



**St. James**  
Anglican | Dundas



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

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021**

### **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Saint James Church acknowledges that the land upon which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

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## Welcome to this time of worship

*We gather as a community online, joined by the Spirit of God with one another as we hear scripture, sing praise, respond in prayer and celebrate and receive God's sacraments.*

*As you prepare to worship, in your space, make yourself comfortable and attentive to God's presence. Be still and quiet if your space allows. You may want to light a candle as a symbol that you are setting aside this time to join with your community of faith and receive the presence of Christ.*

As we begin our time of worship, we hear

### **'O God, Your Constant Care and Love' (CP 517)**

O God, your constant care and love  
are shed upon us from above,  
throughout our lives in every stage,  
from infancy to later age.

We thank you, Lord, for dreams of youth,  
for wisdom leading on to truth,  
for memories gathered through the years,  
and faith that grows from joy to tears.

All time is yours, O Lord, to give;  
may we, in all the years we live,  
find every day of life is new,  
a celebration, Lord, with you.

Let not the passing of the years  
rob us of joy, nor cause us fears,  
and give us faith, O Lord, that we  
may live with you, eternally.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We are invited to a time of silence as we enter this time of worship.*

## **The Gathering**

One: In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

One: Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## **Collect of the Day**

One: Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

## **Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading (Malachi 3.1-4)**

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.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **The Gospel** *(St. Luke 2.22-40)*

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

**Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

One: God be with you

**All: and also with you**

One: Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Mark

**All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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 (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.

One: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **The Sermon** *(Please take a seat)*

*(A talk reflecting on the readings we have just heard)*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The response to the prayers is...*

**One:** God of love,

**All:** Hear our prayer

## **The Confession and Absolution**

**One:** Confessing our sin, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All:** Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud,

Like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us;

Deliver us from judgement;

Bind up our wounds and revive us;

In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

**One:** May the Father of all mercies,

Cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image,

To the praise and glory of his name,

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **The Peace** *(please stand as you are able and comfortable)*

**One:** The Peace of Christ be always with you

**All:** And also with you

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<sup>1</sup> From 'New Patterns for Worship'

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

*The prayer over the gifts:*

One: Almighty God,  
as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our redemption  
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts,

**All: we lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Living God.

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

*The priest offers the Eucharistic prayer...*

..... Singing their hymn of unending praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

*The Prayer Continues.....*

... Great is the Mystery of faith:

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues....*

... now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

One: As Christ taught us, we pray together;

**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 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 forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

One: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All: Though we are many we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

One: The gifts of God for the people of God,

**All: Thanks be to God**



# Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Priest: Dear friends,  
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ,  
in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people,  
unseen and yet present with us now.  
Many are made one.

Priest: We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,  
**All: we welcome your presence in us,  
and together proclaim our love for you;  
with our hearts, minds,  
our souls and our strength,  
with the saints we worship you,  
with the angels we adore you,  
with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.  
Come to us, though many,  
and make us one in you. Amen.**

## Music or a Hymn

*A hymn or piece of music is offered as we receive communion.*

## Communion

*We receive communion spiritually in the silence of our own hearts and minds. One or more of the following prayers may be said....*

One: I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
present in bread and wine, and present in your people,  
who are gathered in spirit.  
In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart,  
and in our community.

**May you, enthroned on the altar,  
be now enthroned in my heart,  
may you, present in bread and wine,  
feed and renew my soul,  
may you, who gives yourself to us again,  
fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing.  
Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of  
justice and peace increase,  
that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your  
kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.**

*Or*

**One: Come Lord Jesus and make in my heart  
your dwelling place and home.  
I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength,  
and so, through your presence in bread and wine  
I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God.  
As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people,  
rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving,  
I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.**

*Or*

**One: Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament  
of bread and wine.  
I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.  
Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you and unite myself to you;  
Never let me be separated from you.<sup>2</sup>**

**One: Holy Jesus we receive you in this moment,  
giving you thanks and praise that you make yourself present  
to all your people in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.  
Transform our hearts that we may  
shine as your light in dark places;**

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<sup>2</sup> Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori

***Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
And this all, in love for you. Amen.***

*Or*

**One: O Loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even while separated from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Jesus, as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so may the soul of your servant be healed, for though I cannot receive you in the sacrament I can, through this offering of my prayer, receive you in my heart; grant this for Christ's sake. Amen.<sup>3</sup>**

*Prayers recommended for use by children:*

**One: Holy Jesus, thank you for loving us,  
and thank you for the holy bread and wine that reminds us  
that you are always with us.  
Come and live in our hearts,  
so we may know your love,  
and love others too. Amen.**

*Or*

**One: Jesus, you remind us in bread and wine  
that you are near to us.**

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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from a service of Spiritual Communion, Diocese of Chelmsford, Church of England

**Bring me nearer to you every day,  
and let me carry you in my heart,  
to share your love with the world you made. Amen.**

*Or*

**One: Lord Jesus, thank you that you are always with me,  
I pray that you would remind me  
to welcome you to share every day with me.  
Thank you for loving me.  
I want to say that I love you too.**

*Or*

**One: Jesus, I want to follow you:  
to see you more clearly;  
love you more dearly;  
and follow you more nearly.  
So come into my heart,  
so that we may share life together. Amen**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**One: Father of all,**

**All: we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off,  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who receive Christ's presence,  
live his risen life and bring life to others,  
and may we whom the Spirit lights give light to  
the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>4</sup> Adapted from Common Worship, Church of England, Holy Communion Order One.

### **Doxology**

**All:**     **Glory to God, 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,  
          for ever and ever! Amen!**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

*The priest asks for God's blessing upon us.*

**One:**    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:**     **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Music or a Hymn**

*Is offered as the priest and assistant leave the Chancel.*

## Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be,  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all