



Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Ottawa

# The Presentation of the Lord (tr)

**Sunday | February 1<sup>st</sup> | 2026**

**10.30 am | Choral Eucharist | BAS**

*Mass of St Cedd | Peter Nardone*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory for the lives of  
The Very Reverend William E. Harrison and Barbara Harrison, Jane Harrison Albright,  
and Joan and Walter Ruban

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## Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service  
and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral.  
Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance.  
Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.  
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

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# The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** | *Offertoire sur "Lumen ad revelationem gentium"* | Alexandre Guilmant

## Announcements

**Hymn 465** | *Here in this place new light is streaming*

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden: 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

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Collects

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for our diocese, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of Anna and Simeon, whose law makes known the gift of life, whose love exposes our hardness of heart: by your Spirit, may we receive your faithful word and know your reconciling presence offered for all the world; through Jesus Christ, the Light and Glory of God. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading | *Malachi 3:1-4*

A reading from the book of Malachi.

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.

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm | 84

*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. 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 Sovereign and my God. Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way! 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. They will climb from height to height, and you, the God of gods, will reveal yourself in Zion. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed. 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. For you, Lord God, are both sun and shield; you will give grace and glory; no good thing will you withhold, O Lord, from those who walk with integrity. O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!*

## Second Reading | *Hebrews 2:14-18*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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 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.

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual | *Eternal Light, shine into our hearts | Malcolm Archer*

*Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil, Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy on us; that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek thy face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.*

## Holy Gospel | *Luke 2:22-40*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 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 worshipped 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 favour of God was upon him.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

**Hymn 156 | *The people that in darkness sat***

### **Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# Prayers

Let us pray.

God of light and life, hear our prayers as they rise before you, offered in hope and faith.

Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world. We pray for your church, for Shane our Primate and Anne our Metropolitan; for our Cathedral and all Canadian Cathedrals.

God of light and life,

**hear our prayer.**

Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your people. We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

God of light and life,

**hear our prayer.**

Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service. We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those who are on our hearts this day.

*Silence.*

God of light and life,

**hear our prayer.**

Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, those places where war is a way of life, and for your people in the Land of the Holy One.

God of light and life,

**hear our prayer.**

Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation. We pray for the land on which we stand, the creatures, plant life, and waters around us.

God of light and life,

**hear our prayer.**

God of radiant light, your love illuminates our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service we may know your transforming presence at work all around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence.*

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn 70 | *Jesus, the joy of loving hearts*



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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Prayer Over the Gifts

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed and created us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord 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 he 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

## Communion

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

### **Motet | Ave verum corpus | Geoff Weaver**

*Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. | Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born, on the cross thy sacred body for us with nails was torn. Cleanse us, by thy blood and water Streaming from thy pierced side; feed us with thy body broken, Now in death's agony!*

## The Sending of the Community

### Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**  
**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

### Blessing and Dismissal

May the love of the Creator, the tenderness of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit, gladden your heart, bring peace to your soul, and bless you this day and all your days.  
**Amen.**

Go forth in the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn 379 | *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

### Postlude | *Fugue in d (BWV 539) | J.S. Bach*

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## Readings Next Sunday | February 8<sup>th</sup>

### Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

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