

# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

## The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas)

Sun, February 2, 2025, 10:30am Eucharist

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*The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is attended by Renata (RECE). All babies and young children are welcome!*

### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*We gather with song and prayer as the People of God*

**Hymn: #599** Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night (*Tune: Duke Street*)

PLEASE STAND

- 1 Awake! Awake! Fling off the night,  
For God has sent a glorious light,  
And we who live in Christ's new day  
Must work of darkness put away.
- 2 Awake and sing, with praises strong,  
In psalm and hymn and spirit-song.  
Let love our words and works renew  
With all that's good and right and true.
- 3 Let in the light; all sin expose  
To Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel,  
That Christ may judge, and judging, heal.
- 4 Then rise as children of the light.  
Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.  
Be careful how you live, and wise  
To sift the truth from cunning lies.
- 5 Through Christ give thanks to God, and say  
To other sleepers on the way:  
"Awake, and rise up from the dead  
That Christ may shine on you instead!"

### The Apostolic Greeting & Collect for Purity

**Presider:** 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.**

**Presider:** Almighty God,

**People:** **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.**

## Song of Praise: Song of Creation (Benedicite Omnia Opera)



1. All you works of the Lord glo-ri - fy the Lord,
2. All you ang - els of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
3. Let the earth bless the Lord, glo-ri - fy the Lord,
4. Let the peo - ple of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
5. God - the Fa - ther, we sing: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



In the fir - ma - ment, glo-ri - fy the Lord  
 Sun and moon and stars glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 All you beasts of the wild glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 All you ser - vants of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 God the Son, we - ex - alt: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



Praise and mag - ni - fy, glo - ry fy the  
 Night and day bless the Lord, glo - ri - fy the  
 All you birds of the air glo - ri - fy the  
 All you hum - ble of heart glo - ri - fy the  
 God the Spi - rit, we praise: glo - ri - fy the



Lord, glo - ri - fy the Lord.  
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Music: J. Berthier  
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## The Prayer of the Day

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*We read and respond to God's message in scripture*

PLEASE BE SEATED

#### 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

**Psalm 84** (Tune: Eventide)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!  
My soul longs to be present in your courts.  
With joy I sing to you with heart and flesh,  
To you, O living God of power and might.

Even the sparrow finds a place to nest  
And swallows find a place to lay their young  
Near to your altars, Lord, my King and God.  
Blest they who dwell in your house, singing praise.

Blessèd are they whose strength is found in you,  
Your pilgrim people trav'ling to your house.  
They make the wasteland burst with springs and rain.  
They grow in strength as they see God in Zion.

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

*A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrew Church.*

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

PLEASE STAND

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
2. Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! Glo - ry to you, Lord  
3. Praise be to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! Praise be to you, Lord

le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -  
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -  
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

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

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

**People:** *(sing verse 2)* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [his parents] brought [Jesus] 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.

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** *(sing verse 3)* **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sermon:** Fr. Andrew

*(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)*

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Creed of the Church of Philippi

PLEASE STAND

**Presider:** Let us stand and confess our faith in the words which St. Paul gave to the Church of Philippi. *(Philippians 2:6-11)*

**People:** **We believe that, though he was divine, Jesus did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Please respond to the petition "We pray to God," with the response, "let the light of Christ shine on us all."*

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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 Peace

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith*

**Offertory Hymn: CP #529** God, My Hope on You Is Founded

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 God, my hope on you is founded;  
You my faith and trust renew:  
Through all change and chance you guide me,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, you alone call my heart to be your own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown, betray our trust;  
Though with care and toil we build them,  
Tower and temple fall to dust.  
But your power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
- 3 Daily does the almighty Giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
God's desire for us delights us,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Here at hand, love takes stand, joy awaits God's sure command.
- 4 God's great goodness lasts forever,  
Deepest wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attending,  
Beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 5 Still from earth to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ the Son.  
Christ, you call one and all; those who follow shall not fall.

## Prayer Over the Gifts

## Eucharistic Prayer

PLEASE STAND

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-3 of the Sanctus as follows:*

*(Sing in harmony)*

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might!  
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth!  
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Bless - ed is he who comes  
4. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!  
5. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

*The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing:*

**People:** (verse 4) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**  
**Glory, glory, glory! Hosanna in the highest!**

*The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love and at the elevation of the bread and cup we sing:*

**People:** (verse 5) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**  
**Glory, glory, glory! Amen, amen!**

## Breaking of the Bread #1

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

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

## Song for the Breaking of the Bread

1,2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion.  
If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Music During Communion: Tantum Ergo

D. Severac

## Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

## Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Polychronia ("Many Years")

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Presider: Let us call down God's blessing:

All: God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.  
And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.

## Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Tune: Hyfrydol)

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

- 2 Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Bourrée from 'Water Music'

G. F. Handel

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