



Order of Service for February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling

Assisting: The Rev'd Betty Nadurak



**St. Paul's
Anglican Church**
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace

**Lift up your heads,
O gates; lift them high,
O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory
shall come in**

Psalm 24:7

The Gathering of the Community

Pre-Service Music: Heaven is in My Heart
(Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: Companions on the Journey
(screens)

Greeting p 185 (Book of Alternative Services - Green book) (screens)

The Collect for Purity p. 185 (screens)

Glory to God p. 186 (screens)

Kyrie Eleison p. 186 (screens)

Collect of the Day p. 401 (screens)

Children are welcome to head to Sunday school at this time.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

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 washers' 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.

Malachi 3:1-4

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

Psalm 24: 7-10 p. 732 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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 become 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.

Hebrews 2:14-18

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

Gradual Hymn: CP # 647 Spirit of the Living God
(screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)
(Translation RSV)

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said 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, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his

arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; 34 and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phan'uel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:22-40

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

The Apostles' Creed p. 189 (screens)

The Prayers of the People (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

Confession and Absolution p. 191 (screens)

The Peace p. 192 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Prayer of St. Francis (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts p. 401 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer #3 p. 198 (screens)

Proper Preface for the Lord's Day #1 p. 218 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer p. 211 (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread, Form 1 p. 212 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns (screens):

Holy Ground I

Holy Ground II

Spirit Song

Hymn after Communion (Please Stand)

Come, See This Glorious Light (screens)

Prayer after Communion. p. 402 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn:

Walking to the River (screens)

Sending (screens)

You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in the Hall.

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for ***The Anglican congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod.*** In the Moravian church, we pray for ***The people and ministries of Heimtala Moravian Church in Leduc County, AB. Together, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the ecumenical work and witness of our churches.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***St. Paul, Calgary, their clergy The Rev. Tony Hilling, The Rev. Dr. Norman Knowles, The Rev. Dcn. Betty Nadurak, The Rev. Cyril Haynes (Hon.)***

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for Cerrelaine; Audrey; Chris, Allison, Cameron, Ian, Alan; Dennis, Twyla, Evan, Lauren and for our clergy Tony Hilling, Norman Knowles, Betty Nadurak, and Cyril Haynes and their families. We also pray for ***The Ven. Alan Getty of the Meota parishes and his family.***

We pray for the special child our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Stephen & Gloria; Verna; Bob & Joanne; Margaret; Marlene; Michael; Scott & M'Laurel; Valma; Kerin; Regina; Obiageli Gloria and Laura Anne.

For those grieving: Joan & family; Debra & family; Rick & family, the family of Janet; Tracy & family; Gina & family; Pat & family. **We thank you** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times. ***Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.***

Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church, we pray for ***The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada,*** and in the Lutheran church we pray for ***The dean, council, and***

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



*The flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of our risen Lord*