

The Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



Candlemas - The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
Sunday February 6, 2022

This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.
Luke 2.32

Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Maggie Helwig

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Blessing of Candles

A selection of candles for use in the coming year is blessed with incense and holy water.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God,
whose only-begotten Son was presented this day in the Temple
to be received into the arms of blessed Simeon;
we pray you to bless, hallow, and kindle
with the light of your heavenly benediction
these candles, fruit of your creation,
work of your children the bees, and the art of human hands,
to be lighted in honour of your holy Name.
In offering them to you, our Lord and God,
may we be inflamed with the fire of your love;
and as this light is divided yet knows no loss of brightness,
may we in our various callings be made worthy to be presented
in the heavenly temple of your glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Response Amen.

Hymn: *Virgin-born, we bow before thee*

Text: Reginald Heber

- 1 Virgin-born, we bow before thee: blessed was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild, blessed was she in her Child.
Blessed was the breast that fed thee; blessed was the hand that led thee;
blessed was the parent's eye that watched thy slumb'ring infancy.
- 2 Blessed she by all creation, who brought forth the world's salvation,
and blessed they for ever blest, who love thee most and serve thee best.
Virgin-born, we bow before thee: blessed was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild, blessed was she in her Child.

Greeting

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

Response **And also with you.**

Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant Though people may be joining us from many regions, we acknowledge that the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields stands on occupied land, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit (an Anishnaabe people), the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat and Petun nations, land covered by the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty are also relevant to this territory. We acknowledge that we have broken the treaties. We acknowledge the damage done by colonialism, and the role that our church has played in this, and we pledge ourselves to work for a future of justice and reconciliation.

Hymn 267: *The God of earth and sea and sky*

O AMOR QUAM ECSTATICUS

- 1 The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore and laud and magnify,
whose might they own, whose praise they swell,
in Mary's womb vouchsafed to dwell.
- 2 The Lord whom sun and moon obey,
whom all things serve from day to day,
was borne upon a maiden's breast
who fullest heavenly grace possessed.
- 3 How blest that mother, in whose shrine
the world's Creator, Lord divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
vouchsafed, as in his ark, to lie;
- 4 blest in the message Gabriel brought,
blest by the work the Spirit wrought;
from whom the great Desire of earth
took human flesh and human birth.
- 5 O Lord, the virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom in the Godhead we adore
forever and for evermore.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,
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.

Response **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

Response **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.

Response **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Gloria

Hurd

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

Cantor **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 on 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.

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.

Cantor **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily.

First Lesson: Malachi 3.1-4

Reader A reading from the prophet 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.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta*



- Cantor 1* HOW DEAR to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! /
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the liv-ing^Göd.
- Cantor 2* **The sparrow has found her an house and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young; /
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my Göd.**
- Cantor 1* Happy are they who dwell in your house! /
they will al-ways be prais-ing^yöu.
- Cantor 2* **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! /
whose hearts are set on the pil-grims'^wäy.**
- Cantor 1* Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, /
for the early rains have covered it with pools of wä-tër.
- Cantor 2* **They will climb from height to height, /
and the God of gods will reveal him-self in Zi-ön.**
- Cantor 1* Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; /
hearken, O God of Jä-cöb.
- Cantor 2* **Behold our defender, O God; /
and look upon the face of your a-noönt-öd.**
- Cantor 1* For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, /
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wick-öd.
- Cantor 2* **For the Lord God is both sun and shield; /
he will give grace and glö-rÿ.**
- Cantor 1* No good thing will the Lord with-hold /
from those who walk with in-të-grî^tÿ.
- Cantor 2* **O Lord of hosts, /
happy are they who put their trüst in^yöu.**

Epistle: Hebrews 2.14-18

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.

***Response* Thanks be to God.**

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia

Cantor Alleluia.

**There is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory
of his people Israel.**

Alleluia.

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

***Response* And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph 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 turtle-doves 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 for 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily Mtr Maggie Helwig

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

Response **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

Bidding As announced.

Response As announced.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory hymn 48: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

PICARDY

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to us approacheth, our full homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high.”

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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 the Lord.

Response **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Cantor **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Preface of the Lord's Day

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Proulx

Cantor **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 We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

***Response* we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

***Response* Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Robinson

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

***Cantor* 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

***Response* God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

Senchur

***Cantor* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Response **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

Response **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.**

Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, and remain with you always.

Response **Amen.**

Hymn 266: *Lord, let your servant go in peace*

SONG 34

- 1 Lord, let your servant go in peace:
your promises have been fulfilled;
your saving power has been displayed
before the face of all the world.
- 2 My eyes have seen salvation's dawn:
the Sun of life ascending bright;
your people's glory evermore,
the nations' everlasting light.

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Postlude

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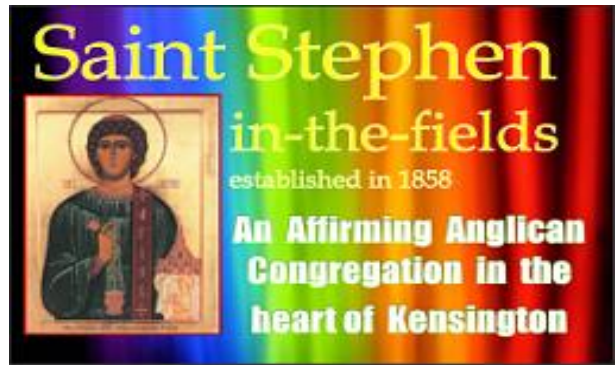
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