



All Saints
Episcopal Church
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
**THE PRESENTATION OF
OUR LORD**

February 2, 2025

Candlemas Procession

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Dear people of God, some forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O Gracious Father, almighty and eternal God, you created all things out of nothing, and by your command caused the labor of bees to be revealed in the perfection of wax. You commanded your servant Moses to keep lamps continually burning before you. Bless and sanctify these candles that their light may be for us a visible reminder of the true light who enlightens everyone coming into the world. As these candles, kindled with a visible flame, scatter the darkness of night, so also may our hearts be enlightened by the invisible fire of the Holy Spirit that we might avoid the darkness of sin, see your salvation, and attain to the Light that never fades away. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Antiphon [first time cantor, then all]

A light to en - light - en the na - tions,
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Cantor

1. Lord, you now have set your ser - vant free
to go in peace as you have prom - ised; [Antiphon]

2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav - ior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see: [Antiphon]

Setting: Mode 8 antiphon melody; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947). © 1985, Bruce E. Ford.

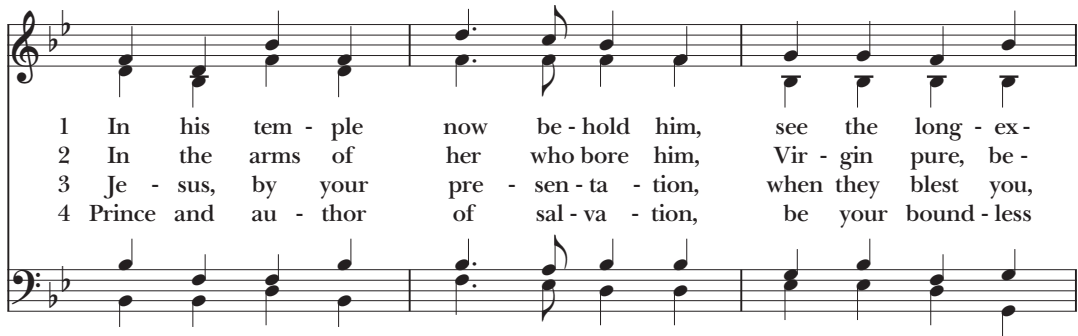
Let us pray.

O God, 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, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. *Amen.*

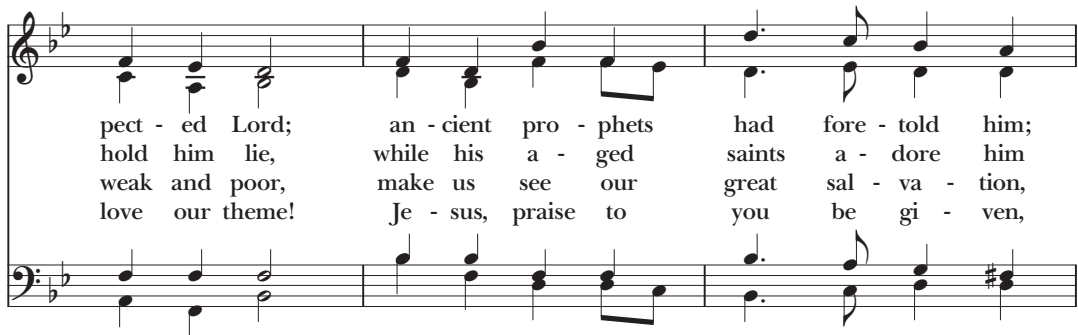
Let us go forth in peace. *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Processional Hymn

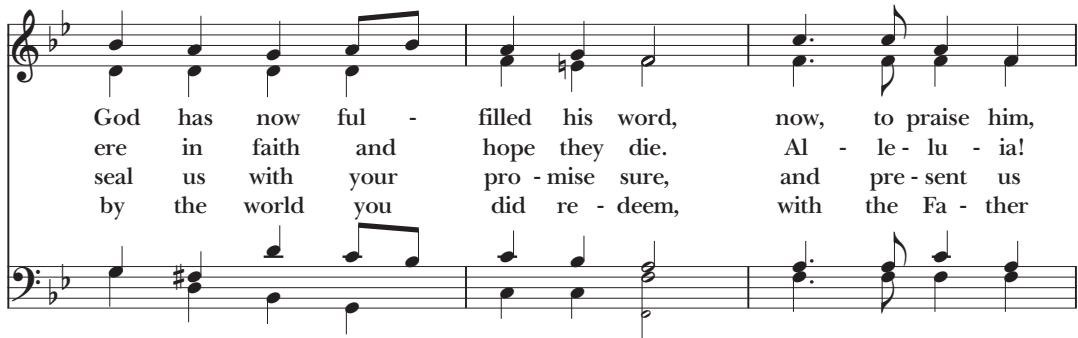
In his temple now behold him



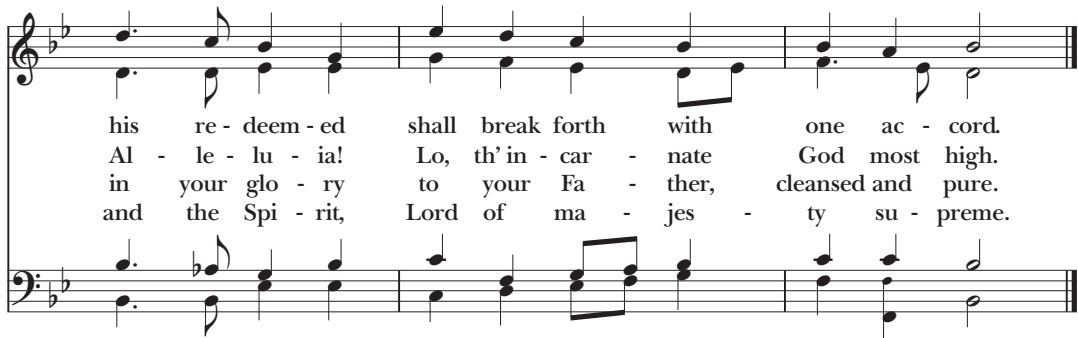
1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
2 In the arms of her who bore him, Vir - gin pure, be -
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blest you,
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient pro - phets had fore - told him;
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him
weak and poor, make us see our great sal - va - tion,
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be gi - ven,



God has now ful - filled his word, now, to praise him,
ere in faith and hope they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
seal us with your pro - mise sure, and pre - sent us
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, th' in - car - nate God most high.
in your glo - ry to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
and the Spi - rit, Lord of ma - jes - ty su - preme.

Words: Henry J. Pye (1827–1903), alt.

Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879)

- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed. *Antiphon*
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you! *Antiphon*

Lesson

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 descen-

dants 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.*

Sequence Hymn

Hail to the Lord who comes

Hymnal 259

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 conso-

lation 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 re-
quired 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 Rev. Cody Maynus

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

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 Peace

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, Prayer B

The full text of the liturgy is found on pages 367–369 of the prayer book.

Offertory Hymn

How bright appears the Morning Star

Hymnal 497

Presentation of the Gifts (please stand)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

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 God thanks and praise.*

... 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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a final fermata on the last note.

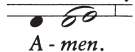
Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Eucharistic Proclamation

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Great Amen

BCP 369

...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. 
A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Communion of the People

We welcome all who wish to come to the Lord's Table. Please wait for the usher to invite you to come forward. If you wish to receive wine, you have two options: you may share the common cup or pick up an individual cup as you approach. Extend your hands to receive the bread, then the server will offer you the common cup (please touch it and guide it to your mouth) or fill your personal cup if you present it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your forearms over your chest.

Communion Hymns	<i>Creator of the stars of night</i>	Hymnal 60
	<i>Virgin-born we bow before thee</i>	Hymnal 258
	<i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i>	Hymnal 324

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving 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.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn	<i>Love divine, all loves excelling</i>	Hymnal 657
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Dismissal

...Thanks be to God.

Postlude	<i>Nunc Dimittis</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
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Please join us for coffee hour through the side doors immediately after the postlude!

Serving Today

*Thank you! If you would like to assist with the service occasionally,
speak to a minister or greeter for more information.*

Organist	John Schultz
Cantor	Jayne Gardner
Acolyte	Paul Pieper
Lectors	Rhonda Rowe & Bonnie Sherman
Intercessor/Chalice Bearer	Joan Ennis
Greeters	Joe Peterson & Kalie Ford
Livestream	Oliver Heiman
Coffee Hour	Liz Truman, Bob Neuhaus & Barb Chlan
Altar Guild	Pam Middleton and Rhonda Rowe

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for all the love, kindness, and support from our All Saints family
by Caroline Beail and Allyson Wehr.*

Calendar

*See allsaintsnorthfield.org during the week for event
reminders*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30PM Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:30PM Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:15PM Contemplative Prayer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30AM Sunday School

9:30AM Adult Education

10:30AM Holy Eucharist

11:45AM Coffee Hour

6:30PM Youth Group

This Sunday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation (sometimes called Candlemas.) The blessing of candles at the Eucharist on the Feast of the Presentation is an ancient custom and we will begin our service on Sunday with a blessing of candles.

We welcome the Rev. Canon Dr. Stephanie Spellers, former Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism and Reconciliation, as concelebrant this Sunday. Canon Spellers is in Northfield this weekend conducting research on young adults who are spiritual but not religious.

Also, this Sunday, we celebrate the ministry of Caroline Beail, our Ministry Assistant for Youth and Children, who is graduating from St. Olaf this month. Caroline has been a wonderful and extraordinarily active member of our community over the past year and we wish her abundant blessings as she returns home to San Diego this week.

The deadline for the February newsletter is Tuesday, February 4. Please send submissions to Pam Middleton at pmiddlet58@gmail.com.

On Sunday February 9th, we welcome the Rev. Anna Ostenso-Moore as our supply priest. Three members of our Episcopal Student Association, as well as Fr. Cody and Mark Heiman, will be attending a provincial campus ministry retreat in Chicago that weekend.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting last Sunday. Also thank you to Rhonda Rowe for organizing the taco bar lunch, and to Bob Rowe, Liz Truman, Rachel Zoller, Betsy Brandt, Mark Krug, Dick Brown, Laura Heiman and Pam Middleton for helping!

Thanks to everyone who came to yesterday's first All Saints Creative Collective morning. Creative fun and good conversation was had by all.

Your 2024 donation letters for your tax purposes have been mailed. Please contact Pam Middleton if you have not received it by early next week or if you have questions.

Save the Date! Winter Warm Up Game Day! On Saturday February 15 at 4 pm, join us for an afternoon evening of fellowship, fun, a bit of competitiveness, and good food! We'll play some games and laugh a lot! This always warms the heart and the soul. It's a great way to spend a chilly Saturday afternoon/evening in February. Bring a dish to share and your favorite game; any questions please call Rebecca or Mark Krug. The more the merrier!!

Thank you to everyone who signed up to donate flowers for the altar in the coming weeks. Please let the office know the Wednesday before whom they are dedicated to, if you are bringing them and if you have particular flowers or colors in mind. We will do our best to accommodate you.

If you would like for us to make you a nametag (or a replacement nametag), please sign up on the clipboard on the nametag table in the Commons with your name as you would like it printed.

Celebrating their birthdays this week are Lizzy Larson, 2/2; Bob Craig, 2/7 and Brad Ely, 2/8. Best wishes to all! If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, and you would like it to be, please email the office with dates.

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