



Sunday, February 2, 2025
The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge



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Land Acknowledgement

It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Township of Uxbridge but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississauga and Chippewa (Anishinaabe) people. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Metis Nation continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Today's Mass Setting: St. Thomas

Prelude

Beaudoin

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

CP 385

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

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gloria

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father
We worship you. We give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have Mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of God,
Receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
For you alone are the Holy One;
You alone are the lord; you alone are the most high, Jesus
Christ
With the holy spirit with the glory of God the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.*

Kyrie Eleison

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

Collect of the Day

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

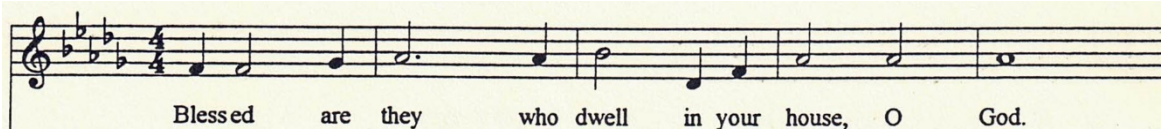
Reader: A Reading from the Book of Malachi

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. *(Malachi 3:1-4)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 84



Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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. (*Hebrews 2:14-18*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Rejoice, the Lord is King

CP 379

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Reader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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 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 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. *(Luke 2:22-40)*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Wonder of God's Story

Beaudoin

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CP 485

The Prayer over the Gifts

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave

it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, we pray together

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take Away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

Communion

During Communion

Of Eternal Love Begotten

CP 132

Prayer after Communion

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.**

The Doxology

Glory to God, 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

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

CP 375

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(to be sung by all)

Let There be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With god as our father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.**

Songwriters: Jill Jackson, Sy Miller. For non-commercial use only.

Postlude

How Brightly Shine the Morning Star

Buxtehude

*If you have another commitment today,
and need to depart the church during the postlude, feel free to do so quietly.*

****Many of us enjoy “Coffee and Conversation” after the service but we are in need of a few more volunteers to help. It is a simple task, made easier if there are two people per week. Coffee, tea and sugar are supplied, there are written instructions in the kitchen, and we are happy to teach you the routine. Please contact the church office or Mary Ann Eastman maryann902@icloud.com.****

This Week at St. Paul’s

Thursday, February 6, 2025

- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

Saturday, February 8, 2025

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – **Free February Craft Morning** for adults and children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, February 9, 2025 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

- 10:30 am – Worship

Readings for Next Sunday

- Isaiah 6:1-13
- Psalm 138
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

Upcoming Events

- **The Annual Vestry Meeting** of St. Paul’s will be held on **Sunday, February 23, 2025**. The Vestry Booklet will be prepared for distribution on February 16, 2025. If you are responsible for preparing a report to vestry please ensure that it is

received by the Church Office no later than **Sunday, February 9, 2025**. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Saturday, February 15, 2025 – 7:00 pm** -Music at St. Paul's presents **Music in the Silent Films of Uxbridge & Environs**