

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (commonly called The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin)



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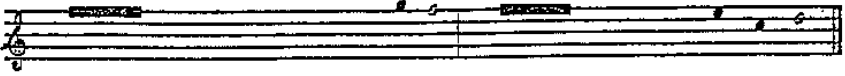
LUKE 2:28

**8:30 Service of Holy Communion
Sunday, February 2, 2025**

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

Holy Communion

Introit – Psalm 147: 1-6



O Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: / yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

²The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, / and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

³He healeth those that are broken in heart, / and bindeth up their wounds.

⁴He telleth the number of the stars, / and calleth them all by their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and great is his power: / yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

⁶The Lord sitteth up the meek, / and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

p 67 The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel or sit.

p 67 The Collect

p 69 The Summary of the Law

p 266 The Collect of the Day

Please be seated.

First Reading – Malachi 3:1-4

Reader: The Lesson is written in the 3rd Chapter of Malachi beginning at the 1st verse.

Behold, I am sending My messenger, and he will clear a way before Me. And the Lord, whom you are seeking, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of armies. ²"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 launderer's soap. ³And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons

of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness. ⁴ 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: Here endeth the Lesson.

Psalm 84

O how lovely are thy dwellings,

Thou Lord of hosts!

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.

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.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;

They will be alway praising thee.

Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee,

In whose heart are the pilgrim ways;

Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well;

Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.

They go from strength to strength,

And unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:

Hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our shield,

And look upon the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts

Is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God,

Than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

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.

O Lord God of hosts,

Blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Reader: The Epistle is written in the 2nd Chapter of 1 Corinthians beginning at the 12th verse.

³¹ But earnestly desire the greater gifts.

And yet, I *am going to* show you a far better way.

¹³ If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have *the gift of prophecy* and know

all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am

nothing. ³ And if I give away all my possessions *to charity*, and if I surrender my body so that I may glory, but do not have love, it does me no good.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. ⁵ It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own *benefit*; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong *suffered*, ⁶ it does not rejoice in

unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷ it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*,

they will be done away with; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away with. ⁹ For we know in part and prophesy in part; ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away with. ¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I

also have been fully known. ¹³ But now faith, hope, *and love* remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Reader: Here endeth the Epistle.

Please stand.

Hymn # 406 Wonderful words of life

Sing them over again to me,

Wonderful words of Life;

Let me more of their beauty see,

Wonderful words of Life.

Words of life and beauty,
Teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life.**

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of Life.
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven– **[Refrain]**

Sweetly echo the gospel call,
Wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior,
Sanctify forever. **[Refrain]**

The Gospel – Luke 2:22-40

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the 21st verse. ²² And when the days for their purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord: “Every *firstborn* male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what has been stated in the Law of the Lord: “A pair of turtledoves or two young doves.” ²⁵ And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ And he

came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, ²⁸ then he took Him in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

²⁹ “Now, Lord, You are letting Your bond-servant depart in peace,

According to Your word;

³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

³¹ Which You have prepared in the presence of all the peoples:

³² A light for revelation for the Gentiles,

And the glory of Your people Israel.”

³³ And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mary, “Behold, this *Child* is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and as a sign to be opposed— ³⁵ and a sword will pierce your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the

daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with *her* husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and *then* as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She did not leave the temple *grounds*, serving night and day with fasts and prayers. ³⁸ And at that very moment she came up and *began* giving thanks to God, and continued to speak about Him to all those who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when *His parents* had completed everything in accordance with the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ Now the Child continued to grow and to become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

p 71 The Creed

The Message - The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

p 72 The Offertory

Please stand.

Hymn #572 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission - all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

p 74 Prayer over the Gifts

Please kneel or sit.

p 75 The Intercession

p 76 Invitation

p 77 The General Confession and Absolution

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

p 78 The Thanksgiving

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels...

p 81 “Therefore with Angels ... “

p 82-83 The Prayer of Consecration

p 84 “O LAMB of God”

The Communion

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

p 85 The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel or sit.

p 85 “ ... And here we offer ...”

p 86 Gloria

Please stand.

p 86 Blessing

Announcements

Please be seated.

Hymn # 79 My Jesus I love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life; I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath.
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

Prayers of the People – February 2nd, 2025

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)

This week we pray especially for:

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Most Reverend Anne Germond, Acting Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

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and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec

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John & Carol Fedoruk, Hanna Friesen, Jim Gargett
& their families.

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The GriefShare Program

The Saturday Meal Program

The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED

Caroline, Jim; Sherry; Deanna; Betty Ann; Scott; Kevin;
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families

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"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself -
and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:19

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