Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Franconia

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took 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 before 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 fall 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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to the Lord Christ.

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

Prayers of the People

From Intercessions for the Christian People

In the waters of baptism, we were called to be God’s children and to minister to one another. Let us therefore pray for all those in need.

Let us pray for the church, that it may stand fast in the one faith to which it has been called.

Let us pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease and that peace may reign.

Let us pray for the victims of injustice, that we may work for an end to oppression.

Let us pray for the sick, that their sickness may be turned to health.

Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Omniscient God, you know our thoughts and needs better than we ourselves. Accept the prayers which we now offer, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The congregation kneels, and a short period of silence is kept.

Let us confess our sins to God.

From Enriching Our Worship

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 to us. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Organ Voluntary

Presentation and Doxology

Let us pray:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right... to give our thanks and praise.
Matthew Lorentzen, Charles Hagy, Jr.,

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he said: "Take this, drink of it all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I do this as often as I break it, so that my blood may be shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. When he had taken the bread, he gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Celebrant continues

Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is for you. Do this as often as you eat it, to show the death of the Lord until he comes again. In the same way, when you drink of the cup, you proclaim the blood of the Lord, for this cup shows the blood of the covenant which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. So do this in remembrance of me."

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

The body of Christ, blood of the New Covenant, which is for you, for the remission of sins, do this in remembrance of me. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it;

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

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The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord's Table. It is the Lord's wish that those who want to reaffirm their union with the Lord and each other should receive communion. During communion, please come forward to the direction of the ushering at the high altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those who prefer not to use the steps, please signal the clergy circulating to request that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements for the whole congregation. Christ was given to all who came to his altar; and it is fitting that we, as Christians, should follow his example. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar; let the priest know when you go up to receive. The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Postcommunion Prayer

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 all our hearts, as Christ our Lord has commanded us. Through Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path. Amen.

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 647

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Erika Frade

Constantino Carlos de Jesus Gonzalez

Jean Mitchem O'Brien

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for: Alex, Alice, Amey, Andrew, Angela, Anta, Anne, Anna, Anthony, Arlo, Arabella, Arthur, Baronet, Bill, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Bowen family, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Chelsi Kay family, Cheryl, Chip, Chris, Christine, Chuck, Dalila, David, Dawn, Debbie, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edwin, Elena, Elizabeth, Emmy, Eva, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, Gerry, Gloria, Gonzalez family, Griffon, Hannah, Holly, Hunter, Jack, James, Ian, Jane, Jason, Jeanne, Jerry, Jonathan, Joaquin, John, Joseph, Judy, Kay, Kelley, Ken, Kendal, Knight family, Larry, Linda, Louis, Loyda, Lydia, Lynn, Mac, Malcolm, Mallory, Marcia, Marge, Margot, Marguerite, Maria Elena, Mariela, Marilyn, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Nat, Nathan, Nealy, Nolan family, Olga, Pam, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Rene, Reayse, Richard, Ricky, Robbe, Robert, Russell, Sally, Scott, Sharon, Shaune, Shawn, Spencer, Steven, Sue, Susan, Suzi, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Tom, Vincent, Ward, Warren and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tommy, and William.