

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020
9:00 & 11:15 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
WITH CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us. If at any moment in the service you are not sure what to do, ask any of your neighbors in the congregation—they will be happy to help you. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a visitor card (found in the pew racks) and drop the card in the collection plate or hand it to one of the clergy or ushers.

FORMATION

We provide **Sunday School** and Christian formation to children from ages 3 to 18 from Sept. – May. While children are always welcome at all services, professional **nursery** care for children ages six weeks to four years is provided from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Nursery (downstairs in the church's annex building). **Children's Chapel** is offered during the first part of the 9 a.m. service for children from ages three to second grade. The children leave the nave during the sequence hymn following behind the cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the downstairs annex classroom with the children rejoining their parents at the Peace. **Adult Formation** is sometimes offered during the 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. hour.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up at the communion rail. To receive wine, assist the Eucharistic Minister in guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may intinct by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your request by first extending your hands palms down when at the communion rail. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder, and you are invited to take one from this holder.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

The liturgy and music for today is from The Book of Common Prayer, the 1982 hymnal, and other resources as noted.

Cover Painting: The Presentation Of Christ In The Temple is a painting by Charles Le Brun



The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector * The Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector

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The People stand as the Celebrant says

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

People Thanks be to God.

The following Canticle is then sung by the Choir

"Nunc dimittis" (from the Short Service in A flat)

Orlando Gibbons

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, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant 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 may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines forever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

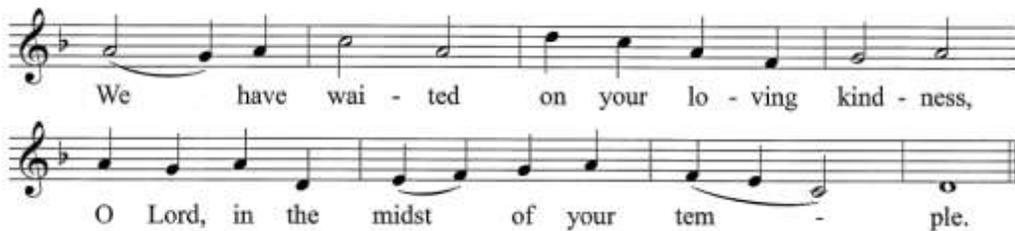
THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

PSALM 48:1-2,10-13

During the Procession, the Choir/Cantor chants the Antiphon. The People then repeat. The Choir chants the psalm. The People then sing the Antiphon where indicated.



- 1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
 in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
 the very center of the world and the city of the great King. *(repeat Antiphon)*
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
 because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
 count the number of her towers. *(repeat Antiphon)*

12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

(repeat Antiphon)

SONG OF PRAISE

Allein Gott in der Höh

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

The People are seated.

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the book of Malachi.

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.**

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the 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 LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.**

The People stand as they are able.

Children's Chapel begins here at the 9 a.m. service for children from ages three and a half to second grade. Children leave the nave during this sequence hymn following behind the cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the downstairs annex classroom with the children rejoining their parents at The Peace.

As the Gospel moment approaches, and the book is processed and the music plays, everyone turns and reorients themselves to face where the Gospel is, for the teachings of Jesus reorient our lives towards Him, and at this moment, we become the Jesus Movement. –Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

HYMN

Hail to the Lord who comes

Old 120th

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!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Patti Sachs

A moment of silence is kept after the Sermon.

The People stand as they are able.

NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**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

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Leader Let us pray in the glorious light of Christ.

Lord, who sent your son to guide us, your people, and who sent a star to guide the Wise Men to his worship, send us now, we pray, to guide our Church and to inspire our leaders, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Eugene and Robert, our bishops.

Lighten our darkness and guide us to you, O Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord, let the star of your justice always shine in our hearts, that we may give as our treasure all that we are to your service. Trusting in your word as a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path, we go out into the darkness for others.

Lighten our darkness and guide us to you, O Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.

We give thanks, O Lord, that you are present in our homes and in our lives; we seek your continuous guidance. We pray for our neighbors, especially those in trouble or need, especially.... Help us to offer light to those in need, and graciously accept when light is offered to us in turn.

Lighten our darkness and guide us to you, O Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and pray that they may come into your presence and kingdom. We pray for all those who have come before you, especially... May they now rejoice in the fullness of life eternal.

Lighten our darkness and guide us to you, O Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.

Celebrant Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.**

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.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Peace is then exchanged and the people are seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HOLY COMMUNION

The people remain seated while offertory music is sung or played, and bread and wine are brought to the altar. An offering of gifts is collected, and along with the bread and wine, they are presented to God as thanksgiving for the blessings poured out onto us. Our gifts: bread, wine, music and money, become sacramental in God's economy.

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HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,
Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

The People stand as able when directed by the Clergy.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, and Rebecca; Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

David Hurd

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

The People are seated.

Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms down when at the communion rail. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder and you are invited to take one from this holder.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Eternal light"

Mark Schweizer

*Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.
Eternal Power, be our support.
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.
That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
We may seek your face.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

HYMN

The great Creator of the worlds

Tallis' Ordinal

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all
their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save,
not to condemn mankind.

After Communion, the People stand as able.

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

On most Sundays, we send out Eucharistic visitors to deliver the sacraments to those who cannot be with us. This is the prayer we use to send them on their way.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, to N. that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**O Lord, who fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna
that they might live to greet the coming of the Messiah:**

Grant that we, who have received these gifts,
 may be prepared to meet Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

God, the Light-Creator bless us. Jesus, the Light-Bearer bless us. Holy Spirit, the Light-Sustainer bless us.
 O Holy Trinity, illumine our hearts this day and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

Lift up your heads

Truro

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 - bid! 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.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace bearing the light of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

IN THIS SERVICE

Music:	Jim Douglas, Chancel Choir, Motet Ensemble
Eucharistic Ministers @ 9:	Al Todd, Kim Coble
Lectors @ 9:	Kate Callahan, Karyn Sproles
Acolytes @ 9:	Sunny Bowers, Molly Rose Svendsen, Katherine Parker, Matthew Parker, Kaden Huntley
Children's Chapel:	Emily Delsordo, Ernie Tucker, Ella Tomko
Eucharistic Ministers @ 11:15:	Janis Brewer, Spencer Johnson
Lectors @ 11:15:	Rex Pingle, Izzy Winn
Acolytes @ 11:15:	Greta Lunsford Poe, Dylan Lunsford McBride, Emily Carroll, Hannah Carroll
Altar Guild:	Elizabeth Parker, Susan Roberts, Betsy Dobbs, Lyn Sloan
Flower Guild:	Ann Lallande
Coffeehour Hosts:	Sarah Hyde, Teresa Todd, Bill Saur

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Each year on February 2, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification, and Candlemas. This feast commemorates the 40th day after Jesus' birth, when he was presented in the Jerusalem Temple and Mary was purified in accordance with Jewish Law.

The Book of Leviticus mandates that, after childbirth, a woman must go to the temple to offer "two turtle-doves or two pigeons, one for a burnt-offering and the other for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement on her behalf, and she shall be clean" (Leviticus 12:8).

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is chronicled in the Gospel of Luke, when St. Simeon the Righteous saw Jesus in the temple and "took him in his arms and praised God," saying, "My eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:30).

This blessing by Simeon is the basis for the canticle *Nunc dimittis* or "The Song of Simeon":

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

--Luke 2:29-32; Book of Common Prayer, p. 120

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, edited by Don S. Armentrout and Robert Book Slocum, explains that when the celebration of the Presentation was first introduced in Rome in the seventh century, it included a procession with candles and the singing of the *Nunc dimittis*, which is why this feast also became known as "Candlemas."

Collect for the Presentation

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.

Coming up on February 9, 2020



We will welcome our local scouts for the annual Scout Sunday, next Sunday, February 9, allowing them to assist with usher duties.

*Family Silent Movie Concert
w/ organist Michael Britt
February 9 - 4:00 p.m.
Featuring the Buster Keaton
Classic "3 Ages"
Free admission - all welcome!*

A movie poster for "3 Ages" by Buster Keaton. It features a large number "3" with three different faces of Buster Keaton at different ages (young, middle-aged, and old) integrated into the loops of the number. The text "AGES" and "BUSTER KEATON" is at the bottom.

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**WITH THE REV. PETER W. MAYER
A LOOK AT THE OSCARS 2020
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – 10:30 A.M.
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