



# St Paul's Anglican Church

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

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10:00 am **BAS Holy Eucharist**  
*A Form in the Language of the Book of Common Prayer 1962*

## Indigenous Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

## Prelude

**Processional Hymn** # 349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

## Sentence

This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.  
*Luke 2.32*

## **The Gathering of the Community** (*All stand*)

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Gloria in Excelsis** (sung)

**All: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading – Malachi 3:1 – 4**

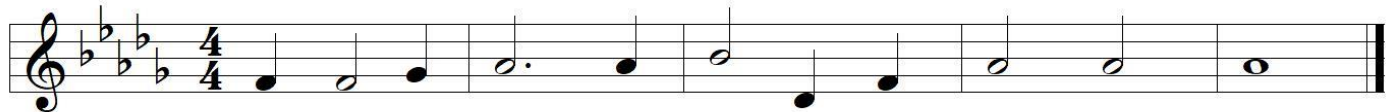
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm – 84**



Bless-ed are they who dwell in your house, O God.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

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 – Hebrews 2:14 – 18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #147 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light v.1, 2**

Reader The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel – Luke 2:22 – 40**

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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

**People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn** #147 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light vs 3

**Homily** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

### **The Nicene Creed**

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: we humbly

beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, (and specially to thy servant N our bishop), that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: and grant to thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, (especially those for whom our prayers are desired).

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant        Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
*Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

Leader           Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

*Silence is kept.*

**All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant       Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Peace**

Celebrant       The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People           And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn # 427 All Beautiful the March of Days**

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft



as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

**All            We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant            And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious

Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood,  
That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

## **The Communion**

Celebrant        The gifts of God for the People of God.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. At this time, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is strictly prohibited for hygienic reasons. If desired, you may instead lay your hands on the base of the chalice.*

## **Hymns during Communion**

Eucharist 1: Refiner's Fire - Brian Doerksen CCLI Song #426298

Verse 1 **Purify my heart Let me be as gold And precious silver Purify my heart Let me be as gold Pure gold**

Chorus **Refiner's fire My heart's one desire Is to be holy Set apart for You Lord I choose to be holy Set apart for You my Master Ready to do Your will.**

Verse 2 **Purify my heart Cleanse me from within And make me holy Purify my heart Cleanse me from my sin Deep within**

Eucharist 2: # 74 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

**Anthem:** Jesus, Son of God, Most Holy

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant        Let us pray.

Celebrant        God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**

## **Doxology**

Celebrant      Glory to God,

**All**      whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. **Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Celebrant May Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**All**    **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn** # 570 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

## **Dismissal**

Celebrant:      Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
go, serve the world God loves!

**All:**            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:**    (Feel free to sit and listen)

If you would have easy and sweet access to God in prayer: seek a holy heart, seek a broken heart, seek a humble heart.

*Robert Leighton*

## **Next Week's Readings** – Epiphany 5

Isaiah 6:1-8      Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11      Luke 5:1-11

# Announcements

**The Designated Giving for February #215** will benefit the local **Habitat for Humanity**. With the home construction season coming soon, Habitat volunteers will begin their labours. Fortunately, even if we're not hammering and sawing, we can join the cause. Building materials like lumber are a major expense, but with our donations we'll help make sure yet another family has a safe place to live.

**Refreshment Time helpers:** The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

**Pancake Lunch/Supper tickets are on sale:** The annual Shrove Tuesday pancake festivities take place on March 4th this year. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10 years of age. Lunch will be from 11:30 – 1:00 and supper will be from 5:00 - 6:30. **The sign-up sheet** is in the hall for the volunteer positions we need to fill for the event to run smoothly. Please help us out as you are able.

**Progressive Dinner:** An In-House Progressive dinner is planned for February 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm at 13 Melbourne St. West. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall with space for twelve people. This will be a four-course dinner by donation for St. Paul's General Funds.

**Income Tax Receipts:** Available in your slots

**Gift Cards** Reminder to continue purchasing these cards until we run out and for those who already do, Thanks

**Baby Grand Piano** (by Paul C.) As announced last Sunday we have the opportunity to purchase a used baby grand piano for our sanctuary. Arlene confirms it is quality instrument and a great deal. We have started a "Buy a Key" for \$34 Campaign; there are 88 keys! Perhaps you may wish to buy more than one; maybe even an octave (8 keys)?

The movers (Fannings) are picking it up for us on Tuesday February 18th, so it will be here for Sunday the 23rd. (Vestry Sunday)

"Please mark "Baby Grand (or designated #101) on your envelope and it will be added to your givings for tax purposes. Betty and I are very appreciative of the strong support (verbal and financial) and positive response this has received right out of the gate (31 keys are already secured in 2 days)!"

You will hear and see the difference a baby grand makes in sound and appearance.

**Volunteer Custodians** (by Paul C.) I am pleased to inform you that 7 people have stepped up to offer their help to keep our church and halls clean. We (Don Brohm and I) have started spreading the work out with tasks that take under one hour a week (most closer to 1/2hour). We expect to have everyone lined up with their task by the end of next week. These gifts of time and treasure will save the church over \$9,000 in salaries this year, help our 2025 budget really needs. Thank you so much for stepping up!

A reminder to wear **nametags** to help others know who you are.

**We Strive to be a Scent free space**



**Renewal begins with prayer.** Right across our diocese people are praying for spiritual renewal to take hold in their own lives, as well as the life of their church, and our diocese. Let's make a daily commitment to spend at least a few minutes in prayer, drawing close to God, who promises to draw close to us and be at work in and through us.

**Vestry Year End Reports** Please send them in sooner than later. Deadline is February 9<sup>th</sup> Please and Thanks.

**Prayer for Vestry:** Eternal God, Source of all life, we thank you and praise you for all those who come together at St. Paul's to form a community of believers, sheep of your flock.

We pray for all in leadership here that the Holy Spirit would bless them with wisdom and good courage to do your will; and we pray for our Vestry meeting and each member that you would refresh your mission within us and that you would bless this parish with renewal. Amen.

**ATV for Sale:** Are you interested in purchasing (or know someone who might be) a Venom III 110 cc ATV that was donated to the church. We are asking \$1000. Please connect with Paul C.



*Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.  
Please join us after Worship for Refreshments and Fellowship!*

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# St. Paul Events 2025

Shrove Tuesday



March 4<sup>th</sup>

Spring Thaw



April 5<sup>th</sup>

Strawberry Supper



June 19<sup>th</sup>

Murder Mystery



October 25<sup>th</sup>

Concert and Tea



November 22<sup>nd</sup>

House Tour



November 29<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Day Dinner



December 25<sup>th</sup>

**SAVE YOUR LOONIES!!!!**

**SPRING THAW DINNER & LOONIE AUCTION**

**SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025**

**6 PM**

**COME AND ENJOY A 3-COURSE CATERED DINNER**

**\$40.00 PP - Prebooked Reserved Seating**



Looking for any DONATIONS of items of pies, baked goods, gift cards or certificates, preserves, wine, knitted goods, ceramics, etc. are welcome. To be handed in to Linda Todd, Barb Truax or through the office (please indicate 'Spring thaw' and your name on item)

**TICKETS ON SALE:** Feb 2 (cash, cheque, square) every Sunday  
And during church office hours (Tues-Thurs 9-12)