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The Presentation of Christ, Melchior Broederlam (1393-1399)

Candlemas

2 February 2025

Procession and Solemn High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Maria zart

Arnoldt Schlick (c.1455- after 1521)

Mass Setting

Missa 'In illo tempore'

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Gloria and Creed: Missa de Angelis

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Blessing of the Candles

The congregation will have received their candles upon entering the church.

Dear friends: forty days ago, we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. Today we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. **Amen.**

Please hold your candles up to be blessed by the celebrant.

Let us pray. O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to Simeon the Light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to thy people's prayers, thou wouldst be pleased to sanctify with thy blessing ✠ these candles, which we carry in praise of thy name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never faileth; Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The servers light the congregation's candles, during which the Choir sings the Nunc Dimittis.

Antiphon: To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Antiphon: O Lord arise, help us, and deliver us, for thy Name's sake.
Ps. O God, we have heard with our ears : our fathers have declared unto us. Glory be ... O Lord arise ...

Processional Hymn

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of the Lord. Amen.

207 Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour Diva Servatrix

Station at the Rood

We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

In the midst of thy temple.

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and acclaimed as the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented unto thee, and that in the world we may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please extinguish your candles at the end of the hymn.

Kyrie p.2

Gloria p.3

Collect

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

- ¹ O how lovely are thy dwellings, / thou Lord of hosts!
- ² My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: / my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ³ Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: / even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; / they will be always praising thee.
- ⁵ Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, / in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;
- ⁶ Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; / yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength, / and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
- ⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: / hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Behold, O God, our shield, / and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- ¹⁰ For one day in thy courts / is better than a thousand.
- ¹¹ I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, / than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- ¹² For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and glory; / and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a godly life.
- ¹³ O Lord God of hosts, / blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

443 *Blest are the pure in heart*

Franconia

Gradual Proper

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple : according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end. *℣.* Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God : even upon his holy hill. Alleluia. Alleluia. *℟.* I will worship toward thy holy temple, and will sing praises unto thy Name. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

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Offertory Motet

O gladsome light Walter MacNutt (1910-1996)

Offertory Proper

Full of grace are thy lips : because God hath blessed thee for ever.

Offertory Hymn

209 *Hail to the Lord who comes*

Old 120th

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 CANON OF THE MASS

Proper Preface p.11

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Communion Proper

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

Music at Communion

Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong with Fauxbourdons

Vincenzo Ruffo (c.1508-1587), arr. Healey Willan

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.**

Blessing and Dismissal pp.17-18

Post-Communion Hymn

522 Love divine, all loves excelling Hyfrydol

The Angelus p.19

Organ Postlude

Fugue: “Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin”

Friedrich Zachow (1663-1712)

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