

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2nd, 2020 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Three Liturgical Preludes (George Oldroyd)

OPENING HYMN 323

Ye Holy Angels Bright

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation, and we recognize the continuing presence of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in this region.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;
here may God's people find home.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of Anna and Simeon, whose law makes known the gift of life, whose love exposes our hardness of heart: by your Spirit, may we receive your faithful word and know your reconciling presence offered for all the world; through Jesus Christ, the Light and Glory of God. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

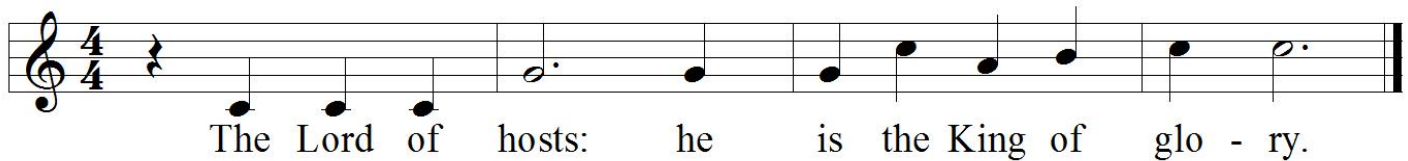
Malachi 3:1-4

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24:7-10



Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?"

"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?"

"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

O Little Love

**O little love, who comes again
the Word reborn to make God plain,
O Child who shines, the Jesus light,
disarm the world with radiance bright.**

**No heart so hard it does not move,
no hate resist your open love;
defenseless in our hands you come
to Herod's power, to Mary's home.**

**As all the wise look for your star,
so I must follow where you are,
as you are light so must I be,
as you are peace, be peace in me.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Nunc dimittis [Collegium Regale] (Herbert Howells)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

Silence is kept.

Gracious God,

we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and at times, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Your sins are forgiven ✕ by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 67

God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You give us friends and families, busy streets for young and old, the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your city to come.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. ___ Ho- san - na in the high-est. ___ Bless ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. ___ Ho- san - na in the high-est, ___ ho- san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

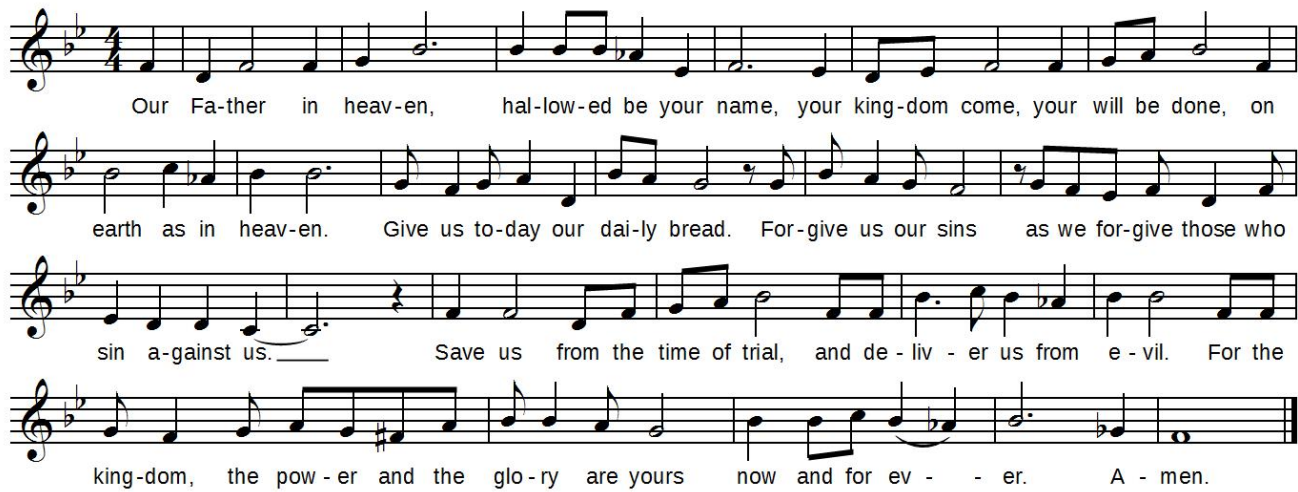
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So gracious God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, ✠ and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Saint John the Evangelist and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, we pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on
 earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who
 sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the
 king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness (William McKie)

Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die until 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. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the wisdom of God, the love of Christ, and the peace of the Spirit, bless you ✠ and shine brightly in your lives this day and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 378

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DISMISSAL

Go in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur "Te Deum" (Denis Bédard)

<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
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