



Christ Church Cathedral
Hartford, Connecticut
The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ
In the Temple ~ Candlemas
February 5, 2023

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people are the traditional custodians on the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We honor 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 (LEVAS).

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

The Gloria is recited at the 8:00 a.m. service. It can be found on page 356 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude ~ Siyahamba

arr. John A Behnke

Introit ~ 1982 Hymnal # S 60 ○ Gracious Light

Phos Hilaron

The Procession halts and the congregation stands, as able, facing the celebrant.

Celebrant 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 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**

At this time, the canticle is sung while the candles are lite.

Canticle ~ Nunc Dimittis in C

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Celebrant then says the following prayer

Let us pray

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. **Amen.**

The Congregation is invited to join the procession.

The Procession

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

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

Old 120th

Gloria ~ LEVAS # 243

Carl Haywood

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10 *Domini est terra*

Musical notation for Psalm 24:7-10. The score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever-lasting doors.

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."

[Ant]

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."

[Ant]

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 277 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

Raquel

The Holy 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.**

Homily and Dwelling in the Word

Group Reflections

- What word or phrase is God speaking to your heart?
- Is God nudging you to share a message with someone who is different than you?
- What might that message be?

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.*

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Lina, our Dean; Bonnie, our Deacon; Jay, Tim, and Ranjit, our Associate Clergy; our Congregation Committee and Ministry teams; for our sister Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, and all other ministers in the Church.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; We pray especially, Will, Kathleen R., Bodhi, Connie, Dana, Anne, Joan Z, Maña, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Elaine, Alzi P., James P., Ardyce, Mike R., Jennifer, Andrew, Benjamin, Camden, Adrienne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Mark, Bill, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Jack S., Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Mary, Diane, Andrew, David, Shaun, Jack, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Dina, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Eric, Nelson, and Joan., and for those we now name in our hearts.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; 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

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem ~ Christ whose glory fills the skies

T. F. H. Candlyn

The Doxology ~ LEVAS # 56

Praise God from whom all____ bless - ings flow,
Praise Him all crea - tures here be - low.
Praise Him a - bove ye____ heav - en - ly host.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer B (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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

Sanctus ~ LEVAS # 225 Holy, holy, holy

Grayson Warren Brown

Please stand or kneel as you 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 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 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

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 ~ LEVAS # 270 Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; 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.

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.

Communion Music ~ LEVAS # 149 In remembrance of me

R. Courtney and B. Red

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn ~ W.L.& P. # 787 We are marching

1. We are marching in the light of God.
2. Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos.
3. Marcharemos a la luz de Dios.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude ~ Fanfare for Organ

Ronald Arnatt



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All faithful lay people and clergy of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut
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The Rev. Jay Cooke, Priest Associate
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Roxana Videla Oliveras, Cathedral Intern
Jilda Aliotta, Chair of Congregation Committee
Richard Baraglia, 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 and Preacher	The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean
Lector	
Verger/Intercessor	Jilda Aliotta
Altar Table Server/Psalm Leader	John Scott
Usher	Winston Scott

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant and Preacher	The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean
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Verger	Peggy Ornell
Altar Server	Marcia Barnett
Virtual Verger	Richard Baraglia
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2nd Lector	Carlene Taylor
Ushers	David Marcano and Carol Gilbert
Guild	Sheila Green and Gilbeean Scott
Choir	Seth Allen, S. Blair, Kelley Kelly, Viola Mullin, Katherine Platte, and Zach Reggio

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