



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

Choral Evensong: The Presentation of Our Lord - Candlemas

February 2, 2025

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We're delighted you have joined us for this beautiful, restorative service. Choral Evensong is a contemplative service of music, readings, and prayers that takes place in the late afternoon or early evening. It allows listeners time to meditate and transition from the busyness of the day to the peace and quiet of the evening. Evensong's distinguishing feature is that it consists primarily of music.

Hymns are found in the red hymnal.

PRELUDE

PHANTASIE ÜBER DEN CHORAL 'HALLELUJAH!

GOTT ZU LOBEN BLEIBE MEINE SEELENFREUD,' OP. 52, NO. 3

Max Reger

CANDLEMAS PRESENTATION

All stand.

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 was 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.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The following canticle is then sung, during which the candles are lighted.

*Antiphon: A light to lighten the gentiles;
and the glory of thy people Israel.*

Canticle:

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.*

The Presider then says the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, 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, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

HYMN 259

HAIL TO THE LORD WHO COMES

Old 120th

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Onlybegotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following antiphon and psalm are appropriate as the procession approaches the Chancel

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

PSALM 48:1-2, 10-13 *Sung in plainsong*

*Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised *
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.*

*The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; *
upon the north side lieth the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a
sure refuge.*

*Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, *
because of thy judgments.*

*Walk about Sion, and go round about her; *
and tell the towers thereof.*

*Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, *
that ye may tell them that come after.*

*For this God is our God for ever and ever: *
he shall be our guide unto death.*

OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 61

PRECES *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

William Smith

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

All sit.

PSALM 48 *Anglican Chant by Edwin Monk*

*Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised **

in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

*The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; *
upon the north side lieth the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a
sure refuge.*

*For lo, the kings of the earth *
were gathered, and gone by together.*

*They marvelled to see such things; *
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.*

*Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, *
as upon a woman in her travail.*

*Thou dost break the ships of the sea *
through the east-wind.*

*Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God upholdeth the same for ever.*

*We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of thy temple.*

*O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; *
thy right hand is full of righteousness.*

*Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, *
because of thy judgments.*

*Walk about Sion, and go round about her; *
and tell the towers thereof.*

*Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, *
that ye may tell them that come after.*

*For this God is our God for ever and ever: *
he shall be our guide unto death.*

*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.*

*Her foundations are upon the holy hills: **
the LORD loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

*Very excellent things are spoken of thee, **
thou city of God.

*I will make mention of Egypt and Babylon, **
among them that know me.

*Behold, Philistia also; and Tyre, with Ethiopia; **
lo, in Sion were they born.

*Yea, of Sion it shall be reported, this one and that one were born in her; **
and the Most High shall stablish her.

*The LORD shall record it, when he writeth up the peoples; **
lo, in Sion were they born.

*The singers also and trumpeters shall make answer: **
All my fresh springs are in thee.

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

HAGGAI 2:1-9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

All stand.

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT IN D *sung by the choir*

George Dyson

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

JOHN 3:1-8

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN D *sung by the choir*

George Dyson

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The people stand or kneel.

The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.

SALUTATION

William Smith

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Robert Stone

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
 but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Mission

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All sit.

ANTHEM

WHEN TO THE TEMPLE MARY WENT

Johannes Eccard

*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 thy 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.*

Text adapted by John Troutbeck

All stand.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 72

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 72

HYMN 620

JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME

Land of Rest

POSTLUDE

FUGA ÜBER DEN CHORAL

‘HALLELUJAH! GOTT ZU LOBEN BLEIBE MEINE SEELENFREUD,’ OP. 52, NO. 3 *Max Reger*

**Please join us for a festive reception in Morrinson Hall to celebrate
the ministry of Dean Meaux.**

PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

<i>Officiant</i>	The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, <i>Dean and Rector</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Jean Harper
<i>Acolytes</i>	Gray Gibson, Allison Tuite, Oliver Wippo, Maggie Wippo
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Jeremiah Mead, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> Trinity Cathedral Choir Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society

Notes on the Notes

This evening's voluntaries (the generic term for prelude and postlude) comprise the first and second halves of Max Reger's fantasy on the Lutheran hymn tune Halleluja! Gott zu loben bleibe meine Seelenfreud, or "Alleluia! to praise God remains my soul's delight," a paraphrase of Psalm 146. The piece consists of an introduction, five variations, and a fugue, the last of which will be today's postlude. The fugue in particular is a marvelous achievement. Throughout the first five minutes or so, Reger eschews the chorale tune, choosing instead to write and develop another melody as the fugue's main theme. Eventually, the hymn tune returns in the pedal, now in combination with the fugue's initial theme. Its thunderous reappearance is one of the great moments in all of organ music.

This evening's canticles are George Dyson's exuberant Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in D. Unlike some other important composers of Anglican evening services – Herbert Howells and Charles Villiers Stanford come to mind – each of Dyson's three settings of the Magnificat is highly distinctive. Tonight's Magnificat in D is full of pomp and excess, the Magnificat from his Evening Service in F is one of the most serene settings in the repertoire, and his Magnificat in C minor is militant and confrontational. Dyson in D is notable for the striking contrast between the Magnificat and the Nunc dimittis. While the latter is almost always calmer than the former, Dyson's Nunc dimittis in D is one of the tenderest in the repertoire and hasn't a drop of excess. The same cannot be said for the Magnificat!

Today's final hymn tune, Land of Rest, is our outgoing Dean's favorite hymn tune, so naturally, I investigated whether it would be appropriate for today, her final service. I was pleasantly surprised to realize that this text is extremely well suited for Candlemas. (Such serendipities are always a joy when programming church music.) It goes without saying - but still needs to be said - that the music program and I are deeply indebted to Dean Meaux and will miss her greatly.

Events and Information

This week at and around the Cathedral

Monday	7 am, Breakfast and Bible Study	5:30 pm, Eucharist with Healing Prayers
	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	6 pm, Koinonia Eucharist
Tuesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	6 pm, Stitch-in for Peace
Wednesday	8:30 am, Morning Prayer	6:30 pm, Book Club
	12:15 pm, Bach Organ Recital	Thursday 8:30 am, Morning Prayer
	4 pm, Trinity Chorister Rehearsal	5:15 pm, Evening Prayer
	5 pm, St. Cecilia Singer	7 pm, Choir rehearsal
	5 pm, Trinity Ringing Society Practice	Saturday 9:30 a.m. Young Adults' Group
	5:30 pm, Community Dinner	

Trinity News

Conversation with Bishop Harmon

Sunday, February 9 at 9:15 am

Morrison Hall

Bishop Harmon will gather with the congregation on Sunday, February 9 during the Sunday School hour to talk about the upcoming transition and eventual search for our next Dean and Rector. All are welcome. Please note that this gathering will replace Adult Formation on February 9. To learn more, contact the Rev. Danny Shieffler (danny@trinitylittlerock.org).

Gift for Bishop-Elect Meaux

Trinity Cathedral is gifting Amy a set of vestments (chasuble, stole, and mitre) in thanksgiving for her ministry as our 21st Dean and Rector and in honor of her new ministry as 9th Bishop of West Missouri. If you would like to contribute, please donate online via the QR code or write a check to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral with "Amy's Gift" in the memo line.



Bach Organ Recitals

Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

In commemoration of the 275th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach in 1750, Director of Music Colin MacKnight will perform Bach's complete organ works throughout 2025. Colin will perform most of these works in lunchtime recitals on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45.

Stitch-In for Peace

*February 5th and 1st Wednesday evenings - 6-7:15 pm
The Interfaith Center at Harrison House*

Each month we will gather to express our gratitude or write our prayers on a scraps of paper. These will be folded then passed to a neighbor to stitch into a 3x3 inch prayer patch. You will stitch your neighbors prayers they will stitch yours. At the end of the gathering the patches will be stitched together into strands. One stitch at a time and with many hands we will stitch a quilt of prayers, gratitude and peace.

All are welcome, no stitch experience required. Free will donation of \$5-20 requested.

Hosted by The Interfaith Center, facilitated by Lisa Thorpe.

For more info email: lisathorpeartist@gmail.com

Mark your calendar with these 1st Wednesdays 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7



Stitch-In for Peace

A monthly gathering to build community and share our stories, one stitch at a time.

Preparing for Lent Retreat

Sunday March 2nd after Church 12pm-3pm

Registration Fee: \$25 - Includes Lunch and all

Join artist and educator Lisa Thorpe in a day of preparation for Lent. Each person will make a deck of Lenten cards to reflect on during the days of Lent. Like it's familiar counting cousin, the Advent calendar, these cards will be used to mark the 40 days of Lent. Instead of the candy or treats of the Advent calendar your Lenten cards will challenge you each day to make the three practice of Lent manifest: love your God, love your neighbor, love yourself.



Preparing for Lent: counting the days

**a mixed modality
art & discovery retreat
with Lisa Thorpe**

This workshop is for all – no art experience necessary just an open heart and mind! Our Lenten Cards will be made as torn paper collage an accessible technique that is designed for all levels from those with art-phobia to those art-phonemes in our midst, come and enjoy.