



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SOLEMNITY OF CANDLEMAS

3 February 2019

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Procession & Solemn Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.

ORGAN - Prayer

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

THE GREETING

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his Mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

THE BLESSING OF CANDLES *at 10a.m. only*

The People hold their candles high, and the Celebrant blesses them as follows

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst present thine only-begotten Son in the holy temple to be received in the arm of blessed Simeon; we humbly entreat thee to bless, hallow and kindle with the light of thy heavenly benediction these candles which we thy servants desire to carry, lighted in honor of thy holy Name. May we be filled with the fire of thy love, and made worthy to be presented in the holy temple of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

While the candles are lighted, the choir sings

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc dimittis*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *

according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*

and to the Holy Ghost:*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

world without end. Amen.

Words: *Luke 2:29-32*

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

AT THE PROCESSION

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

***People* In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN 93 - *Regent Square*

STATION AT THE CRECHE

Celebrant We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord:

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who didst make this day holy by the presentation of thy Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to the bearer of the Only begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 82 - *Divinum mysterium*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - *Hymnal S202*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *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. (3:1-4)

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL - *Domini est terra*

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Words: *Psalm 24: 7-10*

Music: William Crotch (1775-1847)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted. (2:14-18)

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE: HYMN 259 - *Old 120th*

The people turn to face the Book of Gospels.

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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. (2:22-40)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

Deacon

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgment on the world; look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor: look in mercy on the needy, suffering with them. your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace: look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected: look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the Infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfillment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus Christ, when you come among us, you proclaim the Kingdom of God in this and every place: Grant that your presence and power will make this parish church a home of spiritual refreshment and healing. We acknowledge our thankfulness to you for the generosity of those who have and continue to support our Capital Campaign. Open our loving hearts so that our mission may prosper and your Name be glorified. This we ask through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Deacon and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces an Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

When to the temple Mary went and brought the holy child, him did the aged Simeon see as it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms and, blessing God, he said: In peace I now depart, my saviour having seen, the hope of Israel, the light of men. Help now the servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be, as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in thee; and when we must from earth departure take, may gently fall asleep, and with thee wake.

Words: *Luke 2*

Music: John Eccard (1533-1611)

HYMN 257 - *Edmonton*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal S114*)

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OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

AGNUS DEI *from Communion Service in F*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

MOTET - *Senex puerum*

Senex puerum portabat,
puer autem senem regebat;
quem Virgo peperit,
et partum Virgo permansit, ipsum,
quem genuit adoravit.

*The old man carried the child,
but the child was the old man's King.
A virgin gave birth to that child,
yet remained a virgin; the one she bore she
also adored.*

Words: Traditional
Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, 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.**

HYMN 618 - *Lasst uns erfreuen*

ORGAN - *Sortie*

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

WORSHIPING THIS MORNING

WE WELCOME all visitors to Bethesda. Please identify yourself to the clergy and sign the Register in the Narthex, located next to the vestibule door.

Large print copies of the SERVICE LEAFLET are available. An usher would be happy to assist you. A WHEELCHAIR, located near the handicap lift in the vestibule, is available to those who require it.

ALL CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES will take place on the lower level of the First Baptist Church, at the corner of Washington Street and Railroad Place. Please gather in the Narthex after receiving Holy Communion; a teacher will accompany the children.

Please join us for REFRESHMENTS in the Narthex, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy.

ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Christopher Lyons
		Robert Bullock
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach
		Steven Rucker
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Claverie
		Diane Robinson
		Tom Moeller
		Fred Scheidt

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Church of Burundi
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	The Right Reverend William H. Love
<i>Our Parish</i>	Church School with the First Baptist Church

During the month of February the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Frederick John Penfold by Michael Penfold.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for the month of February. If you would like to make a memorial or thank offering of Altar Flowers, please call the church office.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: immediately following the Solemn Eucharist this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY: we welcome as our Celebrant and Preacher Father John Scott, Episcopal Chaplain to Albany Hospitals.

A basket in the vestibule awaits your contributions of hygiene products to ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (EOC). These are taken monthly to assist those in need. Your assistance in gratefully appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Bishop of Albany will ordain LANDON MOORE to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, February 23, at 11am.

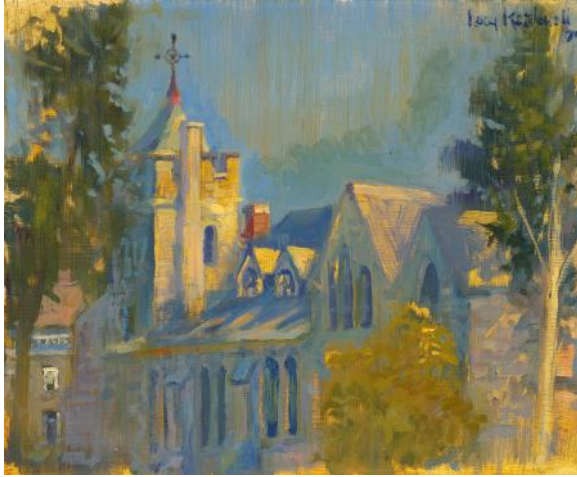
THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
February 4 -10

Monday <i>Anskar</i>		
Tuesday <i>Martyrs of Japan</i>	6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Friday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i>

Office Hours: The PARISH OFFICES are open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. *Monday through Thursday*, and 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on *Friday*.

THE PARISH STAFF

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*
The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*
Mr. Landon M. Moore, *Candidate for Holy Orders*
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*
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