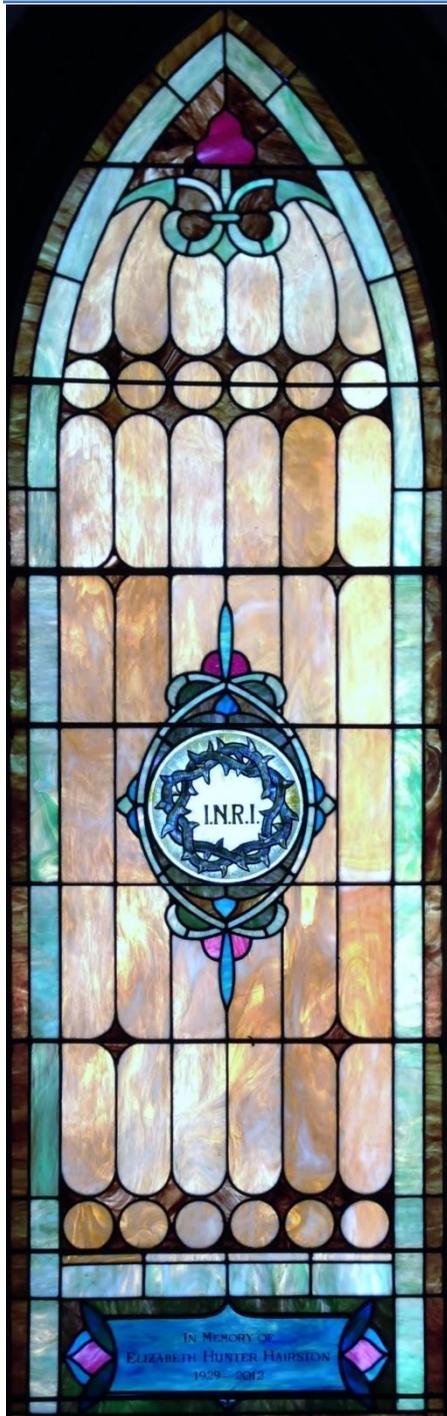


# The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple



**2 February 2014**

**11 A.M. Eucharist and Blessing of a Window**

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Prelude

**THE CANDLEMAS PROCESSION** *is intended for use before the Holy Eucharist on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Celebrant begins by standing inside the door of the church. All are provided with unlighted candles. The congregation stands facing the celebrant. The Celebrant greets the people with these words*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*The following canticle is then said, during which the candles are lighted. (As noted below, the candles are extinguished after the prayer before the lessons.)*

*Celebrant* A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

*People* **A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**

*Celebrant* Lord, you now have set your servant free \* to go in peace as you have promised.

*People* **A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**

*Celebrant* For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \* whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

*People* **A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**

*The Celebrant then says the following prayer*

Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith. BLESS † these candles that we bear and guide us along the paths of righteousness that we may come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Procession**

*With a lighted candle, any person who desires is encouraged to join procession filing in just behind the crucifer and torchbearers. The procession will go down each side aisle and then make a final pass up the center aisle, during which one returns to his or her seat.*

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace. *People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks*      *Hymnal 73*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

A Song of Praise (with short introduction)

*LEVAS 219*

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it: This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it: This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.**

*Hymnal S 280*

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

*You may extinguish your candle at this time.*

## A Reading from 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.

**The Word of the Lord.** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 24.7-10 *Domini est terra*

*Read in unison*

7

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

8

"Who is this King of glory?" \*

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

9

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

10

"Who is he, this King of glory?" \* "The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

## A Reading from 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.

**The Word of the Lord.** Thanks be to God.

***Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace***

***Tune: St. Peter***

*Using the following words, the music can be found at Hymnal 644.*

"Lord, let your servant go in peace;  
Your Word has been fulfilled."  
Because we've seen your saving grace  
We know that all is well.

Through all the sorrow, pain and death,  
We dare, O God, to sing.  
For you once sent your Son to earth —  
And that changed everything.

There's much we cannot understand,  
Nor order, nor control;  
We place our lives into your hands  
And trust you'll make us whole.

Lord, let your servants daily know  
That we are not alone;  
And may we find, where'er we go,  
You'll lead us safely home.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

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.

Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to Harold Camp and to all the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

The sick and in special need: Betty Ann, Helen, Bill, Clare, Frances, Edmund, Philippe,  
Rachel, Matt, Lola

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Geoffrey, Michael, James, Megan, Katie  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

For those celebrating birthdays:  
For those celebrating anniversaries:

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING OF A WINDOW**

*The Celebrant continues* Lord of Light, in the beginning you separated the light from the  
darkness, and said it was good.

***People:* The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

When Moses and the children of Israel escaped in darkness,

***People:* you sent a pillar of flame to light the way.**

When in our sin we turned away and called for darkness to surround us, you pursued us.

**Even the darkness is not dark to you, O Lord, the night is bright as the day.**

In a stable dark, your light was born in human form.

***The People:* The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

May the light that shines through this window be a blessing to us and remind us of your  
true light. Now BLESS † this window that is named in honor of Elizabeth Hunter  
Hairston and rededicated to your honor and glory. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the window with holy water and each member of the family that desires may  
in like manner asperse the window.*

Rest eternal grant unto Elizabeth Hunter Hairston whose name this window now bears.

**May light perpetual shine upon her and her memory be a blessing forevermore.**

Bless us who are stewards of this church and bless this church's ministry and mission

*Then together all say*

**Lord, keep us ever mindful of the treasures that have been handed to us from generations before. May the faith to which Elizabeth bore witness live on in us and may the light of Christ that shown brightly in her now shine through us. Amen.**

*Adapted from a litany composed by the Rev'd Lawrence Lee of United Church of Two Harbors (UMC/PCUSA) in Two Harbors, Minnesota.*



The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence and Choir Anthem

*Please stand for the Presentation Hymn*    ***Christ is the world's true Light***                    *Hymnal 542*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a Proper Preface is said.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Hymnal S 129*

*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and

bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Of the Father's love begotten*

*Hymnal 82*

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

*Hymnal 324*

Postcommunion prayer

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Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Joy to the world! the Lord has come*

*Hymnal 100*

*Those who wish may depart at this time. Please observe silence for those who wish to listen to the postlude. Join us for refreshments and conversation in the parish hall following the service.*

Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are given by Elizabeth Whitehead to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Hunter Hairston.*

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