



# SIMEON'S SONG

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

2 February 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION  
CANDLEMAS**

# Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *Fugue in G minor*

J.S. Bach

## CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

*All are provided with unlighted candles. The congregation stands facing the celebrant at the back of the Nave.*

*Celebrant:* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he has presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

*The following canticle is then said, after which the candles are lighted.*

*Celebrant:* A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*People:* A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Celebrant:* Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised.

*People:* A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Celebrant:* For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

*People:* A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*The Celebrant then says the following prayer*

Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Procession

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.

*People:* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Immortal invisible God only*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

**Celebrant:** We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of your temple. Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.

**People:** We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of your temple.

## Song of Praise S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

Section: Canticles Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*After the Collect of the Day all extinguish their candles.*

**The Children's Procession:** the children process to children's chapel.

## The First Lesson

### 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.

## The Psalm

**Psalm 24:7-10** (*read responsively by half verse*)

### *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."**

## The Second Lesson

### 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.

*King of glory, King of peace*

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;  
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

*Tenor or soprano ad libitum*

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;  
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;  
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

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thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.  
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.  
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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Words: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (b. 1938)**The Holy Gospel****Luke 2:22-40**

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.

## The Sermon

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**Offertory** - *The Song of Simeon*

**Hymn 380**

*From all that dwell below the skies*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
 \*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# The Holy Communion

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Sanctus S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## Fraction Anthem S-154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore Jr.

## Communion Hymns #517

### *How lovely is thy dwelling place*

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -  
 me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor  
 in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and  
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose  
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly  
 flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

*How bright appears the morning star*

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811–1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Hymn #436  
*Lift up your heads*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be-hold the  
2 O-blest the land, the ci-ty blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por-tals of your heart; make it a  
4 Re-deem-er, come! I o-pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov-ereign; en-ter in! Let new and  
King of glo-ry waits! The King of kings is  
2 ru-ler is con-fessed! O hap-py hearts and  
3 tem-ple, set a-part from earth-ly use for  
4 thee: here, Lord, a-bide! Let me thy in-ner  
5 no-bler life be-gin; thy Ho-ly Spi-rit  
draw-ing near; the Sa-rior of the world is here.  
2 hap-py homes to whom this King of tri-umph comes!  
3 heaven's em-ploy, a-dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
4 pres-ence feel: thy grace and love in me re-veal.  
5 guide us on, un-til the glo-rious crown be won.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900)

Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876)

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**Closing Voluntary - *Agincourt Hymn***

John Dunstable

## Those Who Serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Louis LeBrun

**Second Counter:** Mike Digby

**Lector:** Abby Burden

**Lector:** Tracery Lidlow

**Intercessor:** Tom Pearce

**Chalice 2:** Jane Williams

**1st Crucifer:** Cory Trotter

**Server/Gospel Bearer:** David Burden

**Torch Bearers:**

**Ushers:** Brett Dixon, Hugh Osburn

**Linen Guild:** Joanie Roberts

**Altar Guild:** Pam Herold, Bess Boyer

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Steve Grant

**Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott

## Grace Notes

- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com)
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** is in need of Men's and Women's socks and underwear. Donations may be left in the cloister or by the church office
- **In Need:** Hope Missions is in need of **small bottles of baby powder, corn starch powder, and foot powder.** Donated items can be placed in the cloister or on a back table in the parish hall.
- **Mommy and Me Mondays:** Moms of young children, join us every **Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. starting Jan. 6th** for a time where you can meet other moms while your little one is entertained.
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **WWW** meets **every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m.** in the Parlor.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct, 11 2025**
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing Group:** Will meet **every Thursday from Jan. - Aug. from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, Feb 13th at 10 a.m.**
- **DOK** will have an Orientation meeting on **Saturday, Feb 8th from 10 a.m. - noon**
- **Daughters of the King (DOK)** will have a meeting today **Sunday, Feb. 2nd from 9:15-10 a.m.** in the Parlor for anyone who may have questions about the organization.
- **Confirmation:** If you have taken the class and are wanting to get confirmed on **March 9th or Nov 2nd,** Let Nikki know so we can get your form filled out and make sure you are on the list.
- **Special Coffee Hour:** There will be a special coffee hour **today Sunday, Feb. 2nd** to welcome our new organist Steve Grant to Grace. All are welcome to join.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, Feb 3rd at noon** in the Parlor. Bring a sandwich.
- **EYC Lock In:** **Saturday, Feb 8th at 6 p.m. - Sunday, Feb. 9th after the 10:30 Service.**
- **Ingathering of Prayer Shawls** is **Sunday, Feb. 9th**
- **Souper Bowl Subs** will be **Sunday, Feb 9th.** You can get your sub after either service.
- **Brookdale Communion Visit** **Monday, Feb. 10th at 11 a.m.**
- **Outreach Meeting** is **Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Happy Birthday Grace Eucharist Liturgy** will be **Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 6 p.m.**
- **Wednesday night suppers at Grace are BACK!** We will host 2 suppers followed by Bingo on **Wednesday Feb. 12th** after the Happy Birthday Grace service and **Wednesday Feb. 26th.** Both suppers will begin around 6:30 and will be catered. The cost will be about \$12-15 per person. I will be finalizing with the caterer this week. Please consider joining us for fellowship and Bingo FUN! Please contact the Church office or Kirri Kinley (843)384-5213 to RSVP for either 2/12 or 2/26.
- The **Outreach Committee** is preparing to choose an organization to support for this calendar year. Besides being the beneficiary of the BBQ proceeds, the organization should have other ways our congregation can volunteer, support, and be involved. We are asking members for suggestions. Please submit your suggestions to the Church Office, or talk with Tom or Connie Pearce or Janet Rippy.

### Those with birthdays this week

Rylee Simmons

Lisa Joseph

Linda Foley

Ava Camak

Jack Mansmann

Lisa Mattison