

An Order of Worship for the Evening

❖ CANDLEMAS ❖

The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ
in the Temple (*transferred*)

FEBRUARY 3, 2023 ❖ 7:00 PM
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Presider 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 also with you.**

Presider Beloved in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father, and revealed as the salvation prepared by God before the face of all peoples. In their old age, Simeon and Anna recognized him as the promised One, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of his people, Israel.

On this day, we join our voices with their praise and testimony, that we may be heralds of his promise and reflect his light to the world.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The candles are blessed.

Presider Blessed are you, O God, source and spring of everlasting light. You make our darkness bright as the noonday, for with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. Pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendor, that we, who by these kindling flames illumine this temple to his glory, may shine with his radiance, dispelling the darkness of injustice with the light of his righteousness, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The candles may be sprinkled with holy water.

Presider We wait for your loving-kindness, O God,

People **In the midst of your temple.**

Presider Open to us the gates of righteousness,

People **That we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Presider The Lord is our light and our salvation.

People **Alleluia! O, come, let us worship.**

O GRACIOUS LIGHT ❖ *Phos hilaron*

Sung to Tallis canon or Creator of the stars

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
In you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, Blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
The lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God
who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Lifegiving Lord;
Wherefor you are through all the earth
And in the highest heaven adored.



PSALM 84 ❖

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 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.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 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.
- 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!

FIRST READING ❖ *Malachi 3:1-4*

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF MARY ❖ *Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING ❖ *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF SIMEON ❖ *Nunc dimittis*

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

THIRD READING ❖ *Luke 2:22-40*

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY ❖

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.**

PRAYER FOR LIGHT ❖

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding
us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper
light; and we implore you of your great mercy that,
as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so
you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your
Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ❖

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE ❖

BLESSING ❖

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with
radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.
Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes
and warm your hearts. **Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to
guide your feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God: the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL ❖

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

