

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Belmont, California

Candlemas

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Opening Hymn *When in our music God is glorified*

Hymnal 420

Opening Acclamation

Presider Arise! Shine! For your light has come!

People The glory of the Lord has risen upon us! Amen.

Hymn of Praise *The Cantor sings the hymn once and then the People join the Cantor.*

Look Around

from Isaiah 60:1-6

Justin Schrum

$\text{♩} = 120$

Look ar - ound for your light has come, and the glo-ry of the Lord has ris - en up-on you.

let the light shine in! no more dark ness o'er the land. Look ar - ound let your

hearts be glad and let your lips re-joice in praise for - ever and ev - er let the light shine in

let the li-ght shi-ne in!

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord of glory be with you.

People **The Lord bless you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented and met in the temple with prophetic praise, so we may also meet Christ with inspired hymns and in the world reflect his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Malachi

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84 (adapted): How lovely is thy dwelling place

Hymnal 517

The Second Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **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 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.

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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.**

A Litany for the Mission of the Church

Presider Let us pray for the Church and the World.

Intercessors

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,
Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Have mercy on us.

From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for
your love,
Savior, deliver us.

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your
compassion,
Savior, deliver us.

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

Savior, deliver us.

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

Savior, deliver us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect your wonderful works.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Look in mercy on the needy and all those who suffer, that they may find wholeness and healing (*pause*):

God of light and life, **Hear our prayer.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them (*pause*).

God of light and life, **Hear our prayer.**

Presider

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior.

Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements + Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Offertory Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Hymnal 490

All gifts received will support Good Shepherd's ministries; enable our service to the community; sustain our buildings and nurture the land.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us
And call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
And with the faithful of every generation,
We lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus All sing

LEVAS II 256

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r - and might, heav - en 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 first system includes the instruction "(piano)" and "Leader" above the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
We would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
He revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Presider

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

WLP 874

Principal Canon
♩ = 48

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Candlemas Procession

Presider God here among us, *People* **Light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Presider
Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendor, as we kindle these flames to light up this temple to your glory. **Amen.**

The Ministers and People kindle the candles and share the light during the Nunc dimittis.

The Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis

Hymnal 499

Unison or harmony

Lord God, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in

peace as prom-ised in your word; my eyes have seen the

Sa - vior, Christ the Lord, pre-pared by you for all the

world to see, to shine on na-tions trapped in dark-est night,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, and their light.

Words: Rae E. Whitney (b. 1927); para. of *The Song of Simeon*
Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625);
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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10 10. 10 10. 10 10

Final Responory and Benediction

The people turn toward the baptismal font where the ministers are gathered

Holy God, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Savior's birth.
Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.
Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.
Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.

Here we have greeted the light of the world.
Help us, who bear these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.

Here we stand near the place of baptism.
Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.
Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.

Here we bless one another in your name.
Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.



Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

Em Am Bm7 Em



1. Lo - nging for light, we wait in dark - ness. Lo - nging for
 2. Lo - nging for peace, our world is trou - bled. Lo - nging for
 3. Lo - nging for food, ma - ny are hung - ry. Lo - nging for
 4. Lo - nging for shelter, ma - ny are home - less. Lo - nging for
 5. Ma - ny the gifts, ma - ny the peo - ple. Ma - ny the

Am7 Bm7 Em Am D



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your ho - ly
 hope, ma - ny des pair. Your word a lone has pow'r to
 water, ma - ny still thirst. Make us your bread, bro - ken for
 warmth, ma - ny are cold. Make us your building, shel - te - ring
 hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one a

G C A D



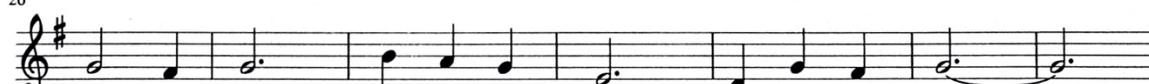
peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 save us. Make us your li - ving voice.
 o - thers, shared un - til all are fed.
 o - thers, walls made of li - ving stone.
 no - ther, ma - king your king - dom come.

G C G Em Bm Em Am D G



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the dark - ness. Christ,

C G C Am D G



be our light! Shine in your church, ga - thered to - day.

The Dismissal

Minister Go in the light and peace of Christ
 to love your neighbor and serve God in the world.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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