



THE
PRESENTATION
OF JESUS
IN THE
TEMPLE



CANDLEMAS

February 2, 2024
6 pm
†Holy Eucharist



Prelude *Adagio*

Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni

- *all gather in the narthex and receive an unlit candle to be carried in procession*
- *candles for use in church during the year are on a table in front of the Paschal Candle*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

The maker of heaven and earth.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come to you.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

- *the presider blesses the candles for the procession and for use throughout the year*

Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day presented your only-begotten Son in your holy temple to be received in the arms of blessed Simeon: we humbly ask your mercy, that you would vouchsafe to bless, hallow, and kindle with the light of your heavenly blessing these candles which we your servants desire to receive and to carry, lit in honor of your holy Name. By offering them to you our Savior and God, may we be inflamed with the fire of your love, and made worthy to be presented in the holy temple of your glory. Through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

- *the presider blesses the candles for the blessing of throats*

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, who has created all things by the power of your Word, and who, for our salvation, has willed that the same Word, by whom all things were made, should become incarnate; you who are great and does wondrous things, awesome and worthy of praise: for the confession of whose faith the glorious Martyr and Bishop Blaise, spurning torment, was counted worthy to receive the martyr's palm: to whom you granted the virtue of healing illnesses of the throat through your almighty power; we humbly ask your majesty that, regarding not our sins, you would deign to bless this creature of wax, sanctifying it and hallowing it with your grace: that all who with faith receive its touch, may be freed from all ailments of the throat, and being restored to health, may offer thanksgiving in your holy Church for your grace by praising your glorious Name, which is worthy of eternal blessing, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

- *the candles may then be sprinkled with holy water*
- *candles for the procession are lit while the choir sings the Nunc dimittis*

Nunc dimittis

Orlando di Lasso

Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace,
and joy and meet oblation;
Thy word is hidden in my heart,
Mine eyes have seen thy salvation.
To be a light to nations shining,
And to thy people Israel,
Glory, honor, praise combining,
"God with us," Emmanuel.
Glory to the Father and the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost sing praises,
While timeless ages ever run,
World without end. Amen.

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.

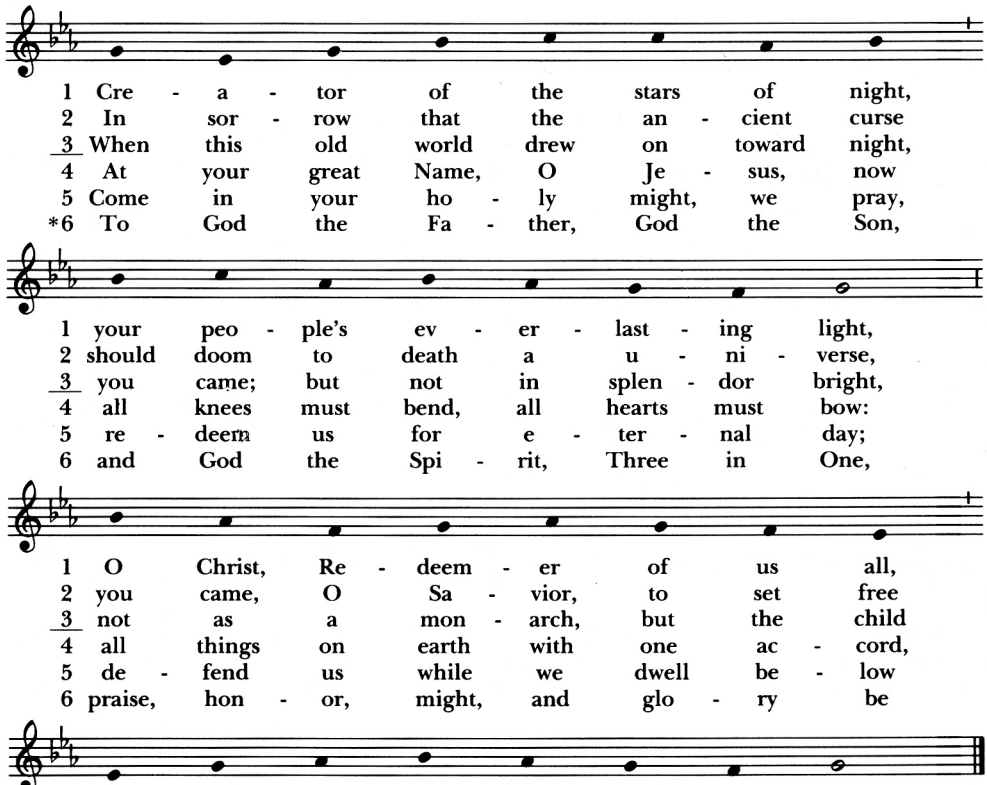
- *the deacon says:*

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

- the following hymn is sung in procession
pausing after the third verse for the Station Collect

Hymn 60 *Creator of the stars of night*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 *6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4

LM

Station Collect

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 siblings; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

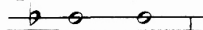
LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect for the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple



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..



A · men.

- *the processional candles are now extinguished*
- *all be seated*

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.



Psalm 24:7-10



- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O ever¹lasting¹ doors; *
and the King of¹glory¹ shall come¹ in.
- 8 “Who is this¹ King of¹ glory?” *
“The LORD, strong and mighty,
the¹ LORD, ¹mighty in¹ battle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O ever¹lasting¹ doors; *
and the King of¹glory¹ shall come¹ in.
- 10 “Who is he, this¹ King of¹ glory?” *
“The LORD of hosts,
¹he is the¹ King of¹ glory.”

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.

Hymn 257 O Zion, open wide thy gates

1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let
2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the
3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his
4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all

1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,
2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with
3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes
4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things
5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly

1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

The Presentation (February 2).

Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.
Music: *Edmonton*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760

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Gospel Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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

“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.

Nicene Creed • BCP 358 • *all stand*

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.

Prayers of the People

- *the deacon says:*

Almighty God, to the cradle of whose Son came the wise and powerful, help us in humility to come with the same meekness and tranquility, saying 'Lord, lead us into your light.'

- *the intercessor continues:*

Let us pray for the Church Universal throughout the world; and particularly for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Terry our own Bishop, for all bishops, priests and deacons, and for all who minister to God's people, and especially for the ancient churches of the East, saying

Lord, lead us into your light.

Let us pray for our country, and for our elected leaders and representatives, especially President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governors Beshear and Holcomb, that they may be led by the light of your grace, so that we may be governed rightly and wisely, and led in peace, saying

Lord, lead us into your light.

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, in Sudan and West Africa and in the Middle East, saying

Lord, lead us into your light.

Let us pray for all who are in danger, for all victims of hunger and natural disasters, for those whose lives are impacted by war, and for all refugees and those displaced by oppressive governments, saying

Lord, lead us into your light.

Let us pray for the needs, concerns and thanksgivings of those who have asked for our prayers, especially Jim & Dean, Betty Banton, TJ, Kitten Lawless, Robert Huffman, Nancy Otto, Donna Pottinger, Mitzi Schatz, Joy Stultz, for those celebrating birthdays, especially Randy Peters, Carol Brown, Graham Whatley, for those celebrating anniversaries, especially John Tederstrom & Mark Cannon and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud , as we say

Lord, lead us into your light.

Let us pray that as the wise and powerful of ancient times were led to your birth, so we may continually be led to seek that wisdom and strength which comes from you alone, saying

Lord, lead us into your light.

Let us pray for those who have died, especially Cricket Bogert, or are nearing death, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud, , that they may behold the light of your face in your eternal kingdom, saying

Lord, lead us into your light.

Let us pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Absolution • *declared by the celebrant*

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 Peace • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of the Lord be always with you..

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

Offertory Anthem

O lux beatissima

Howard Helvey

O lux beatissima,
Reple cordis intima
Tuorum fidelium.
Sine tuo numine,
Nihil est in homine,
Nihil est innoxium.

O Light most blessed,
Fill the inmost heart
Of all thy faithful.
Without your grace,
There is nothing in us,
Nothing that is not harmful.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A • BCP 367

celebrant *people*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

celebrant *people*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

The Great Amen



A - men.

The Lord's Prayer • BCP 364 • *contemporary version*

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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem WLP 866



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver 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.

Invitation to Communion

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.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*
- *for those attending virtually*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Communion Hymn 259 *Hail to the Lord who comes*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;
 2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
 3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;
 4 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 Si - meon 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 prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.
 be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

The Presentation (February 2).

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

Music: *Old 120th*, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1570; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?),
 after Richard Allison (16th cent.); adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

66. 66. 66

- *all stand; said by all*

Prayer after Communion

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 gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.



Concluding Hymn 481 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

Refrain



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re - joice! a - gain I say, re -



joice! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re - joice! a -



gain I say, re - joice!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Gopsal*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (b. 1905)

66. 66 with Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Largo* from *Xerxes*

George Frideric Hanel

THE BLESSING OF THROATS

- *traditionally, this blessing for health is given on February 3, the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr—however, it may be given as desired at any time during the year, and in any place*
- *placing the two candles in the form of a cross, the celebrant applies them to the throats of those who desire the blessing, saying:*

Through the intercession of blessed Blaise, may God free you from all illness of the throat, and from all other ailments: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Saint Blaise, the martyred Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, was also a skilled physician.

Tradition tells us that on his way to martyrdom he healed a child who was choking to death.

While the blessing is given to the throat in memory of his charitable act, it is also a blessing for bodily health in general.

serving today . . .

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *celebrant*
The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*
Dr. Mark Kano, *choir director*
Denise Whittington, *organist*
Randy Peters, Carolyn Van Zant, *lectors*
Liam O'Daniel-Munger, *intercessor*
Bill Shelton, Kim McDaniel, Louise Isaacs, *acolytes*
Page Curry, Carolyn Van Zant, Mike DaRif, Marilyn Werst, *chalice bearers*
Tom Thill, *altar guild*
Kirt Jacobs, Lee Cochran, *greeters/ushers*
John Kiesel, *bell ringer*
Tim Tice, *live stream*



*... as for
me and my
household,
we will
serve the
Lord*

Joshua 24:15



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