

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the  
**HEAVENLY REST**

God's Love. For All.

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The Presentation of Our Lord - Candlemas  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Sunday, February 2, 2025  
10:30 in the morning

**HANDBELL PRELUDE** *Jubilate*

Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825), arr. Kinyon

*Please remain seated as the choir enters the Nave.*

*All stand as the Presider greets the people with these words*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the introduction to the hymn, vigil candles are lighted.*

*Please hold your candle upright as you pass the flame to the person next to you.*

**HYMN** *Lord God, you now have set your servant free*

Hymn 499  
Tune: *Song 1*

Lord God, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as promised in your word;  
my eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,  
prepared by you for all the world to see,  
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,  
the glory of your people, and their light.

*The procession pauses at the Presentation window in the south aisle.*

Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 How lovely is thy dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts, to me!  
My thirsty soul desires and longs  
within thy courts to be;  
my very heart and flesh cry out,  
O living God, for thee.

2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,  
the swallows find a nest;  
how happy they who dwell with thee  
and praise thee without rest,  
and happy they whose hearts are set  
upon the pilgrims' quest.

3 They who go through the desert vale  
will find it filled with springs,  
and they shall climb from height to height  
till Zion's temple rings  
with praise to thee, in glory throned,  
Lord God, great King of kings.

4 One day within thy courts excels  
a thousand spent away;  
how happy they who keep thy laws  
nor from thy precepts stray,  
for thou shalt surely bless all those  
who live the words they pray.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*After the Collect, all extinguish their candles.*

#### FIRST READING

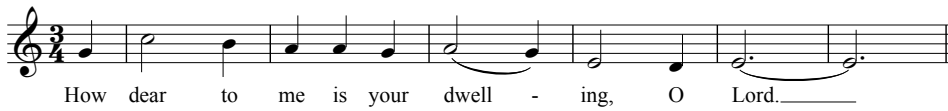
Malachi 3:1-4

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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON *Organ, Choir, All*



PSALM TONE

*tone: ST. ANNE*



*The congregation alternates with the choir, singing the text in bold*

PSALM 84 *Quam dilecta!*

- 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 [liv]-ing 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 [pil]-grims' way.**

*Antiphon*

- 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 him-[self] in Zion.**
- 7 Lord God of hosts [hear] my prayer; \*  
hearken O [God] of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our de-[fender] O God; \***  
**and look upon the face of [your] Anointed.**

*Antiphon*

- 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!**

*Antiphon*

**SECOND READING**

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

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *The great Creator of the worlds*

Hymn 489

Tune: *Tallis' Ordinal***THE GOSPEL**

Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Children ages four through seven are invited to attend Wiggle Worship. Children who would like to attend Wiggle Worship may follow the Children's cross to the Children's worship space. Children who attend Wiggle Worship will return to the Nave during the Peace.*

**THE SERMON**The Reverend David Romanik, *Rector*

*Following the sermon, all stand for*

## 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A Deacon or Priest says*

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: hear our prayers for the Church and for the world.

*Leader*

Grant that all who are baptized into Christ's Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, who governs all things both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts the gift of love, that we may reach out in love to the people of this community and the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Mercifully accept our prayers on behalf of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; and give them the help of your grace.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died in the communion of your saints, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant 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.**

*All stand for*

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O How Amiable*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

### PRESENTATION HYMN *Hail to the Lord who comes*

Hymn 259

Tune: *Old 120th*

### OFFERTORY

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

*Those who are celebrating birthdays in the month of February are invited to follow the procession to the altar rail and receive a blessing.*

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, — ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might. Heav'n and earth are — full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in — the — high - est  
 Blest is He who — comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel as they are able.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ our pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us. There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*The Celebrant proceeds*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy after the service.

Communion will be distributed at two stations: at the altar rail and in front of the pulpit. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by. Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you wait to receive Communion.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Blest are the pure in heart*

Hymn 656

Tune: Franconia

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken*

Hymn 301

Tune: Rendez à Dieu

### COMMUNION MOTET *Nunc dimittis*

Thomas Pavlechko

*Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**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 Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors may be said.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.  
All stand and sing*

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION** *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Hymn 7  
Tune: *Ratisbon*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Tune*

George Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

*Celebrant* - The Rev. Amanda Watson, *Assistant Rector for Community Life*

*Preacher* - The Rev. David Romanik, *Rector*

*Deacon* - The Rev. Dr. Russell Dickerson, *Deacon*

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