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Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Candlemas

February 2, 2023

Holy Eucharist— 7:00 PM

St. Peter's welcomes Harmonic Introductions as our special guests.



Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!

Our worship uses the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the 1982 Hymnal (Hymnal), so the entire liturgy is here in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members who will be glad to help.

Children are always welcome in worship.

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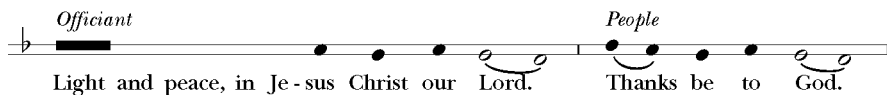
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Prelude

Harmonic Introductions

Greeting

All standing



Blessing of the Candles

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.

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 candles are lit as the following is sung by Harmonic Introductions. Congregation singing part below with Harmonic Introductions leading

Nunc Dimittis

Harmonic Introductions

Robb Saffell

Nunc Dimittis



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 people standing, the Celebrant sings

Let us go forth in peace.

People

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord who comes

Hymnal 259

During the procession, all carry lighted candles as the hymn is sung.

A Collect for the Presentation

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 sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Celebrant then continues

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.

Candles may be extinguished

First Lesson *(please be seated)*

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.

*"After each reading, the Lector says **"The Word of the Lord"** and the People respond: **"Thanks be to God."***



- 1 HOW DEAR to me is your *dwel*-ing, ^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 liv-ing^ 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 *dwel*l in your house; *
they will *al*-ways^ be prais-ing^ you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose *strength* is in you, *
whose hearts are *set* on^ the pil-grims'^ 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 wa-ter.
- 6 They will *climb* from height^ to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal him-*self* in Zi-on.
- 7 Lord God of Hosts, *hear* () my prayer; *
hearken, O *God* of Ja-cob.
- 8 Behold our de-*fend*-er, O God; *
and look upon the face of *your* A-noint-ed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than
a *thou*-sand^ in my^ own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the *tents* of^ the wick-ed.
- 10 For the Lord God is both *sun* () and shield; *
he will give *grace* and glo-ry;
- 11 No good thing will the *Lord* () with-hold *
from those who *walk* with^ in-teg-ri^ ty.
- 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.

*After each reading, the Lector says “**The Word of the Lord**” and the People respond: “**Thanks be to God.**”*

All stand, as able, for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia. Alleluia. *The old man took the Child in his arms:
but the Child was the old man’s King. Alleluia.*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*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.*

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

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;

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 the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for our broader parish community of Old Ellicott City, our neighbors, and those with whom we share a common life;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The celebrant then says

Let us now pray for those who are sick and suffering, for those who care for the sick, and for all who seek the blessings of good health, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who suffer from sickness and disease, that they may receive healing, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mentally ill and for their families, that they may receive comfort, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those with physical disabilities, that the strength of Christ may invigorate them, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For doctors and nurses, and for all who care for the sick, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who seek the prayers of Saint Blase today, that they may be protected from afflictions of the throat and other forms of illness, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Those who wish to receive a prayer for blessing of the throat may come forward during this time.

Blessing of the Throats

Through the intercession of Saint Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Throat Blessing

Harmonic Introductions

Robb Saffell

Congregation singing part below with Harmonic Introductions leading

Throat Blessing

The musical score is written on two staves in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first line of the prayer. The second staff begins with a whole rest, indicating a harmonic introduction, followed by the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by a long horizontal line to indicate a sustained note.

Li - be - ret _____ et De - us a ma - lo _____ gut - tu - ris

et a quo - li - bet a - li - o ma - lo Li - be - ret _____ et De - us

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Harmonic Introductions

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal S-125

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 people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues the consecratory prayer telling of God's interaction with humanity throughout history, our need for redemption in Jesus Christ, and consecrates the bread and wine with the words Jesus used at the Last Supper. The full text is found in the BCP on page 373.

Celebrant and People

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

The Celebrant continues until

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant continues

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

Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

*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.*

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-155

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, 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.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Should I Receive Communion?

What follows is Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist. That being said, no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please speak to our Rector, Fr. Derek, following the service (he LOVES talking about baptism!). When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergyperson can provide a gluten-free wafer upon request. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that we at St. Peter's practice radical welcome, because Jesus did the same!

Gluten free wafers are available - please let the priest know you desire gluten-free when you come to the altar rail.

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and the ministers will bring the Sacrament to you in the pew.

Communion

*It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost:
that he should not see death,
before he had seen the Lord's Anointed One.*

Communion Hymn

O Zion, open wide thy gates

Hymnal 257

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP pg. 366

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Harmonic Introductions