

# **The Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas)**

## **2 February 2025**

### **8 am Holy Eucharist**

*The Book of Common Prayer Communion service is found in the accompanying seasonal booklet. The Congregation joins in the **bold font**.*

#### ***Collect of the Day***

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: God of love, you gave your Son  
to be a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
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.**

#### ***The Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18***

Reader: The Epistle is taken 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<sup>[a]</sup> 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.

Here endeth the Epistle.

## ***Gradual Psalm: 84***

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 else.**

11 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.**

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.**

## ***The Gospel: Luke 2:27-40***

Presider: The Lord be with you,

**All: and with thy Spirit.**

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

**All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when Mary and Joseph 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Flowers in the church today are donated to the glory of God.*

**Next Sunday's Readings for Epiphany 5, February 9, 2025**

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 13:1-11; Luke 5:1-11



**This Week at HTC**

**Wednesday**

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)  
*followed with coffee and conversation* (Lounge)  
10:30-11:30 am Bible Study (Lounge)

**Thursday**

5.30 pm Vespers (online by Zoom)

**Saturday**

11.00 am HTC Community Brunch (Parish Hall)

**Sunday**

8.00 am BCP Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)  
10 am Choral Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

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