



We are an Anglo-Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Ottawa, celebrating 137 years of worship and service: 1889-2026.

Please use this bulletin with:



Mass Booklet & Hymn Book



The Presentation of the Temple, Philippe de Champaigne (1602-1674)

The Solemnity of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Sunday February 1, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Procession and Solemn High Mass

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

Organ Prelude

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, BW 616
(‘In peace and joy I now depart’)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Mass Setting

Missa Tertia Octavi Toni Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)
Gloria and Creed: Missa de Angelis

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The ceremonies of today consist of four parts: the blessing of candles, their distribution, the procession with lighted candles, and the Mass which follows. The whole ceremony that precedes the Mass, and especially the lighted candles, refers to our Lord as the Light of the world according to the words of holy Simeon, who on the day of the Presentation took the divine Infant in his arms and said of Him: “A light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.” (C.M.)

The Candlemas procession recalls the journey of Mary and Joseph going up to the temple to present “The Angel of the Covenant” (Epistle, Introit) as Malachi had prophesied, or “the light to the revelation of the Gentiles” (Gospel).

Blessing of the Candles

The priest, deacon, subdeacon and altar servers enters the sanctuary in silence.

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

All: And with thy spirit.

O holy Lord Father almighty, eternal God, who didst create all things out of nothing, and by thy command didst cause this liquid to come by the labor of bees to the perfection of wax; and on this day didst fulfill the petition of the just man Simeon, we humbly beseech thee, that by the invocation of thy most holy name, and by the intercession of blessed Mary ever virgin, whose festival is this day devoutly celebrated, and by the prayers of all Thy saints, thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless  and

sanctify ✕ these candles for the use of humankind, and the health of bodies and souls whether upon the earth, or on the waters; and wouldst hear from thy holy heaven, and from the seat of thy majesty, the voices of this thy people, who desire to bear them with honour in their hands, and to praise thee with hymnals, whom thou has redeemed with the precious blood of thy Son; who lives and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this day didst present thine only-begotten Son in thy holy temple to be received in the arms of blessed Simeon: we humbly entreat thy mercy, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless, hallow, and kindle with the light of thy heavenly benediction these candles which we thy servants desire to receive and to carry, lighted in honour of thy holy Name. By offering them to thee, our Lord and God, may we be inflamed with the fire of thy love and made worthy to be presented in the holy temple of thy glory. Through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light, pour forth thy blessing ✕ upon these candles, and sanctify ✕ them with the light of thy grace; and mercifully grant, that as these lights enkindled with visible fire dispel the darkness of night, so our hearts illumined by invisible fire, that is, the brightness of the Holy Spirit, may be free from the blindness of every sin; that the eye of our minds being purified, we may be able to discern what is pleasing to thee and conducive to our salvation; so that after the perilous darkness of this life we may deserve to arrive at never-failing light. Through thee, Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, who in perfect Trinity livest and reignest God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty, everlasting God, who didst command the purest oil to be prepared by thy servant Moses to keep lamps continually before thee; graciously pour forth the grace of thy blessing ✕

upon these candles; they may so afford external light, that by thy gift the light of thy Spirit may not fail interiorly in our minds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ who in perfect Trinity liveth and reigneth God, world without end. **Amen.**

Here the celebrant after putting incense into the thurible and blessing it then sprinkles the candles three times with holy water saying the Antiphon without chant,

“Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.”
Asperges me Domine, Ps. 50

Distribution of Candles

Following the blessing, Father Kwari receives a candle from Father Beall. Father Beall, Ellery Furlong (subdeacon) and altar servers will receive their candles kneeling at the footpace.

The congregation is invited to come forward to the altar rail to receive the blessed candles, during which the Choir sings the Nunc Dimittis. The congregation’s candles will be lit by the acolytes.

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

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.

Antiphon

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, / which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

Antiphon

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Antiphon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

Antiphon

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. **Amen.**

And this Anthem shall be sung:

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 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. O Lord arise ...

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy people and grant that by this service which year by year we offer unto thee, we may attain in the light of thy grace to the hidden things of thy glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Procession

Here the celebrant puts incense into the thurible and blesses it.

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

All: In the name of the Lord. **Amen.**

All bear lighted candles in their hands; and join the procession.

Processional Hymn

28 ***Of the Father's Heart Begotten*** **Divinum Mysterium**

Station at the Lady Shrine

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

For the Lord has come into his temple, Alleluia.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Station at the Rood

They offered for Him to the Lord a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons,

As it is written in the law of the Lord.

After the days of the purification of Mary, according to the law of Moses, were fulfilled, they carried Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.

As it is written in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it is written in the law of the Lord.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please extinguish your candle.

Gloria

p.3

Collects

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.**

Gracious God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, send your guidance upon us as we prepare to elect a bishop for our diocese. Grant wisdom to those discerning a call, to those who are candidates, to Members of Synod, and to our diocesan administrator, Bishop Michael Bird; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way

before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, 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 sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. 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.

12



Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

¹ O how lovely are thy dwel-lings, / (-) thou Lörд of^hösts!

² My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of
the Lord: / my heart and my flesh rejoice in the li-ving Göd.

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 mÿ Göd.

⁴ Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; / they will be al-way
präis-ing^thée.

⁵ Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, / in whose
heart are the pülg-grim^wäys;

⁶ Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; / yea,
the early rain covereth it with blëss-ings.

⁷ They go from strength to strength, / and unto the God of gods
appeareth every one of them in Sii-ön.

⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: / hearken, O God of Jää-
cöb.



⁹ Behold, O God, *our* shield, / and look upon the face of *thine* an-oïnt-ëd.

¹⁰ **For one day in *thy* courts / is better than a thöu-sänd.**

¹¹ I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of *my* God, / than to dwell in the tents of un-göd-li^nëss.

¹² **For the Lord God is a light and de-fënce; the Lord will give grace and glo-ry; / and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a göd-ly^life.**

¹³ O Lord God of hosts, / blessed is the man that put-teth his trüst in^thëe.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

209 Hail to the Lord Who Comes

Old 120th

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. *V.* Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God : even upon his holy hill. Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* The old man carried the Child : but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia.

It is the ancient custom to for all hold lighted candles during the proclamation of the Gospel. The congregation's candles will be lit by the servers.

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.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he 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

before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon	The Reverend Canon George Kwari
Nicene Creed	p.6
Prayers of the People	p.7
Confession and Absolution	p.8
The Peace	p.9
Offertory Proper	

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

ever.

Offertory Hymn

459 Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusader's Hymn

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

Sursum Corda	p.11
Sanctus and Benedictus	p.12
Eucharistic Prayer	pp.12-13
The Lord's Prayer	p.14
Prayer of Humble Access	p.14
Agnus Dei	p.15
Invitation to Communion	p.15

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.

Communion Hymn

12 Longing for Light

Christ Be Our Light

Ablutions Motet

Maria wallt zum Heiligtum

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

Mary made a pilgrimage to the temple and brought her child there, who

was seen by the aged Simeon, as the prophets had foretold.

Simeon took Jesus in his arms, and joyfully sang: Now I go forth with joy, for today I have seen You, Savior – comfort of Israel, light of the World.

O dear Jesus, grant now that we at all times find all our joy in Thee, just as Simeon did, and that, when the time comes, we pass away gently and thus sing gladly: Now I go forth with joy, for today I have seen You, Savior – comfort of Israel, light of the World.

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.**

Doxology	p.16
Blessing	p.17
Dismissal	p.18

Post-Communion Hymn

522 <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	Hyfrydol
The Angelus	p.19

Organ Postlude

Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf, BWV 617 (‘Lord God, now unlock Your heaven’)	J.S. Bach
---	-----------

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Celebrant and Homilist	The Reverend Canon George Kwari
Organist and Choirmaster	Shawn Potter
Deacon	The Reverend Canon Jim Beall
Subdeacon	Ellery Furlong
Reader	John Buchanan

This service is being live-streamed on YouTube.