



THE
PRESENTATION
OF JESUS
IN THE
TEMPLE



CANDLEMAS

February 2, 2025

10:30 am

†Holy Eucharist



WELCOME

Prelude

- *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.

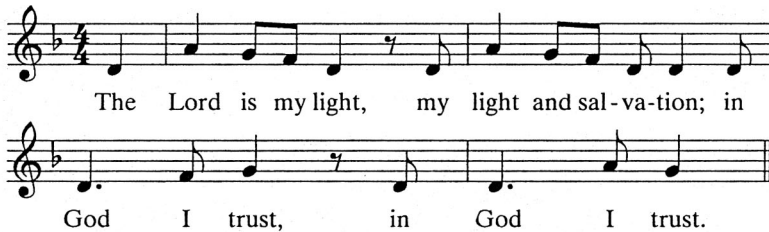
- *the presider blesses the candles for the blessing of throats*

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 following chant is sung*



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion; in
God I trust, in God I trust.

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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 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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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

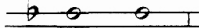
Collect for the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

celebrant *people* *celebrant*



God 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 • *sung by all*



- 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 re'joice in the living 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 pilgrims' way.
- 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 himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
— hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 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!

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.

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Thanks be to God.

Hymn 259 Hail to the Lord who comes



1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his temple 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)

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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

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 our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nicene Creed • *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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 the one to be appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean 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 Trump, Vice President Vance, Governors Beshear and Braun, 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 Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, Terry Laun & Art Embrey, Gerorge Hubbard, Robert Huffman, Nancy Otto, Len Sjogren, for Graham Whatley and Becky House who celebrate birthdays, 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, for those who 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 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 • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR



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Offertory Anthem *Nunc dimittis*

Peter Aston

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B • Expansive Language

celebrant *people*
God be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Savior.

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 S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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 S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - 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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Invitation to Communion

- *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.*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
 - *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.



1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo-ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor-rows, of the sword that pierced her
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
 4 Sing the chief-est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 price of our re - demp-tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 holds her Son and Sa - vior reign-ing as the Lord of love.

Saint Mary the Virgin (August 15).

Words: George B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.

Music: *Rustington*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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- *all stand; said by all*

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. 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.

Hymn 436 *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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.

serving today . . .

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *celebrant*
The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*
Dr. Jack Ashworth, *organist*
Dr. James Rightmyer, *choir director*
Tim Tice, Randy Peters, *lectors*
Dorothy Converse, *intercessor*
John Werst, Dorothy Converse, Randy Peters, Mike Wright, *chalice bearers*
Louise Isaacs, Hunter Lumbatis, Graham Whatley, *acolytes*
Patsy Melton, *altar guild*
Carol Brown, Becky Collings, Kirt Jacobs, *greeters/ushers*
John Kiesel, *bell ringer*
Frazier Marsh, *live stream*



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

Joshua 24:15

Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.



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