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### Preparation Hymn [Insert]

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Tune: Prayer of St. Francis

### Hymn during Communion CP 553

*Ubi Caritas et Amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

Live in charity and steadfast love,

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Source: The Taizé Community

### Sending Hymn CP 498

*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

Tune: Brother James' Air

### Postlude:—*Courante*

W. A. Mozart, aus KV 399

#### **Candlemas**

With certitude  
Simeon opened  
ancient arms  
to infant light.  
Decades  
before the cross, the tomb  
and the new life,  
he knew  
new life.  
What depth  
of faith he drew on,  
turning illumined  
towards deep night.

*Denise Levertov (1923–1997)*



## The Cathedral Church of All Saints



*The Presentation of Jesus*

**February 2, 2025**

### Instrumental Prelude: *Andantino*

W. A. Mozart, KV 236 236

### Welcome

**Opening Hymn: CP 520** *God Is Our Fortress and Our Rock*

Tune: Ein' Feste Burg

### Children's Message



### Collect

**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

**Reader:** Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All:** **Our hearts and minds are open.**

**Reader** A reading from the prophet 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 84 (Read responsively)**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;  
**my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise**

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

**They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

**Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**Gradual Hymn CP 625** *I Founds Him Cradled*  
Tune: Three Days On

### **The Gospel**

*All stand, as able, for the Gospel.*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:22-40)

*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 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.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*

The Gospel of Christ.

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