

## Music and Readings: February 2, 2025

### The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon) (H 7)*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

### The Lessons

**FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 84 – see next page**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18**

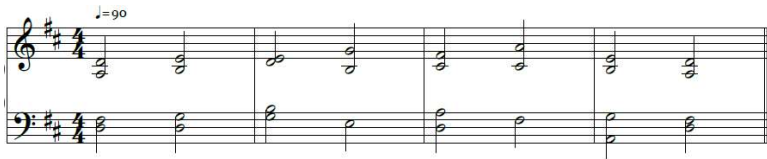
A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the 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, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 84



<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of <sup>1</sup> **hosts!** \* |  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living <sup>1</sup> **God.** |

<sup>2</sup>The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her <sup>1</sup> **young,** \* |  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my <sup>1</sup> **God.** ||

<sup>3</sup>Happy are they who dwell in your <sup>1</sup> **house!** \* |  
They will always be praising <sup>1</sup> **you.** |

<sup>4</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in <sup>1</sup> **you!** \* |  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' <sup>1</sup> **way.** ||

<sup>5</sup>Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of <sup>1</sup> **springs,** \* |  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of <sup>1</sup> **water.** |

<sup>6</sup>They will climb from height to <sup>1</sup> **height,** \* |  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in <sup>1</sup> **Zion.** ||

<sup>7</sup>LORD God of hosts, hear my <sup>1</sup> **prayer;** \* |  
hearken, O God of <sup>1</sup> **Jacob.** |

<sup>8</sup>Behold our defender, O <sup>1</sup> **God;** \* |  
and look upon the face of your A- <sup>1</sup> **nointed.** ||

<sup>9</sup>For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own <sup>1</sup> **room,** \* |  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the <sup>1</sup> **wicked.** |

<sup>10</sup>For the LORD God is both sun and <sup>1</sup> **shield;** \* |  
he will give grace and <sup>1</sup> **glory;** ||

<sup>11</sup>No good thing will the LORD with- <sup>1</sup> **hold** \* |  
from those who walk with in - <sup>1</sup> **tegrity.** |

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of <sup>1</sup> **hosts,** \* |  
happy are they who put their trust in <sup>1</sup> **you!** ||

## SEQUENCE HYMN *How lovely is thy dwelling-place (Brother James's Air) (H 517)*

### GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

*All stand.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Anita Ware*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *They cast their nets in Galilee (Georgetown) (H 661)*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** *When morning gilds the skies (Laudes Domini) (H 427)*

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**Priest**            The Rev. Anita Ware  
**Deacons**        The Rev. Pam Bright, The Rev. Michele Wiltfong  
**Organist**        Pam Dennis

## Worship Assistants

**Usher Team**        Martha Richard  
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**Children’s Crucifer**    Zelda Willis  
**Lectors**            Becca Causby, Kristine Willis  
**Chalice Bearers**        Judy Hopkins, Becca Causby, Kristine Willis  
**Altar Guild**        Martha Moore

**This week’s altar flowers are given in honor of Shirley Scism Ware by Rev. Anita in celebration of her mother's 81st Birthday today!**

## **This Week's Events**

### **Sunday 2/2**

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist – Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Coffee hour immediately following Eucharist

**11:00 a.m.** Adult Formation (Parish Hall)

### **Tuesday 2/4**

**9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer (Chapel)

**10:30 a.m.** Food Pantry box assembly

### **Wednesday 2/5**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Shepherd's Table food distribution

**12:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist w/ Pam (Chapel)

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Food Pantry Boxes distribution

### **Thursday 2/6**

**5:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel)

**8:00 p.m.** Compline on Zoom (See Donna Logan for details)

**Prayer List**



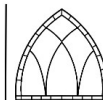
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