

PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE FEB. 2, 2015



"Presentation of Jesus in the Temple"—Rembrandt 1631

"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." Luke 2:25-28

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Year B
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks and The Rev. Bambi Willis

(BCP—Book of Common Prayer, H-Hymnal 1982; S Numbers are the service music found in the front of The Hymnal 1982; WLP-Wonder, Love and Praise)

LEVAS-Lift Every Voice and Sing II)

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to this Church. May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest; the unhappy, joy; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; and to all the sense of God's Presence in this holy place.

Ringling of the bell.

Candlemas Solemn Entrance

As people arrive, they receive a candle, or may use a candle that they have brought from home to be blessed.

Priest:

Dear brothers and sisters,
forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast
of the Nativity of the Lord.
Today is the blessed day
when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.
Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law,
but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people.
Prompted by the Holy Spirit,
Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.
Enlightened by the same Spirit,
they recognized the Lord
and confessed him with exultation.
So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit,
encounter God in this holy place.
Here we shall see him in this present time in the light of these candles,
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
until he comes again, revealed in glory.

Presentation Hymn Jesus in the arms of Mary

Words: Catherine Hicks Hymn Tune: Regent Square

Jesus, in the arms of Mary, brought into this holy place
Jesus, light of all the nations, shining with a radiant face
Alleluia, alleluia!
Light and life in love's embrace.

Simeon sees the Lord's Messiah, reaches out with joyful cry
With his eyes he's seen God's glory, light and love in rich supply.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Joy and sorrow in his sigh.

Anna, old and wrinkled prophet, face with expectation glows
When she sees the baby Jesus, light of God's salvation shows

Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise and witness from her flow.

When we find ourselves in darkness, may we see God's one true light
When our lives seem dim and hopeless, our cold hearts with love ignite
Alleluia, alleluia!
Grant us peace and give us sight.

The blessing of the candles

Priest:

Let us pray.
O God, source and origin of all light,
who on this day showed to the just man Simeon and the prophet Anna
the Light for revelation to the Gentiles,
we humbly ask that,
in answer to our prayers,
you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles,
which we are eager to carry in praise of your name.
And we humbly ask that you will fill our hearts with the light of faith,
so that we may walk in the path of goodness and at last come to that light that
shines for ever, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Word of God

Song of Praise

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

H 7

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son
was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure
and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, 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.

Psalm

Psalm 84

H 517

Epistle

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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.

Sequence Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light H 490

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus 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 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 worshiped 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 favor of God was upon him.

The Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

The Nicene Creed

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 and the Son.

 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord is the strength of our lives, and our salvation, a light that cannot
quenched. Let us enter into that light now as we offer our thanksgivings and
our hearts' deepest longings.

Lord God of radiant splendor, we thank you for the blessings that you pour out
on us as we go about our daily lives and work, and we offer our thanksgivings
for these many blessings now, either silently or aloud. (*Silence in which prayers
can be offered silently or aloud.*)

For our churches, that they may be a light to all nations and a beacon for all
peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For enlightened hearts and minds among those who act and work for the public
good, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For God's reign of peace, that no people need live in the fear of death, especially for the people of Pakistan and South Sudan, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our prayer lists, and for all who walk in the valley of the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who serve in our armed forces, especially those on our prayer list.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in the everlasting light of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Now in this time of silence, I invite you to come forward and light a candle in thanksgiving for a particular blessing, for a hope or an expectation, or for a light filled longing that is known only to you and God; for someone you love, for someone you have loved and see no longer in this lifetime—come light a candle and bring your prayer to God.

(Harp music will take place during the candle lighting, followed by the singing of "Lord God, you now have set your servant free.")

God of mercy, be our light in times of darkness and our comfort in times of affliction. Refine us like gold and silver, that we may be light in this world, proclaiming your faithful love.

We pray through Christ, our one high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

H 556

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from EOW

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.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

The Celebrant continues

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

Sanctus

S 125

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

LEVAS 270

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn

Now the silence

H 333

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

H 657

Dismissal

Announcements

Welcome to St. Peter's! Our hope is that you will find God's love present with you in this place and that you will return here often.

Our communion bread is gluten free.

We welcome The Rev. Bambi Willis, our celebrant tonight, and the people of St. Asaph's to this service. Today marks the first anniversary of Bambi's installation as Rector at St Asaph's.

We welcome Denise Symonds, the organist for tonight's service, and Amy Meyer, our harpist, and thank them for their beautiful music.

Candlemas The Presentation of our Lord commemorates the day when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem where he was greeted by Simeon and Anna. By the Law every first born male was to be "consecrated to the Lord" forty days after his birth. Candles are blessed on this day (hence the name "Candlemas").

Serving tonight

Acolyte: Kimberly Fisher

Gospel Bearer: Tucker Fisher

Lectors: Elizabeth Heimbach and Virginia Scher

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Kunstmann

Greeters/Ushers: Cookie and Johnny Davis

Element bearers: Barbara and Boyd Wisdom

-----This Week -----

- Wed., Feb. 4, 10am – Ecumenical Bible Study
- Wed., Feb. 4, 5:00pm – Village Dinner
- Thurs, Feb. 5, 6:30pm – Peumansend Creek Jail Ministry
- Sun., Feb., 8, 10:00am – Godly Play
- Sun., Feb., 8, 11:00am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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The Vestry

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Prayer List

Dutchy and Dave Fannon, Virginia and Perry Bowen, Linda Upshaw, Crystal and Fred Pannell, Boyd and Barbara Wisdom, Myrtle Samuels, Peggy Roberts, John and Toni Fabisy, Brad Volland, Vivian McDonald, John and Sylvia Sellars, and we pray for the Gideons.

Bernadine Nastasee (mother of Toni Faibisy), Mark Witt, Jose Gutierrez. Sue Lee, (friend of John Gilliland), Carol Whitcomb, (aunt of Becky Fisher), Richard Morgan (grandfather of Kimberly Fisher), Lauri McGuire (sister of Charles McGuire), Mark Mallin (brother of Barbara Wisdom), Martie Sothoron Donovan, (family of the Segars) Towanda Simmons (daughter of Gladys Fortune), Grayson Kirby, Rhonda Hicks (friend and family of the Davis family), Mark Dobronski (friend of the Wicks), Mohan Machuga (grandson of Millie Muhly), Charlene Schnackenberg (mother of Becky Fisher), Bill Upshaw, (family of Linda Upshaw), Leroy Fisher (grandfather of Chris Fisher), Jaki Gathercole and family (friends of the Fishers), Allison Storm, Nancy Davis (family of Johnny Davis), Susan Onderdonk, Kirby McClain, Bobbie Canaday, Dick Delbridge, Matthew Delbridge (friends and family of the Hicks), Roy Wright, Jr., Rick and Linda Ferree and family, Betty Lontz, Nancy Hartwick, Betty Davenport, J. C. Volland, Jr. (friends and father of Brad Volland), Gloria Jewell, Charles and Yvonne Johnson (friends of the Pannell, Laura Carey), Peter Sorensen, Chuck Beckman, Carolyn & Elizabeth Nelson, Jan and Jeff Ward (friends of the Newmans), Carrie Griffith (mother of Marilyn Newman), Butch and Carolyn Delhagen, Bob and Diane Creel (relatives of the Newmans), David Watson (uncle of Ruth TenHoven), Bernie and Doyle (friends of Ruth TenHoven), Russell Smith, Daniel Smith (brothers of Susan Linne von Berg), Eudora Heath, Albert Barnett, Morris Samuels, Patricia Edwards (family of Andrea Pogue) and PCRJ prisoners.

Serving in the Armed Forces

Christopher DeHart	Gordon Devine	Christopher Feliciano
Joseph George	Steven Lee	David Locklerr
Daniel Vanpike		