

THE PRESENTATION FEBRUARY 2, 2025 AT 9:00AM

Opening:Love Divine, All Loves ExcellingGather #641Offertory:Sing of Mary, Pure and LowlyGather #457Communion Hymn:Shepherd of SoulsGather #910Closing Hymn:In Christ There Is No East or WestGather #832

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI

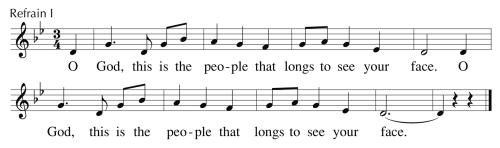
Malachi 3:1-4

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

People Thanks be to God.



Verses

- 1. All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell on it. You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- 2. Who can ascend your mountain, God? Or who may stand in this holy place? Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of earth.
- 3. They shall receive your blessing, God, their Savior shall reward them. Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, O God of Jacob.

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A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

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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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE People Glory to you, Lord Christ. Luke 2:22-40

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.

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMONPlease be seated at the invitation of the Preacher

The Rev. Mike Angell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! CANDLEMAS AT 11:15AM You are invited to bring any candles you might liked blessed to the 11:15am service. Traditionally the church blessed candles to be used in church or at home during prayer on the Feast of the Presentation also called Candlemas (or Candelaria in Spanish).

TODAY! ALL ANGELS BAKE SALE 10:15AM-12:30PM Our Explore classroom is raising money for a class pet - an Axolotl which is a type of salamander.

TOMORROW! 2/3 IMMIGRANT AND WORKERS DAY OF ACTION, 8AM-3:30PM On February 3, join a coalition of advocates for immigrants in Santa Fe for a "day of action" at the Capitol. The day begins with a breakfast at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market. We will march from the Rail Yard to the Roundhouse for a Rally and visits to legislators. We encourage you to plan to spend the day with us in Santa Fe to make a difference. Contact Mike mangell@stmichaelsabq.org if you're planning to come and/or you would like to carpool.

2/9 WELCOMING THE REV. SIMONE DRINKWATER Simone's first Sunday with us will be February 9. Plan to join us for a special coffee hour reception to meet her and welcome her into the life of our parish.

2/13 THE CLASSICS will meet on Thursday, February 13 at 2:00 pm in the Pavilion. This meeting will include a presentation from Liz & Mike Hanna from the "Las Familias Solidarity" Ministry. You are always encouraged to bring a neighbor, relative or friend.

2/16 INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT 5-7:30pm Save the date for our first intergenerational game night. Bring your favorite game and a dessert or side dish to share. We will provide the pizza and drinks. Feel free to come and go as your schedule permits. Nursery staff will be available for the littlest gamers.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE ANGELS We need a few more regular volunteers to help the team set up for coffee hour between the 9:00am and 11:15am services. Among the duties are making coffee, rotating bringing treats, and welcoming people. If you are interested, please reach out to John Teel at teelaccounting@icloud.com

REALM ROLLOUT Our church is moving to a new electronic church record-keeping solution called Realm*. Realm primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Realm will replace our outdated printed directories. Instead, you will have access to the church directory through a secure online sign in, and on your mobile device. You'll be able to update your photo, email address and phone number; have access to group communications, a church calendar, and news; and see your giving history and print out a statement. You should have received an email invitation this week to create a login to our new online directory program. The email will come from "noreply@ministrylogin.com" Our Office Administrator, Codey Morales, can help with questions.

FOOD PANTRY: Canned veggies, like corn, peas or green beans have been difficult to get through Roadrunner Food Bank recently. Please bring a few cans or maybe case lots from Costco or sales at other grocery stores. Brown paper grocery bags or empty egg cartons are always needed and so appreciated.