

# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Presentation of Our Lord February 2, 2020

Prelude *Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Candlemas Procession

*Celebrant*

Light and peace in Je - sus Christ our Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

*Nunc dimittis in G major*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

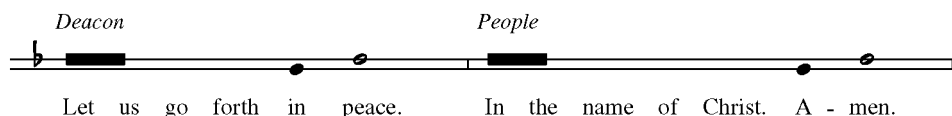
*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* 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

## Candlemas Procession



Processional Hymn 25 “O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ”

*The Eighth Tune*

## The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Gloria 278 “Glory to God in the highest”

*William Mathias*

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

*People* 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.

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
— hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room.  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
— he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

## 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 descend-

ants 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 517    "How lovely is thy dwelling-place"

*Brother James' Air*

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

*Clergy*      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, 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.

*Clergy*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

*After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.*

*The People reply, Hear our prayer.*

Confession

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *When Mary to the temple went*

Johannes Eccard (1533-1611)

*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, departure take,*

*May gently fall asleep, may gently fall asleep, may gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.*

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus S130 (front section of hymnal)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S164 (front section of hymnal)

Franz Schubert

*Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion. Healing prayer is offered, if you desire, at the transept rail after you take communion.*

Communion Anthem *Eternal Light*

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

*Eternal light, shine into our hearts; eternal goodness, deliver us from evil;  
Eternal power, be our support; eternal wisdom,  
Scatter the darkness of our ignorance; eternal pity, have mercy upon us,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Communion Hymn 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

*Picardy*

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 436 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"

*Truro*

Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in g minor*

J.S. Bach

**Please join us for fellowship immediately following the service,  
hosted today by Joanna Horobin & Alan Joachim**



**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of  
Norman Dorian.**

**Serving St. Andrew's this week**

*Altar Guild* Margaret Blackwell, Judith Boland, Elsie Deane, Erica Gelser,  
Heidi Harper, Ann Johnson, Margarethe Kulke, Paige Manning, and Karen McAdams  
*Flowers* Cynthia Ballantyne and Ann Johnson

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer* Michael Kemp  
*Ushers* Jane Givens and Mark Housel

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Elizabeth Martin; Torch, John Breedis; Torch, Drew Donahue;  
Gospel, Eloise Svedlund; Banner, Conor Donahue  
*Chalice Bearers* Elspeth Grant Pruett, Ann Johnson,  
Suzy Littlefield, and Paul Shackford  
*Lay Readers* Elspeth Grant Pruett, Paul Merry, and Janet Giele  
*Ushers* Frank Hunnewell, Bob Prensner, Terri Rawson,  
Kris Vanin, and Michael Vanin

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery*  
St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain  
Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry  
St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury  
St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury  
Veterans Ministries



## About the Readings

**Malachi 3:1-4** Nothing is known of this prophet except what can be deduced from his writings. Even the name Malachi, which means ‘my messenger’, may be a title rather than a personal name. Malachi is concerned for the purity of worship and worshipers at the temple and for the fulfillment of the responsibilities of the priesthood. He condemns the same moral and religious abuses that Ezra and Nehemiah reformed; hence he was probably active before their time, about 500–450 BCE. The “messenger” (or ‘angel’) to be sent may refer to the Jerusalem priesthood or may be a way of speaking of God’s own appearance in human affairs. In the gospels this title is applied to John the Baptist, whose preaching uses the same images (Matthew 3:10-12). Malachi looks forward first to the purification of the temple priesthood and then to the transformation of the temple sacrifice.

**Psalms 84** This psalm combines elements of hymn (vv. 1, 10-11), lamentation and intercession (vv. 8-9). It resembles the songs of Zion (found in Psalm 46, 48, 76 and 87) and the pilgrim Songs of Ascent (Psalms 120–124). Likely composed on the

occasion of a pilgrimage to the temple, the psalm expresses the strength of the psalmist’s longing for the temple and the trials and rewards of the journey.

**Hebrews 2:14-18** Though many attributed the Letter to the Hebrews to Paul, the early Church did not agree on this, and few of today’s scripture scholars consider Paul to be the author. Scholars also disagree on exactly who the recipients of this text were. In this passage, the author reflects on how Jesus enters into solidarity with us—becoming our brother, experiencing our suffering—so that he might free us to join God’s family. Jesus identifies totally with us, becoming subject, as we are, to temptation, suffering and death.

**Luke 2:22-40** As part of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah, the Feast of the Presentation includes this story unique to the gospel of Luke. According to Jewish tradition, Mary was to present herself in the Temple for the rite of purification on the fortieth day after giving birth. Also, in accordance with the law, she and Joseph were to present their firstborn to God.



Only a few accounts of Jesus' childhood and youth are found in the canonical gospels, and all of them are in Luke. This is the first, continuing a theme of revealing Jesus' unique relationship with

God and his fulfillment of prophecy. Simeon's poem, known to many by its Latin title *Nunc dimittis*, joins Mary's Magnificat as a regular liturgical prayer of ancient Christian tradition.



# Notices & Announcements

## Ruth's Retirement

Most of you will be aware that Ruth Hubert, who has been on the St. Andrew's staff as the financial secretary for almost 20 years, will be retiring at the end of March. Ruth has been an important member of the staff team and we will miss her a lot. She has brought dedication, commitment to accuracy, as well as a gentle pastoral manner in her interaction with parishioners about pledges and other church related finance matters. We send Ruth and her husband Jim good wishes for their retirement.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## Introducing Joanne Butler, Our New Financial Administrator

After a search process by the St. Andrew's human resources committee with the help of an outside recruitment consultant, we have found someone to take over from Ruth. Her name is Joanne Butler and she has extensive relevant financial work experience. Additionally, Joanne is an Episcopalian and a member of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Natick where she has served on the vestry in the finance and stewardship areas. We feel the combination of her work experience, "insider" knowledge of the Episcopal Church, and strong interpersonal skills will make her

well suited to the position. Joanne will start working at St. Andrew's this Monday, February 3, giving her a two-month overlap with Ruth to become more familiar with the work. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## SOUPer Bowl Sunday

We will have a special brown bag "SOUPer Bowl Drive" and food blessing **today, Sunday, February 2**, to help with filling the shelves of the Wellesley Food Pantry. St. Andrew's has had a long tradition of supplying food for hearty, healthy meals. All donations are welcome, but please no candy, open food, or expired items. If you missed picking up a bag and bringing a donation today, we will happily take your donation next week.

— Margarethe Kulke

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## Faith & Practice: *What is Good Grief?*

Grief is an important spiritual event for Christians. What does a kind, meaningful grieving process look like? How long does it take? Come practice with us and learn some tips and some stories about good grief from other Christians. Join us for *What Is Good Grief* today, **Sunday, February 2**. We will meet in the **Harvey Room** from **11:30am to 12:15pm**. All are welcome.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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## Guest Preacher, Sunday, February 9

I encourage you to make it a priority to come to church on **Sunday, February 9**, to hear our guest preacher. As I mentioned on annual meeting Sunday, we will be welcoming Rev. Jay Sidebotham as our preacher at the 8am and 10am services. Jay is a nationally known figure in the Episcopal Church. He is the director of the RenewalWorks, which has gained attention in the church as an initiative for deepening the faith of congregations. Jay will be speaking about RenewalWorks which we will be using at St.

Andrew's this year to help us grow in our spiritual lives. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## 9am Christian Learning

On **Sunday, February 9**, at **9am** in **Room 2**, Penn Young will lead a class called *This Isn't Kids' Stuff: Christian Theology in C. S. Lewis's Narnia Series*. All are welcome.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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## Lenten Book: Meeting God in Mark

*Meeting God in Mark* by former Archbishop Rowan Williams, is an insightful reflection on the power of the Gospel of Mark. This is another brilliant book by Williams; it brings new depths to Mark's spare 16 chapters. Packed into 74 succinct pages, it will be an excellent companion in Lent. We will discuss this book at our 9am Christian Learning classes in March. You can buy a copy from me for the discounted price of \$10. Please make out a check to "St. Andrew's" and write "Lenten Book" in the memo line.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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## Cooking Night @ Youth Group

We're back in the kitchen! Come hungry and ready to cook, **Sunday, February 9 at 6:45pm**. — The Rev. Mia Kano

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## Bible Circle: Gospel of Matthew

Bible Circle will meet **Tuesday, February 11**, at **10:30am** in the **Harvey Room** and **Wednesday, February 12**, at **7pm** in **Room 2**. Our topic is the *Gospel of Matthew: A Witness to Jewish Christians*. At our February meeting, we will read and discuss Chapter 18. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.

— Margarethe Kulke

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## Presidents' Day All-Parish Eucharist

All ages are invited to celebrate Holy Baptism and Eucharist with an all-ages sermon on **Sunday, February 16, at 10am**. There will not be church school or Rite-13: see you in church! — The Rev. Mia Kano

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## Sabbatical

Every 6-7 years, Episcopal clergy are given sabbaticals as a time of spiritual renewal and study. I will be taking a three-month sabbatical from May 17 through August 16. I will be focusing my sabbatical on the Renewal-Works initiative, visiting parishes who have already undertaken the program and also spending time with Bob Logan, a spiritual adviser who has been helping churches craft their ongoing spiritual programs, once they have undertaken RenewalWorks.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## Kids' Place Family Coffee

Kids' Place (preschool and younger) children and their parents are invited to a special coffee hour on **Sunday, March 1, after the 10am service** in the Kids' Place rooms. Come meet the membership committee and get to know your fellow parents.

— Rev. Mia Kano

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## SecureSearch Faith Background Checks

St. Andrew's will be conducting nationwide background checks of all of its youth and children's teachers and volunteers. You will be asked for your consent and the necessary information through the SecureSearch Faith portal in the coming weeks. Please direct any questions and concerns to the Rev. Mia Kano • [mia@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:mia@standrewswellesley.org)

## Pledging for 2020

Thank you to all who have sent in pledges for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. The results are very encouraging, but we still have a way to go. If you have not pledged, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalize our budget. You can send in a pledge form by mail, put one in the plate, or pledge on the GIVE tab of our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me, a member of the stewardship campaign, the wardens, or the rector. — Allen Jones

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## Sanctuary Renovations

The sanctuary renovations funded by our recent capital campaign will take place this summer. Therefore, *the sanctuary will be closed from Monday, May 11 through Sunday September 6*. Worship services will take place in the parish hall during this period. The renovations include the installation of a new lighting system and sound system updates, the repair and maintenance of the pews, the complete painting of the sanctuary, a new credenza in the usher area, new wooden paneling by the rear emergency exit door onto Denton Road, a major refurbishment of the narthex, and painting and new

flooring in the children's chapel. There will be further elaboration of the plans, including drawings, once plans are finalized.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## Nametags

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a nametag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement nametag, contact Becky Hamlin • [dbhamlin@comcast.net](mailto:dbhamlin@comcast.net)



# Gratitude

## Alternative Gift Fair

Many thanks to all parishioners who so generously contributed to our successful Alternative Gift Fair this holiday season. Also gratitude to the Whiting family who shared their practice of distributing the lovely gift cards produced by Cam McCormick to each member as well as to others who mail them with their Christmas greeting cards.

Our totals this year are the following: \$3,410 will be sent to El Hogar; \$1,835 to Heifer International; \$1,355 to St. Stephen's Youth Programs; \$945 to Family Promise Metrowest; \$775 to Food for our Neighbors; \$770 to St. Andrew's Stitching Ministry; and \$500 to Episcopal Relief & Development.

# Vestry

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# Staff

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- **In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone: 603/831-4938.**
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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# Weekly Calendar

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- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am and 5pm**, and every **Wednesday at 7:30am**—we offer healing prayer at these services; **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is also offered weekdays at **8:50am**, unless otherwise noted.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**, and **Sundays at 9am**; **Junior Choir** rehearsal is on **Sundays at 9am**.
- **Parish Office hours** are Monday through Thursday, **9am to 5pm**, and Friday, **9am to 12pm**.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Step Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

## Sunday, February 2

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers  
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,  
& Rite-13  
11:30am Faith & Practice  
11:30am Property Meeting

## Wednesday, February 5

7:30pm Men's Book Club

## Thursday, February 6

9:45am Church School Meeting

## Sunday, February 9

9am Christian Learning  
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,  
& Rite-13  
5pm Confirmation Class  
5pm Informal Service  
6:45pm High School Youth Group



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