

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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### The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #349 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”** Psalm 100; paraphrase attributed to William Kethe

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| 1 All people that on earth do dwell,<br>sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,<br>him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;<br>come ye before him and rejoice. | 3 O enter then his gates with praise,<br>approach with joy his courts unto;<br>praise, laud, and bless his name<br>always,<br>for it is seemly so to do. |
| 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;<br>without our aid he did us make;<br>we are his folk, he doth us feed,<br>and for his sheep he doth us take.                | 4 For why, the Lord our God is good;<br>his mercy is forever sure;<br>his truth at all times firmly stood,<br>and shall from age to age endure.          |

**Greeting** page 185

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

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

**Glory to God** [Hymn #686] page 186

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **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 upon 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.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of love, you gave your Son to be a light for revelation to all and for glory to your people. With Simeon and Anna and all who hail redemption’s happy dawn, may we sing your praise and proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

# 3

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Malachi 3:1–4

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Malachi.

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 10 (Luke 2:29–32)

The Song of Simeon: *Nunc Dimittis*

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #14 Tallis's Canon

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| 1 | Now lettest thou thy servant, Lord,<br>Depart in peace, true to thy word;<br>For mine eyes have at last beheld<br>The Savior whom thou hast prepared | 2 | To be a light for all mankind,<br>Thy people Israel's glory too;<br>Glory to Father, Spirit, Word,<br>Is now and ever shall be due. |
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Second Reading:

Hebrews 2:14–18

*Reader* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

<sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel:

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

<sup>22</sup> 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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> 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 for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

## Hymn #44 "I Believe in God Almighty"

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

- 1 I believe in God almighty,  
 Father of all things that be,  
 maker of the earth and heavens,  
 keeper of the sky and sea.  
 I believe in God's Son, Jesus,  
 now for us both Lord and Christ,  
 of the Spirit and of Mary  
 born to bring abundant life.
- 2 I believe that Jesus suffered,  
 scourged and scorned and crucified;  
 taken from the cross, was buried—  
 true life there had truly died.  
 I believe that on the third day  
 Christ was raised up from the grave,  
 then ascended to God's right hand.  
 He will come to judge and save.
- 3 I believe in God's own Spirit,  
 bonding all the saints within  
 one Church, catholic, and holy,  
 where forgiveness frees from sin;  
 in the body's resurrection,  
 for the breaking of death's chain  
 gives the life that's everlasting:  
 this the faith that I have claimed.

## The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

## Confession and Absolution

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

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**The Celebration of the Eucharist****Offertory Hymn #375 "At the Name of Jesus"**

Text by Caroline Maria Noel

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| <p>1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,<br/>every tongue confess him King of glory now;<br/>'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him<br/>Lord,<br/>who from the beginning was the mighty<br/>Word.</p> <p>2 Humbled for a season, to receive a name<br/>from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,<br/>faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,<br/>brought it back victorious when from death<br/>he passed.</p> <p>3 Name him, Christians, name him, with love<br/>strong as death,<br/>but with awe and wonder, and with bated<br/>breath;<br/>he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,<br/>ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.</p> | <p>4 In your hearts enthrone him; there<br/>let him subdue<br/>all that is not holy, all that is not<br/>true;<br/>crown him as your Saviour in<br/>temptation's hour;<br/>let his will enfold you in its light and<br/>power.</p> <p>5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall<br/>return again,<br/>with his Father's glory, with his angel<br/>train;<br/>for all wreaths of empire meet upon<br/>his brow,<br/>and our hearts confess him King of<br/>glory now.</p> |
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**The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

**Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Gracious God,  
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Breathe your Holy Spirit,  
the wisdom of the universe,  
upon these gifts that we bring to you:  
this bread, this cup,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
that we may be signs of your love for all the world  
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, Creator of all,  
and we bless your holy name for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

### **Prayer for Anointing**

#### **The Lord's Prayer** [Michael Leach]

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

*People* **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.**

#### **The Communion**

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Lamb of God** [Michael Leach]

*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**



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**All are welcome to receive communion with us**

*As the ushers pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.*

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
  - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
  - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
  - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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*Today being the first Sunday of the month, we will offer the prayer ministry of Anointing.  
If you would like to receive this ministry,  
proceed to the back of the church after you have received Communion.*

**Communion Hymn #498 “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”**

Psalm 84; paraphrase from Scottish Psalter & by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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| <p>1 How lovely is thy dwelling place,<br/>O Lord of hosts, to me!<br/>My thirsty soul desires and longs<br/>within thy courts to be;<br/>my very heart and flesh cry out,<br/>O loving God, for thee.</p>                | <p>3 They who go through the desert vale<br/>will find it filled with springs,<br/>and they shall climb from height to height<br/>till Zion’s temple rings<br/>with praise to thee, in glory throned,<br/>Lord God, great King of kings.</p> |
| <p>2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,<br/>the swallows find a nest;<br/>how happy they who dwell with thee<br/>and praise thee without rest,<br/>and happy they whose hearts are set<br/>upon the pilgrim's quest.</p> | <p>4 One day within thy courts excels<br/>a thousand spent away;<br/>how happy they who keep thy laws<br/>nor from thy precepts stray,<br/>for thou shalt surely bless all those<br/>who live the words they pray.</p>                       |

**Closing Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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**

**Prayer for Anointing**

# 10

## **Doxology** [Michael Leach]

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

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* And may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, bless you and keep you all of your days.

*People* **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

## **Recessional Hymn #594 "Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour"** Text by Henry Scott Holland

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| <p>1 Judge eternal, throned in splendour,<br/>Lord of lords and King of kings,<br/>with your living fire of judgment<br/>purge this land of bitter things;<br/>comfort all its wide dominion<br/>with the healing of your wings.</p> <p>2 Weary people still are longing<br/>for the hour that brings release,<br/>and the city's crowded clamour<br/>cries aloud for sin to cease;<br/>and the countryside and woodlands<br/>plead in silence for their peace.</p> | <p>3 Crown, O God, your own endeavour;<br/>cleave our darkness with thy sword;<br/>cheer the faint and feed the hungry<br/>with the richness of your word.<br/>Cleanse the body of this nation<br/>through the glory of the Lord.</p> |
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## **Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

**We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .**

**Congregation Cycle**

Janet K / Alan & Nicole L / Gerry L & Carolyn P / Margie & Clavel L, Carter / Colette L

**Today's Scripture Readings**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Celebrant	The Rev. Ali McIntosh
Preacher	The Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert
Subdeacon & Anointer	Margie Lyttle
Chalice Bearers	Aili Maki, Craig Robertson
Readers	Judy Bradshaw Aili Maki
Intercessor	Geraldine Sperling
Crucifer	Christian Ajubiga
Organist	Michael Leach

Videographer	Egan Done
Duty Warden	Philip Tindan
Welcome Table	Philip Tindan, Michael R. Leach
Ushers	Hazel Perkin, Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Altar Guild	Nancy Dodsworth
Coffee Hour	Lorraine Baillie, Michael R. Leach

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## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.