



Candlemas: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 1st, 2026—4:00 p.m.

Welcome.

This church is a place of prayer and encounter with God. The stones of these walls have sheltered people seeking the presence of the Holy One for almost two centuries. This place of worship has been made hallowed by the prayers of generations and you are welcome to join your heart and voice to theirs.

St John's is an inclusive community of faith in the Anglican tradition: we welcome saints and sinners, people of faith and of no faith, people who are sure they know everything and those who are full of questions. All persons may share equally in the life and leadership of our church and we worship with and serve people of different ethnicities, politics, gender identities and sexual orientations, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.



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Preludes Two Preludes on “Mit Fried und Freud Ich Fahr Dahin” J.S. Bach; Rachel Laurin
Magnificat V Marcel Dupré

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn “Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple” Bunessan

Mary and Joseph came to the temple,
brought the boy Jesus, offered him there.
People were waiting wanting to greet him;
long had they sought him, solace for care.

Anna had prayed there, widowed, long waiting,
worshipping God by day and by night.
Now she is praising, filled with elation:
here is God's promise, Christ is her light.

Simeon sings now: God proffers blessing,
brilliantly gilding dawn of his day.
Light in the darkness, never extinguished,
Light of all nations, light up our way.

The Sentence

Officiant This is a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. *Luke 2:32*

Preces and Responses

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Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
People **And our mouth shall forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;
People **The Lord's name be praised.**

The Congregation sits; the Choir remains standing to sing the Psalm.

A pause is observed at the : in each line; each verse carries on into the next one without pause.



Cantor PRAISE THE Lord, ye **ser**-vants : Tone V.2

All O praise the **Name** of the Lörd.

All Blessed be the Name of the **Lord** :
from this time **forth** for ev^{er}-er-möre.

Cantor The Lord's Name is to be **prais**-ed :
from the rising up of the sun unto the going **down** of the säme.

All The Lord is high above all **na**-tions :
and his glory a-**bove** the hea-vëns.

Cantor Who is like unto the Lord our **God** :
that hath his **dwel**-ing so high,

All And yet humbleth himself to be-**hold** :
the things that are in **hea**-ven and eärth?

Cantor He taketh up the poor out of the **dust** :
and lifteth the needy **out** of the mire;

All That he may set him with the **prin**-ces :
even with the princes **of** his peoplë.

Cantor He maketh the barren woman to keep **house** :
All and to be a joyful mo-**ther** of chil-drën.



Cantor I WAS glad when they said **un**-to me : Tone IV.6

All 'We will go unto the house of the **Lord**.'

All Behold, our **feet** now stand :
within thy gates, O Jerusa-**lem**.

Cantor Jerusalem is built **as** a ci-ty :
that is at unity in it-**self**;

All Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes **of** the Lord :
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the **Lord**.

Cantor For there were set the **thrones** for judge-ment :
even the thrones of the house of Da-**vid**.

All O pray for the peace of Je-ru-sa^l-lem :
 may they prosper that love **thee**.

Cantor Peace be with-**in** thy walls :
 and plenteousness within thy pala-**ces**.

All For my brethren and com-**pan**-ions' sakes :
 I will wish thee prosperi-**ty**.

Cantor Yea, because of the house of the **Lord** our God :
 I will seek to do thee **good**.

All Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son :
 and to the Holy **Ghost**;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :
 world without end. A-**men**.

First Lesson

1 Samuel 1:20-28a

Reader The First Lesson is written in the Book of Samuel, in the first chapter, beginning at the twentieth verse.

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The Congregation stands.

Magnificat

George Dyson in C minor

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Congregation sits.

Second Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

Reader The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke, in the second chapter, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

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.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The Congregation stands.

Nunc Dimittis

George Dyson in C minor

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Presider I believe in God,
All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Congregation sits.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for the Parish Bicentennial

Officiant God of life and love, who didst put into the hearts of our ancestors in faith the building of a church in this place: we give thee thanks and praise for thy steadfast mercy through the generations; for the calling of this parish of St John the Evangelist to serve the needs of our neighbours and to proclaim the good news of thy kingdom. In our bicentennial year, renew in us our zeal for thy mission: let us be generous, compassionate, and faithful servants of the gospel and wise stewards of the heritage handed down to us, that this place and its people may be a light upon the hill, showing forth thy love to all who see it. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Anthem “When to the Temple Mary Went” Johan Eccard, arr. By Gwilym Bevan
When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child, Him did the aged Simeon see as it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God, he said, “In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen, the Hope of Israel, the light of men.” Help now Thy servants, Gracious Lord, that we may ever be as once the faithful Simeon was rejoicing but in Thee. And when we must from earth departure take, may gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

(trad. German text – translated by John Troutbeck)

The Intercessions

A Prayer of St John Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All **Amen.**

The Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 14—O Gracious Light

Tallis's Canon

Postlude "Sortie"

Marcel Dupré

Today's Music

PRELUDES: “Mit Fried’ und Freud’ Ich Fahr Dahin” is a German hymn by Martin Luther. A German paraphrase of the “Nunc Dimittis”, it was written in 1524 and the words are most often translated as “In peace and joy I now depart”. **J.S. Bach** set this tune in the 1710’s for his “Orgelbuchlein”, his now famous collection of chorale preludes. His setting is a rather dark intimate piece of music with a curious accompaniment figure that some scholars believe represents the shuffling steps of an elderly man – Simeon perhaps, who can now die in peace after having seen his Saviour. The second setting of this tune is by the late French-Canadian organist and composer **Rachel Laurin** (1961-2023). Her setting comes from her “12 Short Pieces, Op. 64”. She takes each phrase of the hymn and uses it either in a straightforward manner or she inverts the melody, creating additional compositional material – all this in a quiet setting, using contemporary harmonies.

In French composer and organist **Marcel Dupré’s** “Fifteen Pieces Founded on Antiphons”, there are six pieces entitled Magnificat I through VI, each a musical representation of several lines of the traditional Magnificat text. Number 5 is a very slow and mysterious setting of the text “*Here remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.*” Colourful chords prevail in this short one-page work. Dupré’s registration calls for an unusual combination of a 16’ stop, a 4’ stop and a Nazard in both the manuals and the pedals.

ANTHEM: “When to the Temple Mary Went” by Johann Eccard (1533–1611), is one of a host of motets which were supplied with new words in the nineteenth century. In this case the text is by the Reverend J. Troutbeck, who produced operatic translations and worked with both Stainer and Frederick Bridge on various Hymnals and Psalters. Troutbeck is best remembered for his lasting translations of Bach’s St Matthew Passion, St John Passion and Christmas Oratorio. Many of Eccard’s motets were written for more than four voices. Today’s arrangement by the late Canadian composer and organist **Gwilym Bevan** (1925-2024) pares the voices down to four parts, making this little gem more accessible to the average church choir. His arrangement attempts to retain the rich and sonorous sounds of the original, the inner parts having their own melodic and rhythmic logic.

POSTLUDE: The service concludes this afternoon with the highly-charged and rhythmic “Sortie” from Marcel Dupré’s “Three Pieces, Op. 62”. One of the most iconic organ performers and pedagogues of the twentieth century, Dupré made his mark in the organ repertoire with the virtuosic “Three Preludes and Fugues, op. 7”, and in the 1930s and 40s he would go on to write some of the most technically difficult and complex works in the repertoire (notably *Évocation*, *Trois Esquisses*, and *Vision*). This piece is the second of the three and dates from the very end of Dupré’s compositional career. It evokes the style of his improvisations on the organ of Saint Sulpice: formally clear, tuneful, and concise. This Sortie is a typically French toccata in perpetual motion. There is one smoother quieter section interspersed with the stronger rhythmic ones.

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Welcome!

Children's Ministry

We welcome children and youth, who may remain with you to worship and do not have to remain perfectly still and quiet! Please feel free to allow them to roam if they wish. Families are most welcome to use the activities in the children's area in the church and to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children.

On Posture in Worship

It is customary that we stand to pray and sing and sit to hear God's Word proclaimed and interpreted. Some people prefer to kneel to pray. Please adopt the posture that helps you to worship.

Visitor's Cards

If you're visiting, please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the rack on the bookcase in the Chapel. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

Making an Offering (Donation)

To support the ministry of the parish, an offering may be made by placing cash or a cheque in an envelope available where you picked up this order of service. Please write your name and address on the envelope, then place it on the brass offering plate. Tax receipts are issued for gifts of \$20 or more. We also have a convenient pre-authorized giving program for monthly donations that are debited from your bank account or we accept e-transfers to office@stjohnspeterborough.ca. Please visit www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate for more information.

Accessibility

The facility is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance, from where all levels of the facility are accessible via elevator.

Washrooms/Change Table

Accessible washrooms are located down the hall from the narthex (lobby). A change table is in the nursery at the end of the hall.

Fragrances

We ask that you refrain from wearing strong fragrances in order to accommodate those with breathing sensitivities.