



Sunday, February 1, 2026
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.

Prelude

Elevation

Dubois

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(please stand)

Processional Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

CP 397

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

CP 686

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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 the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the holy spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Kyrie

CP 687

Cantor:	Kyrie eleison	People:	<i>Kyrie eleison</i>
Cantor:	Christe eleison	People:	<i>Christe eleison</i>
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Cantor:	Kyrie eleison		

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

(please be seated)

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

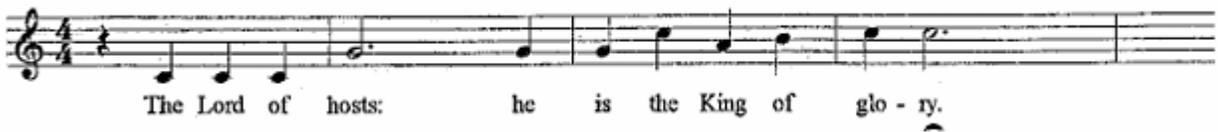
Reader: The First Reading is written in the third chapter of the Book of Malachi beginning at the first verse

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 24:7-10



Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Reader: The second reading is written in the second chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews beginning at the fourteenth verse

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.

(please stand)

Gradual

In His Temple We Now Behold

1. In His Temple now behold Him,
See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him,
God has now fulfilled His word.
Now to praise Him, His redeemed
Shall break forth with one accord.
2. In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie
While His aged saints adore Him
Ere in perfect faith they die.
Allelujah, allelujah!
Lo! the incarnate God Most high!
3. Jesus, by Your presentation,
When they blessed You, weak and poor,
Make us see Your great salvation,
Seal us with Your promise sure;
And present us in Your glory
To Your Father, cleansed and pure.

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**

(please be seated)

Homily

Moment of Silent Reflection

(please stand)

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all this 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

(please sit kneel/stand)

Prayers of the People

(please sit/kneel)

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.**

(please stand)

The Peace

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand)

Offertory Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

CP 645

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

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

CP 689

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

(please be seated)

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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

CP 690

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

During Communion

Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart

Let me be as gold and precious silver

Purify my heart

Let me be as gold, pure gold

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

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

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(please be seated)

Anthem

Laudamus

Sleeth

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

(please stand)

Recessional Hymn

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

CP 460

(please stand)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)

Postlude

Jesus Accepts His Purpose

Dubois

If you have another commitment today,

and need to depart the church during the postlude, feel free to do so quietly.

If you wish to contact Rev. Johanna, her email is, revjohannapak@gmail.com. For phone contact, please use the church 905-852-7016.

A notice has been received from the **Township Office** regarding **vehicles illegally parked in the front municipal parking lot**. Please ensure “If the municipal parking lot is being used in the evening, all vehicles must be parked legally and respectfully, including:

- Parking only in clearly marked parking spaces; and
- Using accessible parking spaces only when a valid permit is displayed

To ensure safety, accessibility, and fair use of the lot, Parking Enforcement Officers will be enforcing these requirements going forward.

This Week at St. Paul’s

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

- 1:30 pm – St. Paul’s Creative Crafters in the Lounge - (see more information in Upcoming Events)

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

- 10:00 am – Midweek Eucharist
- 10:30 am – Informal Bible Study in the Lounge

Sunday, February 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am – Eucharist
- 12:00 pm – Book Study “The Cross and the Lynching Tree” in the Lower Hall. Everyone Welcome.

Readings for Next Sunday

- Isaiah 58:1-9a
- Psalm 112:1-9
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
- Matthew 5:13-20

Upcoming Events

- **Mid-week Eucharist and Bible Study** continues on Wednesdays. The Eucharist is at 10:00 am in the church with the Informal Bible Study beginning at 10:30 am in the lounge. All are welcome.
- **The Annual Vestry Meeting** of St. Paul's will be held on **Sunday, February 22, 2026**. The Vestry Booklet will be prepared for distribution on February 15, 2026. 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 8, 2026**. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 2:00 pm - Celebration of New Ministry Service for Reverend Johanna**. More details will follow. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this celebration in the life of our parish.
- **St. Paul's Creative Crafters** – All crafters are welcome. If you are a seasoned crafter or just starting out or want to learn and create. Come share your passion for handmade fun!
 What to expect:
 - gather and share your love of knitting, crochet, stitchery, paper crafts and more
 - skill sharing ideas learning new techniques
 - become a part of our prayer shawl ministry, providing shawls, pocket squares and more to members of our community
 - you are welcome to bring your own craft projects and enjoy some fellowship with others
 Join us the **first Tuesday of every month** in the church lounge from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.
 For more information contact Doreen Stainton – email cedarviewarts@gmail.com

**For the health and comfort of those with allergies
 St. Paul's is a "scent free" facility.**