



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral  
Hartford, Connecticut  
The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple  
Candlemas  
February 2, 2025

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*We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians on the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.*

*Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you like to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.*

*Hymns are in The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS).*

*At the 8 a.m. service, hymns and the second reading are omitted.*

*The Gloria is recited at the 8 a.m. service. It can be found on page 356 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

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### The Liturgy of the Word

**Prelude** ~ Jesus, keep me near the cross

*arr. W. Patrick Alston*

**Introit** ~ 1982 Hymnal # S60 O gracious light

*Ronald Arnatt*

*Celebrant* Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*The Celebrant continues:*

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 laws of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anne 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 eternal God, who have created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon; we humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Nunc dimittis is sung while the candles are lit:*

**Canticle** ~ Nunc dimittis

*John Ireland*

*The Celebrant says the following prayer:*

God our Father, 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.

## The Procession

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The congregation is invited to join the procession.*

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 259 Hail to the Lord who comes

*Old 120th*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria ~ 1982 Hymnal # 278

*William Mathias*

## The Collect

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* 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.**

*Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.*



### A Reading From ~ 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.

*Lector*        The word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 24:7-10 *Domini est terra ~ Sung by the Choir*

*George Thalben-Ball*

7     Lift up your heads, O gates;  
      lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
      and the King of glory shall come in.  
8     "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
      "The Lord, strong and mighty,  
      the Lord, mighty in battle."  
9     Lift up your heads, O gates;  
      lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
      and the King of glory shall come in.  
10    "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
      "The Lord of hosts,  
      he is the King of glory."

### A Reading From ~ 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.

*Lector*        The word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gradual Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 448** O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*

**The Gospel ~ Luke 2:22-40**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon ~** The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith, Connecticut, resigned

*Following the Sermon, the Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.*

## 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,  
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.

## The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell; the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally; and the Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin, who have been delegated the official functions of the Archbishop of Canterbury while the seat is vacant. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Lina, our Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry; Bonnie, our Deacon; Julia, our Intern; Jay, Ranjit, D, and Rebekah, our Associate Clergy; and for our Congregation Committee and Ministry Teams. For Bishop Smith who is worshipping with us today. For our sister diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; for those who have asked our prayers: Will, Kathleen R., Connie, Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Jennifer, Andrew, Benjamin, Adrienne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Mark, Bill, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Mary, Andrew, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Dina, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Eric, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Rosa, Miguel, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Mary Ellen, Sheila, Priscilla; for those affected by the fires in Los Angeles, especially the congregations of St. Mark's, Altadena, and St. Matthew's, Pacific Palisades; and for those those we name in our hearts.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for the year and a half during which Bishop Smith blessed us with his steadfast presence and leadership in our liturgical life and formation initiatives.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own thanksgivings,*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the following Collect*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

*A prayer for those celebrating birthdays this month*

Watch over those who stand before us, O Lord, as they begin another year. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A prayer for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month*

Gracious and ever living God, continue to look mercifully upon those who come before you at the anniversary of their marriage. Give them wisdom and devotion, that they may always be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. With your continual blessing, may they honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

**Offertory Anthem** ~ Christ, whose glory fills the skies

*T. Frederick H. Candlyn*

**The Doxology** ~ 1982 Hymnal # 380 v. 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

*Old 100th*

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer A - Expansive Language

*Celebrant* God 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 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** ~ 1982 Hymnal # S128

*William Mathias*



Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*



## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## Agnus Dei ~ 1982 Hymnal # S165

*William Mathias*

*Celebrant* 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.

*The celebrant leads a prayer for spiritual communion for those worshipping online.*

## Act of Spiritual Communion

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your eternal glory; through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

*All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*

## Communion Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 124 Give me a clean heart

### 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.

### The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 189 Great is thy faithfulness

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude ~ Halle, halle, hallelujah

*Caribbean traditional, arr. John A. Behnke*

If you are visiting us for the first time, **WELCOME!** We would like to keep you informed of the amazing blessings we experience in this house of prayer. Please introduce yourself to Dean Howell, Canon Garcia, or Deacon Matthews. (Canon Garcia will be on vacation from January 27 - February 20.)

### Festive Fellowship Hour in honor of Bishop Smith

Please join us **today** after the 10 a.m. service for a festive fellowship hour as we come together to express our heartfelt gratitude to **Bishop Smith** for his dedicated support over the past year and a half. His presence and leadership in our liturgical services and formation programs have been a true blessing to our Cathedral congregation.

While Bishop Smith will no longer be with us once a month, we are delighted that he will remain part of our community as a guest formation speaker from time to time and as emergency supply clergy when needed.

Thanks be to God for Bishop Smith's generosity of heart and spirit. We look forward to celebrating and honoring him with you!

## February Formation Series: Church Governance and Structure

Sundays at 9:00am, Childcare Room

Join us for an engaging series exploring the governance and structure of our Church. Each session features knowledgeable presenters sharing insights into how these institutions function and connect.

**February 2:**

**Governance and Structure of the Anglican Communion**  
*Bishop Smith*

**February 9:**

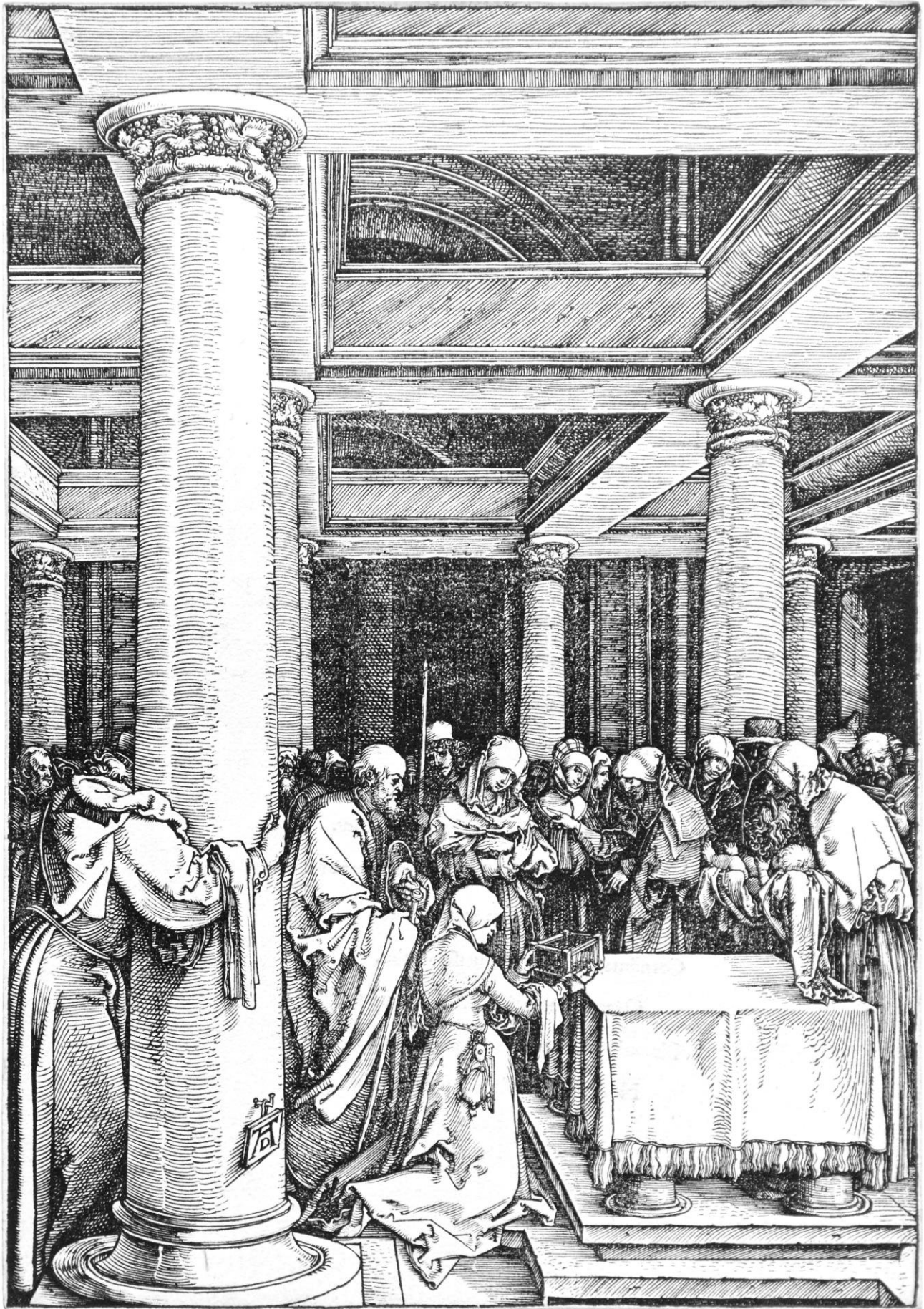
**Governance and Structure of The Episcopal Church (TEC)**  
*Dean Howell*

**February 16:**

**Governance and Structure of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT)**  
*Stacey Kohl*

**February 23:**

**Governance and Structure of Christ Church Cathedral**  
*Dr. Jilda Aliotta*





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The Rev. Ramon Antonio Garcia, Canon for Latino Ministry

The Rev. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

Julia Warren, Cathedral Intern

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and the Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews, Priest Associates

Anne Bartholomew, Chair of Congregation Committee

John Decker, Vice-Chair of Congregation Committee

*Since 1762, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to speak to the clergy or parishioners after the service.*

### Serving at 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith, Connecticut, resigned
Assisting	The Rev. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon
Psalm Leader / Altar Server	John Scott
Intercessor / Verger	Jilda Aliotta
Lector	Tom Smith

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Assisting	Julia Warren, Cathedral Intern
Vergers	Marcia Barnett and Peggy Ornell
Crucifer	John Scott
Virtual Vergers	Richard Baraglia and Deborah Simmons
First Lector	Rayfield Scott
Second Lector	Heather Jordan-Greaves
Ushers	Iris Mercedes Garcia and Vernelle Davis
Guild	Gilbeean Scott, Sheila Green, David Marcano, and Nagda and Ramon Echavarria
Choir	Karish Javier, Kelley Kelly, Kat Lillard, Viola Mullin, Liam Shannon, Phoenix Sheerin, and Kristen Williams

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