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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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**Greetings and welcome** in the name of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith.

You are invited to sign **the guest register** at the entrance to the sanctuary or fill out **a welcome card** from a pew pocket. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or another parishioner.

**Restrooms** are located in a room off the entryway to the sanctuary and also across the gym on the west side of the building and on the lower level. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions. **Parents and children** are welcome to make use of the anterooms on the main level at the Woodside entrance.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. **Please use a welcome card** from a pew in front of you. Additional information is available from pamphlet displays and tables throughout the facility. Our website may be accessed at the following address: [www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org](http://www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org) .

In addition to words, music and gestures, the liturgy includes several **periods of silence**. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins, we are called to a time of reflection and centering.

**All baptized Christians** are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you or a member of your family is interested in Baptism, please speak to Pastor Dennis. Join us for conversation following worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

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How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: \*—indicates those who are able may stand. **Bold parts** are for the participation of all.

# THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.*

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## HOLY COMMUNION

*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155*

### GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### PRELUDE

*Psalm 40*

Mendelssohn

### WELCOME AND \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy. *(A brief silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)*

Holy and faithful God,

**we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that injure, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen.**

“Call upon me,” says the Lord, “and I will answer.” God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior. **Amen.**

## \*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

*This reading concludes a larger section (2:17—3:5) in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendants of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

*Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the One who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*When Every Night is Winter*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Blest Are They*

ELW 728

**\*CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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. Amen**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For messengers of the gospel throughout the world, that the light of Christ be made present to all, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of the earth and all its inhabitants, and for those who advocate for the just use of resources, that all creation continue to thrive, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world—the prosperous and the poor, the peaceful and the perilous—that leaders work toward the betterment of all, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick, the suffering, the imprisoned, and all who need help for any reason, especially..., let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those gathered in this house of worship, that we continue to praise God, rejoice at the salvation brought about through Christ, and be guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

*Other prayers may be offered here in speech or silence.*

In thanksgiving for those who died in the faith, especially..., that by their witness we live in confidence that Christ has destroyed death and brought about life eternal, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the One who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

\*PEACE

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

MEAL

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING OF GIFTS

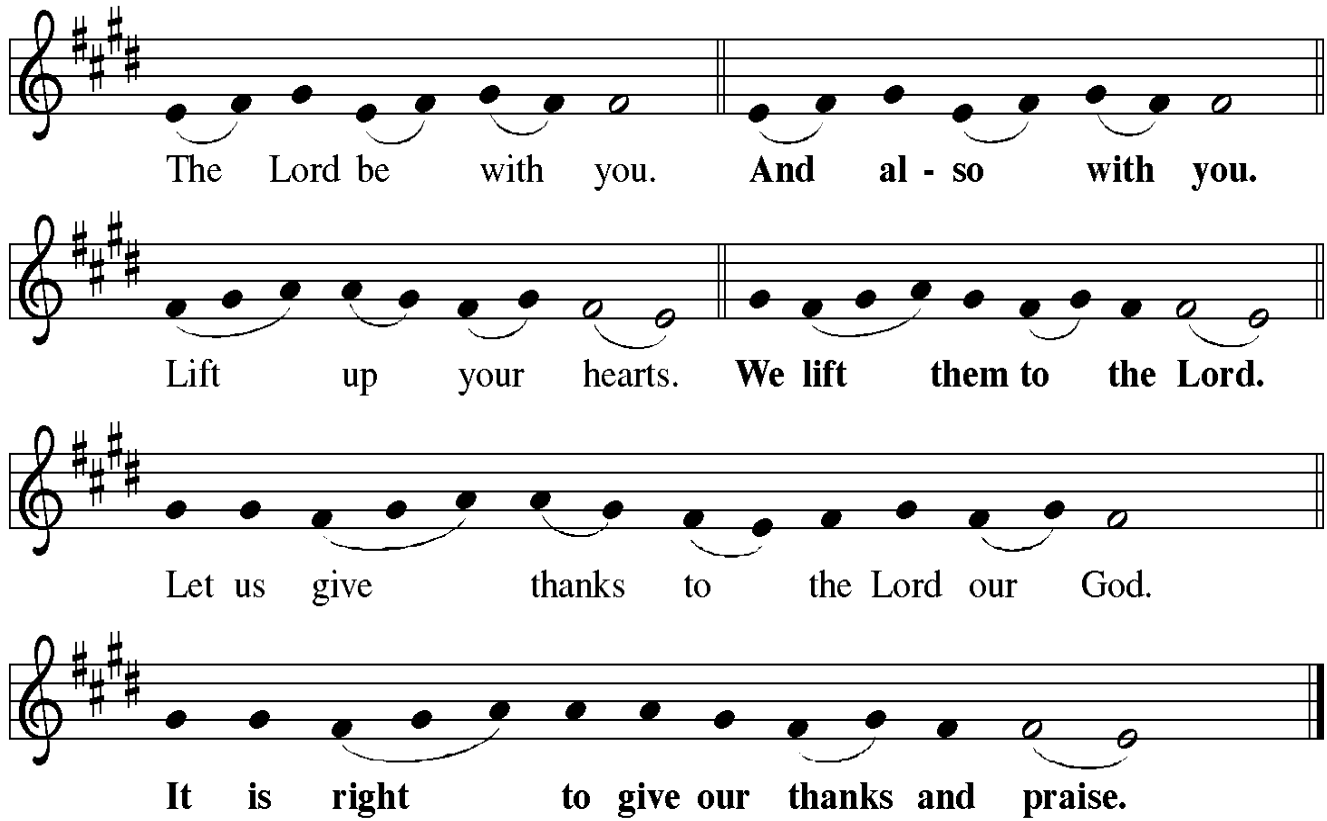
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Trust in the Lord*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Good and loving God,  
**we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

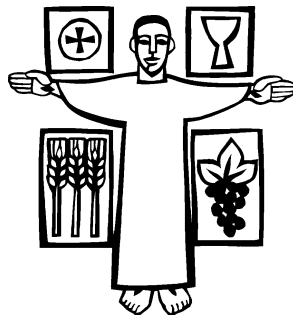
\*DIALOGUE



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

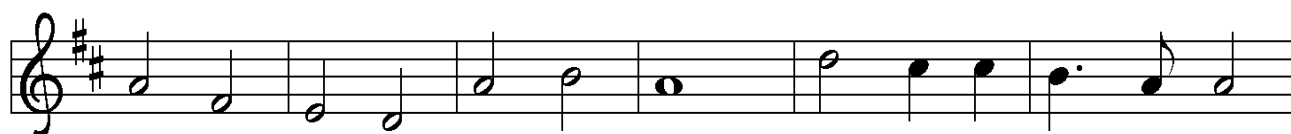
\*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





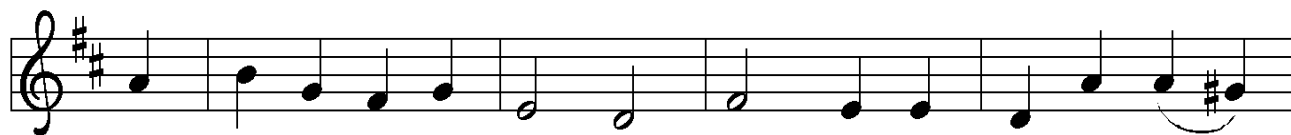
## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

**All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**



**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

*You are welcome to bring with you to Communion your worship books (ELWs) so that you may continue to join in singing the hymns during the distribution.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*We Place upon Your Table, Lord* ELW 467

*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal* ELW 464

**\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. God our Father,  
**source of all light, you revealed to aged Simeon your light that enlightens  
all nations and have now filled our hearts with the light of faith through  
this Holy Supper. Lighten our path that we may walk in the way of  
holiness until we come to the Light that shines forever, your Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

ELW 313

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sonatina*

Schubert

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Tom Michaels

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

Paul and Carrie Watkiss

COMMUNION MINISTER

Tom Myers

ACOLYTE

Bryan Galdun

GREETERS

Carl Busch and Carole Pollitz

USHERS

Gregg Valek and Paul Watkiss

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Janice Hapgood

### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2019:* \$2,597.00

*Offering Received for the Above Categories:* \$2,056.00

*Shortage:* \$ 541.00

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Presentation of Our Lord*

*Sunday, February 2*

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

*Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865*

*Monday, February 3*

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

*The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597*

*Wednesday, February 5*

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., M-F.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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### PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD, FEBRUARY 2

- 9:15 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 11:30 AM Worship and Music Committee Meeting
- 11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

*Church Office closed.*

- 6:30 PM “Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
- 7:00 PM Windsome Quintet Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 6:30 PM Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 11:00 AM AA Big Book Study Group Meeting
- 7:00 PM AA Group Meeting

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:15 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 6:30 PM “Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.

## **Please Remember in Prayer . . .**

**Sheryl Hallmann, Dot Myers, Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Mildred Mendel, Mary Sasuta, Mary Sordel, Bob Skudrna, Wally Kessler, and Steve Podzamsky.**

**Carol Zitko** (*church secretary at Concordia Lutheran Church, Berwyn*), **Danny Orozco** (*co-worker of Tom Michaels*), **Jacob Kavicky** (*great-grandson of the late Betty Kavicky*), **Jessica Babiari** (*niece of Vera Borysek*), **Barbara Kessler** (*sister-in-law of Wally Kessler*), **Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt of Ann Head*), **Delores Linden** (*aunt of Martin and Ann Pennino*), **Donald Neal** (*brother of Barbara Kessler*), **Marguerite Boike** (*mother-in-law of Kristine Boike*), **Pat Pileggi** (*Helen Gaydusek's co-worker*), **Joe Caruso** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Eric Dennison** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Rev. James Kuemmerle** (*Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago*), **John Racek** (*life-long friend of John Kostelny*), **Nicole Kisiel** (*friend of Fred Kuzel*), **Ramona Daugs** (*relative of Beverly Tarbox*), **Mary Costello** (*mother of Debbie Boor*), **Damon Cooke** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Dr. Craig Reckard** (*friend of Milan Oklepek*), **Gertrude Tarbox** (*mother of J.T.*), **Jim and Janie Tarbox** (*brother and sister-in-law of J.T.*), **Ralph Thompson** (*friend of Lois Mika*), **Dale Renville** (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Kelly Alvey** (*granddaughter of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Alice Puglise** (*relative of Steve and Bev Podzamsky*), **Cpt. Kristopher Mabrigo** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Celia Martinez** (*mother of Rafael*), and **Mark Van Scharrel** (*former pastor at St. Peter and St. Paul, Blue Island*).

\*Please let us know when people may be removed from the prayer list and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!\*

Flowers for the Lord's Table may be ordered by calling the church office. The price is \$20 per vase. Please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The final day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.



**Coffee hour hosts are welcome!** A sign-up page is available on the board at the kitchen serving window in the dining hall for hosting Sunday morning coffee hours. Hands-on orientation for hosting these events will be provided by Janet Broussard, Ann Head or Sue Skudrna. Please speak with any of the three for further information.

John Broussard and Brandon Michaels are currently scheduling performers for the **Mardi Gras Talent Show and Fund-Raiser** here on Saturday evening, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking to host bands, musicians, singers, comedy groups and others. If you have talent that you would like to share contact John or Brandon. All ages are welcome to participate.



## **LIGHT-BEARERS**

"Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled." Perhaps you recall those words from the liturgy of Night Prayer or even from a funeral. Perhaps you sing them week after week after having feasted at the Lord's Table. They are the words of a promise kept, of God's faithfulness through all generations. And their origins are in this day: when forty days after his birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to present him to God.

Yet it was Simeon who was first to receive the gift: he cradled the salvation he had longed for in his arms. And in spite of being overwhelmed with wonder and joy, he was able to squeeze out a few words, calling this child "a light" that would reveal God's faithfulness to all people (Luke 2:32).

On this festival day, many churches will bless the candles they will use in worship over the coming year. Some of these candles will adorn the table, and others the place of the word. Some will be carried in procession and some will be given to the newly baptized. Some will bathe the congregation in light on Christmas Eve, and others at the Easter Vigil. All will shine in our present darkness as a reminder of Christ's victory over death, and point us toward the day when there will be no need for light or lamp or sun, for God will be our light forever.

You are a bearer of that light today. In your baptism you were blessed and set apart to bear the love of Jesus into the world—love which even death cannot snuff out. Rejoice this holy day for the gift of salvation, presented through bread and wine into our hopeful hands.