all couples]. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen.**

*All then stand as they are able*

## **Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the LORD be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The People then are seated.*

## **Announcements**

# Holy Communion

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

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.*

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar*

## Offertory Hymn

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The people remain standing.*

## Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Promising God, at Christmas  
you gave us your presence;  
at Easter you dismantled sin and death,  
and at Pentecost you empowered us  
to bear your image and spread your grace.

In mission, you equip us to go  
to the four corners of the earth,  
to rediscover what your Spirit is doing  
and meet you in the face of the stranger.

In ministry, you share with us the abundance  
of your love in sacrament and in story,  
in prayer and in teaching, in reconciliation  
and in bringing your world home to you.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and  
angels and archangels, and all

the company of heaven, singing the hymn  
of your unending praise.

### Sanctus

### Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



*The people continue to stand, or kneel, as they are able.*

*The Presider continues*

Fulfilling God, in Jesus' dying and rising,  
you show us the extent of mission  
and the cost of ministry.

Send your Holy Spirit, that + your people  
may be filled with love, joy, and peace,  
and that these + gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,  
gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks, and  
gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

Revealing God, as you take bread and wine  
and make them the bearers  
of your Son's risen life,  
take our flesh and blood, and  
make us channels of your peace.

Transform your church that it may resemble  
the generosity, joy, and abundance of your Trinity.  
Raise up those whose gifts have been  
suppressed, neglected, ignored, or rejected.

Renew your people through humble service  
and prophetic witness,  
that your name may be known  
in the face of injustice, poverty, and tyranny.

Show your glory through agents of healing  
and learning, and shower your people  
with your love, until the day comes  
when every eye beholds you,  
full of grace and truth, ever one God,  
world without end, **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Presider says*

This is the true bread which comes down  
from heaven and gives life to the world.  
**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

These are the Gifts of God.  
Holy food for holy people.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*When all who desire have received, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

God of abundance,  
**you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Warden then invites Amma Marion and the congregation to come forward.*

## **The Ending of the Pastoral Relationship between The Rev. Marion VanLoo and the Congregation of St Barnabas Episcopal Church**

*Amma VanLoo addresses the congregation with the following words.*

On the 11th day of November 2020, the Feast of St Martin, I was ordained by Bishop Perry as a priest, and member of the Ministry Support Team, serving St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Chelsea, Michigan.

I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer, counsel, and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure at St. Barnabas will end on February 2, 2025.

*Leader* Do you, the people of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Chelsea, Michigan, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

*People:* **We do.**

*Amma Marion* As I leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you;  
I give thanks for all that you have given to me;  
I assure you of my love and prayers.

*All* **As you journey onward, we ask forgiveness where we have failed you;  
we give thanks for all you have given us;  
we assure you of our love and prayers.**

## **Laying on of hands**

*Leader* We now invite forward those who would like to come and lay hands on those leaving. Your prayers are invited, either silent or aloud.

*The departing priest and the congregation then pray together*

**O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your dominion in this place; We give you humble and heart-felt thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.**

*Silence*

**We thank you for your patience with us, despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our failures.**

*Silence*

**Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.**

*Silence*

**We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.**

*Silence*

**Now, we pray, be with those who leave, and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

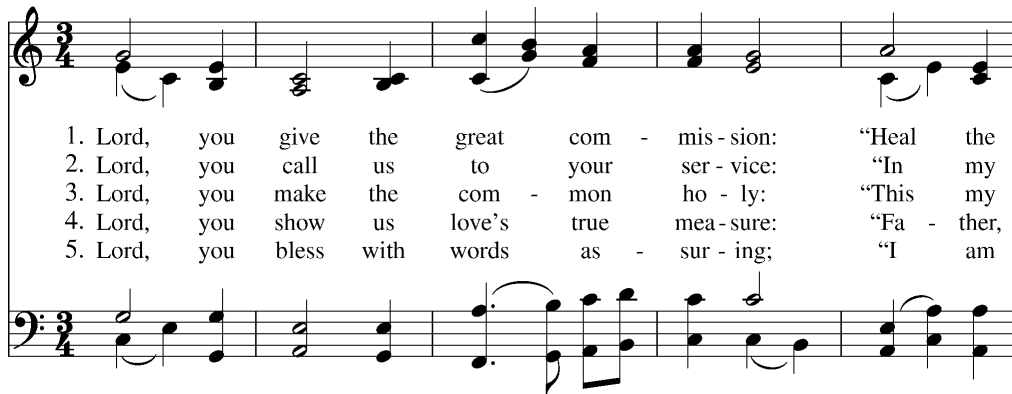
Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

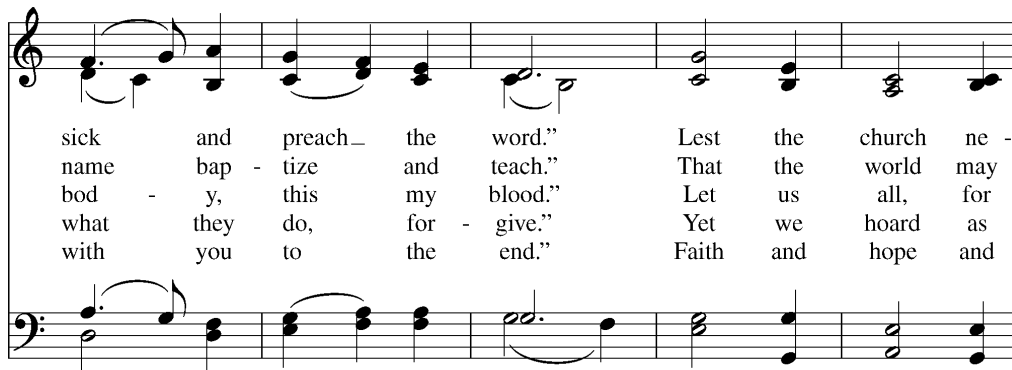
# Concluding Hymn

*Lord, you give the great commission*

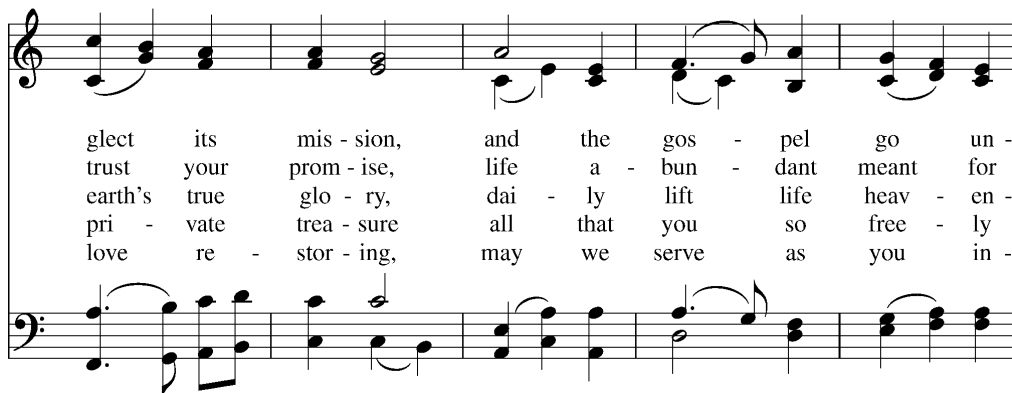
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1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my  
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my  
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,  
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -  
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may  
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for  
what they do, for - give." Yet we heard as  
with you to the end." Faith and hope and



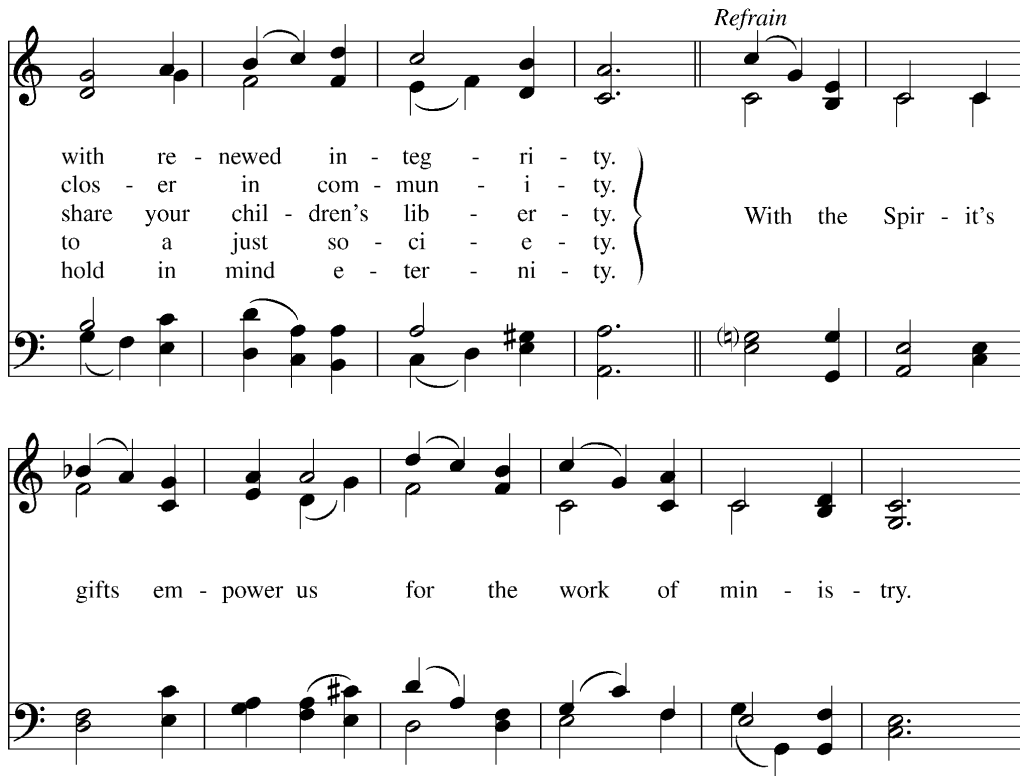
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earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -  
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love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -



heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose  
each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us  
ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us  
give. May your care and mer - cy lead us  
tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,



*Refrain*



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. } With the Spir - it's  
 gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* And now, my siblings in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. May you always work with God to make this a world where love is the way. So, go out with a good heart, full of peace and joy, to love and serve our Lord.

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

**Postlude**

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**This week in prayer**

**Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:**

**Our Bishops** Bonnie, Sean, Stephen, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)  
**and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

February 2 The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:**

February 2 All Saints, Pontiac; Holy Spirit, Carreras, DR

**St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer:** Alan, Kitty, Linda, Scott

**and our continuing prayers for:** Jim M, Joan, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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**Faith in Action** provides leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. The **next Food Drive at the church is February 16**. In the spirit of Jesus' love, please contribute as generously as you can.

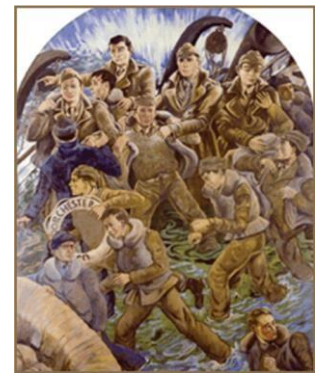


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### Upcoming Commemorations

- February 2 Anskar, Bishop and Missionary, 865
- 3 The Dorchester Chaplains: Lt George Fox, Lt Alexander D. Goode, Lt Clark V. Poling, and Lt John P. Washington, 1943
- 4 Cornelius the Centurion; and, Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865
- 5 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597; and, Roger Williams, 1683; and, Anne Hutchinson, 1643, Prophetic Witnesses
- 6 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
- 7 Cornelius the Centurion
- 8 Bakhita (Josephine Margaret Bakhita), Monastic, 1947

The **Dorchester Chaplains** were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other soldiers during the sinking of the USAT *Dorchester* during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats, and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out; 230 of the 904 men aboard the ship were rescued. Life jackets offered little protection from hypothermia which killed most men in the water. Water temperature was 34 °F (1 °C) and air temperature was 36 °F (2 °C). By the time additional rescue ships arrived "...hundreds of dead bodies were seen floating on the water, kept up by their life jackets."



The chaplains, who all held the rank of lieutenant, were the Methodist pastor George L. Fox, the Jewish rabbi Alexander D. Goode, the Roman Catholic priest John P. Washington and the Reformed Church in America pastor Clark V. Poling. They were sailing on the USAT *Dorchester* troop transport on February 3, 1943, when the vessel, travelling in convoy, was torpedoed by the German submarine *U-223* in the North Atlantic. As the vessel sank, the four chaplains calmed the frightened soldiers and sailors, aided in the evacuation of the ship, and helped guide wounded men to safety. The chaplains went down with the ship.

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**Entrance Hymn** text “Hail to the Lord who comes” found at *Hymnal* #259 ; tune *Laudes Domini* found at *Hymnal* #427.

**Sequence Hymn** text “O Light of Light” found at *Hymnal* #133; tune *Deus tuorum militum* found at *Hymnal* #285.

**Eucharistic Prayer** from Wells, Samuel and Abigail Kocher, *Eucharistic prayers*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016, pp.342-343.

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