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Eucharist for the Feast of the Presentation

Today's Feast, transferred from February 2, is sometimes know as the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin and sometimes known as Candlemas. In the Eastern Church it has been called the Meeting of Christ with Simeon. Such a variety of names is sufficient testimony to the wealth of spiritual meaning that generations of Christians have discovered in this small incident.

The title, "The Presentation," reminds us of the Jewish law (Exodus 13:2; 22:9) that every firstborn son was to be dedicated to God in memory of the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt, when the firstborn sons of the Egyptians died and those of Israel were spared.

When Mary placed her small son into the arms of Simeon, it was the meeting of the Old and New Dispensations. The old sacrifices, the burnt offering and oblations, were done away; a new and perfect offering had come into the temple. God had provided himself a lamb for the burnt offering (Genesis 22:8), his only Son. The offering was to be made once for all on the cross. At every Eucharist those who are in Christ recall that sinless offering and unite "themselves, their souls and bodies" with the self-oblation of their Lord and Savior.

Prelude music: *9 Points of Roguery*

Instructions are given about the lighting of the candles during the prayers and the Communion pattern for the reception of the sacrament.

The Bishop then invites the Assembly to stand and says

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing the Song of Praise: *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (tune *Regent Square*).

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King*

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King*

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King*

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King*

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The 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.*

The Bishop invites the people to be seated. Malachi 3:1-4 is now read.

A reading from the Prophet 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.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Assembly remains seated as they sing Psalm 24:7-10 to simplified Anglican Chant

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 head, 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.”

Hebrews 2:14-18 is now read.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the 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.

After the Reading, the Reader says

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

The Bishop motions the people to stand. The people sing the Gospel Alleluia (*Mass of Celtic Saints*)—as the Gospel procession moves in the midst of the people.

Cantor sings, then All repeat.

Allelu, Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 1 (Cantor)

You will shine like bright stars for all the world to see.
Offering to the world, the word of life, the gift of majesty.

All:

Allelu, Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2 (Cantor)

There will be a light of revelation to all the world;
and glory for your people Israel.

All:

Allelu, Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Archdeacon reads Luke 2:22-40, first saying

✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus 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.

After the Gospel, the Archdeacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All:

Allelu, Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia! Alleluia!

After the procession returns to the altar, the Bishop invites the people to be seated.

The Sermon

Bishop Hollerith

The Nicene Creed

Following the sermon, the Bishop invites the people to stand as they say together

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

Prayers of the People

Before the prayers begin, the following instructions are given

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, during our prayers today only *one* representative from each parish will be asked to bring forward your parish prayer, light a candle, and offer your intercession to God on the altar. Please raise your hand if you are your parish's representative. Thank you. You may lower your hands.

Someone will come to you and let you know when it is time for you to bring your prayer forward. Please hold your prayer in a visible manner so that we can see that you are your parish's representative. We don't want to pass over you! When you reach the front, you will light a votive candle, silently place your written parish prayer to God on the altar, and then return to your seat.

Even though there will be lots of movement during our prayer time to accomplish this offering of prayers, please do not engage in table chatter. We will take our time with the prayers today. There will be extended time between petitions—perhaps as long as two minutes—which will be filled with music for you to continue to pray for that petition silently. May our silence lead us deeper to the very heart of God.

The musicians begin to play softly throughout the entire Prayers of the People. The Person assigned then begins the prayers by saying

As we join Simeon and Anna in the temple to behold the salvation of God, let us pray to the God of Israel to bring the light of Christ to all people.

We pray to the Lord, saying
Light of the world, hear our prayer!

For the congregations of our diocese who are offering prayers this day, that each may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory in communities throughout our diocese and to the ends of the earth.

We pray to the Lord, saying
Light of the world, hear our prayer!

Music continues as candles are lighted, prayers are placed on the altar, and people pray silently.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katherine, the Presiding Bishop; Holly, our Bishop; for the Church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

We pray to the Lord, saying
Light of the world, hear our prayer!

Music continues as candles are lighted, prayers are placed on the altar, and people pray silently.

For mercy, peace, and justice throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord, saying
Light of the world, hear our prayer!

Music continues as candles are lighted, prayers are placed on the altar, and people pray silently.

For the blessings you pour on us each and every day and for our neighbors, families, companion, and for all those in need. I invite your thanksgivings and intercessions.

When the congregation's petitions have been completed, the intercessor continues.

We pray to the Lord, saying
Light of the world, hear our prayer!

Music continues as candles are lighted, prayers are placed on the altar, and people pray silently.

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. I invite your prayers.

When the congregation's petitions have been completed, the intercessor continues.

We pray to the Lord, saying
Light of the world, hear our prayer!

Music continues as candles are lighted, prayers are placed on the altar, and people pray silently.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

We pray to the Lord, saying
Light of the world, hear our prayer!

Music continues as candles are lighted, prayers are placed on the altar, and people pray silently.
When all congregations have presented their prayers and lighted their candles, the Bishop concludes the prayers by saying

God of eternal radiance, hear the prayers we offer this day, shine the light of faith in our hearts, and kindle the fire of charity in our lives; through Jesus Christ our

Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop then invites the people to exchange the Peace.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Bishop designates the offering. As a Deacon prepares the gifts, the people sing the Preparation Hymn: "Of the Father's love begotten" (tune *Divinum mysterium*).

Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to you with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory,

evermore and evermore!

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Bishop faces the people and says

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Assembly then sings (tune *Land of Rest*)

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, hosanna in the highest.

Then the Bishop continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Bishop and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Bishop continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Assembly then shouts

AMEN!

The Bishop then says

Using the Contemporary form,
as our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

Bishop and People

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

The Communion of the People

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The *Good Christian friends, rejoice!* is sung while the altar party communes and communion ministers move to their stations.

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
 give you heed to what we say:
 Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
 Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
 now you hear of endless bliss;
 Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
 Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
 now you need not fear the grave:
 Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
 Christ was born to save!

The Bishop then says

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Music by 9 Points of Roguery

Congregational song: Lord Jesus Christ (Taizé)

Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.

Solo: Taladh Chriosda (Christ's lullaby)

*Mo ghaol, mo ghradh, a's m' fheudail thu,
M' ion'ntas ur a's n' eibhneas thu,
Mo mhacach aluinn ceutach thu,
Cha 'n fhiu mi fein bhi 'd dhail.
Aleluiah*

*My love, my pride, my treasure oh
My wonder new and pleasure oh
My son, my beauty, ever you
Who am I to bear you here?*

*The cause of talk and tale am I
The cause of greatest fame am I
The cause of proudest care on high
To have for mine, the King of all*

*And though you are the King of all
They sent you to the manger stall
Where at your feet they all shall fall
And glorify my child, the King*

*There shone a star above three kings
To guide them to the King of kings
They held you in their humble arms*

And knelt before you until dawn

*They gave you myrrh and gave you gold
Frankincense and gifts untold
They traveled far these gifts to bring
And glorify their new born King*

When necessary, the bishop or a priest consecrates additional bread and wine

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread (wine) that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body (Blood) of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread (the cup) and said, “This is my Body (Blood).” *Amen.*

The Bishop then says

Let us pray.

Bishop and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bishop then blesses the people.

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.

People Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing: Joy to the World (tune *Antioch*).

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love.

The Archdeacon then says

Archdeacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: 9 Points of Roguery

Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher: Herman Hollerith IV

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Readers: Nikki Gay & Genevieve Nelson

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