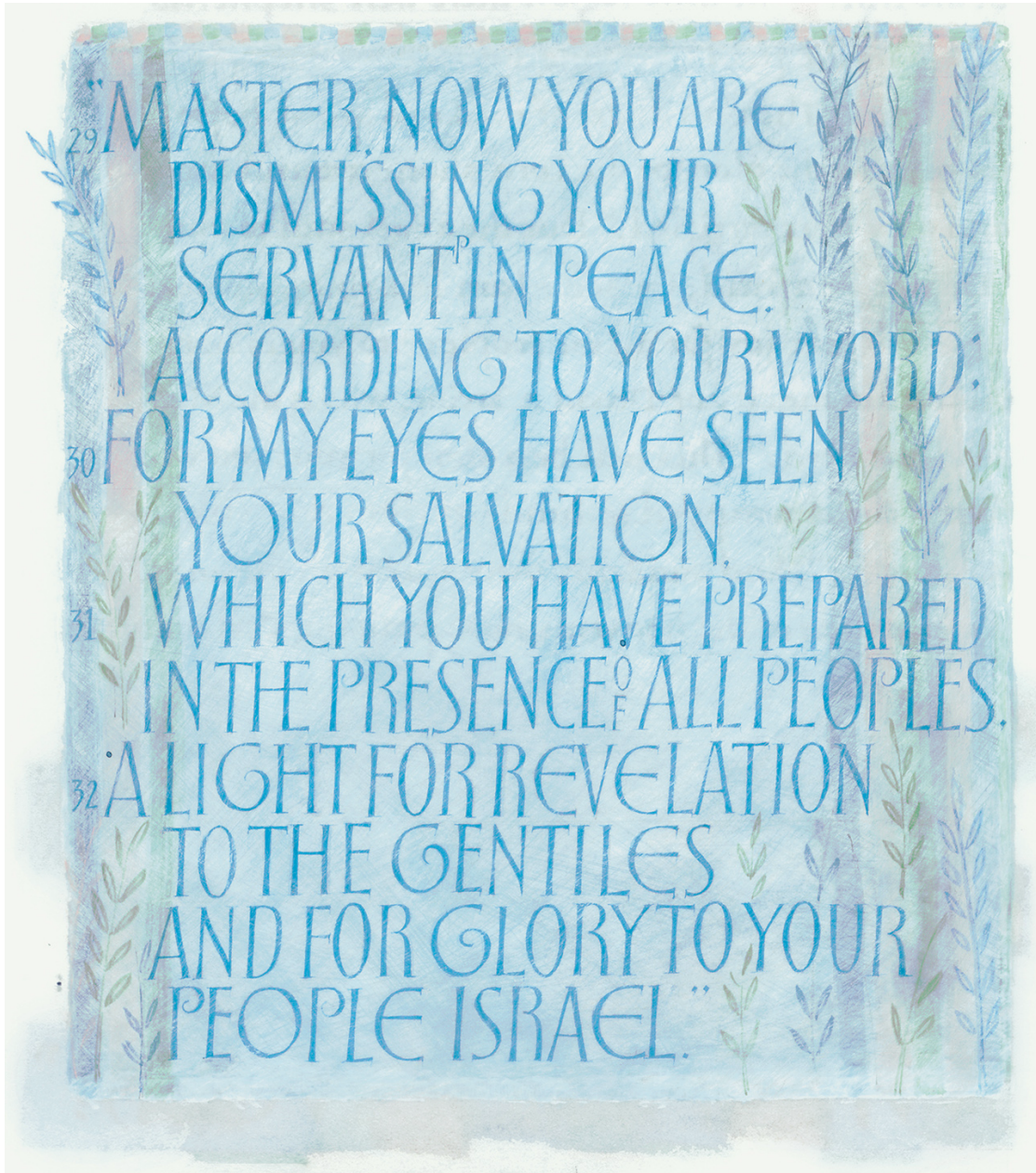


CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS:  
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**



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FEBRUARY 2, 2025  
5:30 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG

**PRELUDE: A Second Light**

*David Ashley White*

**INTROIT** *(sung by the Choir)*

*Johannes Eccard*

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 Savior 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.

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**HYMN: Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born**

*tune: Farley Castle  
text: Thomas Ken*

1. Her Vir - gin eyes saw God in - car - nate born,  
2. As Eve, when she her front - al sin re - viewed,  
3. All saints are by her Son's dear in - fluence blest;  
4. Heav'n with trans - cen - dent joys her en - trance graced,  
4 when she to Beth' - lem came that hap - py morn:  
wept for her - self and all she should in - clude,  
she kept the ve - ry fount - ain at her breast:  
near to his throne her Son his Mo - ther placed;  
7 how high her rap - tures then be - gan to swell,  
blest Mar - y, with man's Sa - vior in em - brace,  
the Son a - dored and nursed by the sweet Maid  
and here be - low, now she's of heav'n poss - est,  
10 none but her own om - ni - scient Son can tell.  
joyed for her - self and for all hu - man race.  
a thou - sand - fold of love for love re - paid.  
all gen - er - a - tions are to call her blest.

## OPENING SENTENCES

### PRECES

*Bernard Rose*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

*Please be seated.*

### PSALM 108 *(sung by the Choir)*

*Anglican Chant: Hurford, Stewart, Harrison*

1 O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; \*

I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.

2 Awake, thou lute and harp; \*

I myself will awake right early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples; \*

I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens, \*

and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens, \*

and thy glory above all the earth;

6 That thy beloved may be delivered: \*

let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; \*

I will rejoice therefore, and divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; \*

Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my lawgiver;

9 Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; \*

upon Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? \*

and who will bring me into Edom?

11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God? \*

and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 O help us against the enemy: \*

for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do great acts: \*

and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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.

**FIRST READING**

Malachi 3:1-4

**T**HUS 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.

**MAGNIFICAT - Mt. St. Alban's Service**

David Hogan

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiceth in God my Savior. 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 shewed 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 for ever. 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.*

**SECOND READING**

Luke 2:22-40

**W**HEN 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.

**NUNC DIMITTIS** - *Mt. St. Alban's Service*

*David Hogan*

*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** (*please stand*)

**I believe in God, 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.**

**THE RESPONSES**

*Bernard Rose*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*please kneel or sit*)

*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in 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.

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the State.

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

*Officiant* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

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 Collect of the Day)*

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 both 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 Savior. Amen.  
*(The Collect for Peace)*

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 Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.  
*(The Collect for Aid against all Perils)*

*Please be seated.*

**ANTHEM:** Lux arumque

*Eric Whitacre*

Lux,  
 Calida gravisque pura velut aurum  
 Et canunt angeli molliter  
 modo natum.

*Light,  
 warm and heavy as pure gold  
 and angels sing softly  
 to the new-born babe.*

*-Edward Esch, b. 1970*

*Translated to Latin by Charles Anthony Silvestri*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant* Let us pray. *(please kneel)*

*People* **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and**

**for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**THE CLOSING PRAYERS & THE GRACE**

**HYMN 259:** Hail to the Lord who comes

*Old 120th*

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his temple gate;  
 2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,  
 3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;  
 4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;  
 watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,  
 and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands  
 Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;  
 thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heaven - ly guest.  
 takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.  
 be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

**POSTLUDE:** Variations on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"

*arr. Stephan Trenner*

*Please be seated after the Procession has passed.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

This Friday, February 7, 7pm - **CABARET!**

Join us at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club for an evening of food, drink, and entertainment as you hear the other side of our talented singers, including Broadway show tunes and popular songs. All proceeds will benefit the 2025 UK Choir Tour and Pilgrimage. \$50 tickets from the Church Office.

Sunday, February 16, 4pm - **The Charles Ives Songbook**

*The Annual Allen Shaffer Concert* - We celebrate the work of a truly American composer, Charles Ives, featuring compositions that include hymns and well-known songs. The New Commonwealth Quartet performs his String Quartet No. 1, in addition to performances by pianist Stephen Coxe, organist Norman Elton, and vocalist Hunter Enoch.

Sunday, March 2, 5:30pm - **Choral Evensong for the last Sunday of Epiphany**

Friday, March 14, noon - **Midday Chamber Music II**

The music of Johann Sebastian Bach and his son Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, featuring flutists Debra Wendells Cross and Ya-Ching Chen; Jeff Phelps, cello; and Kevin Kwan, harpsichord.

Friday, April 4, noon - **Midday Chamber Music III**

Soprano Bianca Hall, cellist Jeff Phelps, and harpsichordist Stephen Coxe perform Bach, Scarlatti, and the extraordinary cantata *Esther* by French baroque composer Élisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre.

Sunday, April 6, 5:30pm - **Choral Evensong for Lent**

Tuesday, April 29, 7:30pm - **The Tallis Scholars presents Palestrina 500**

Tickets at [vafest.org](http://vafest.org). Priority seating for Friends of Music.

Sunday, May 4, 5:30pm - **Choral Evensong for Eastertide**

Sunday, May 11, 4pm - **Alcée Chriss Celebrity Organ Recital**

Tickets available at [vafest.org](http://vafest.org) or at the door.

Friday, May 23, noon - **Midday Chamber Music IV**

Thursday, May 29, 7pm - **Ascension Day Hymn Festival** (at St. Andrew's Church)

With Dr. John Cummins, Organist & Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, NC. This service will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in West Ghent, 1004 Graydon Ave, Norfolk.

Sunday, June 8, 4pm - **Mozart's Requiem**

Our spring concert features one of the greatest choral masterpieces of all time: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem. Join the Parish Choir and orchestra of period instruments in a thrilling afternoon.

Sunday, July 13, 5:30pm - **Farewell Choral Evensong**