

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

## Eve of CANDLEMAS

*The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple*

February 1, 2026 - 10:00AM



*Presenting the Lord Christ*, St. Basil Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria

## CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

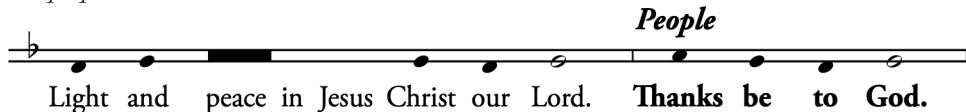
*The Book of Common Prayer, page 323*

**Voluntary** *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

*The people stand as the bell tolls.*



### A Bidding Prayer

Dear friends in Christ, forty days have hence passed since we celebrated the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In worship and prayer on this day, we recall the occasion on which he was presented in the Temple, offered to God the Father and revealed to his own people. His mother was purified according to the Law of Moses, reminding us of the perpetual cleansing he offered unto the world. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, persuading us of his glory which we behold in our worship, even at this time and in this place. We celebrate the joy of his coming, even as we ponder his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his holy passion and glorious resurrection.

Let us therefore pray in the words of holy scripture that the light of Christ may be made manifest among us again, that God would bless the candles we hold and us who bear them this day, that darkness will not overcome us, and at the last great day the light that enlightens all people may be found in us still burning, to the honor of Christ's name and for the sake of the world for which he gave his very life. ***Amen.***

**Nunc dimittis**      *Sung by the Choir as candles are lighted*      William Byrd (1540-1623)

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...

**Candlemas Antiphon**      *Sung by the Celebrant, repeated by the people*

We have waited in silence upon thy loving kindness, O Lord, \*  
in the midst of thy Temple.

Thy praise, like unto thy Name, O God, \*  
reaches unto the world's end.

**Processional Hymn** *the Hymnal 1982 #82 (verse 1: choir only)*      *Divinum mysterium*  
"Of the Father's love begotten"

**Candlemas Antiphon**      *Sung by the Celebrant, repeated by the people*

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in the midst of thy Temple.  
Thy praise, like unto thy Name, O God, \*  
reaches unto the world's end.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Book of Common Prayer 187*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*The people extinguish their candles. The children are dismissed to church school.*

**The First Lesson**      *The People sit.*

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 Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 84:1-6 *Quam dilecta!***      *Sung by the Choir*      Chant: David Hurd (b. 1950)

- 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.

## 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** *the Hymnal 1982 #259*

*Old 120th*

"Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his temple gate"

**The Gospel**

*The People stand.*

Luke 2:22-40

*Celebrant* 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, 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 Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*The People sit.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*The People stand.*

*The Book of Common Prayer 326*

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.

### The Prayers of the People

*The Book of Common Prayer* 389

*Intercessor*      We pray to you, O Lord,  
*People*            Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect.*

*The Celebrant or Deacon calls the people to confession by saying*  
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

### The Confession      *The People kneel.*

*The Book of Common Prayer* 331

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.

### Absolution and Comfortable Words

*The Book of Common Prayer* 332

### The Peace

*The Book of Common Prayer* 332

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And with thy spirit.

### Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem** *When to the Temple Mary went*

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un-to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*The Book of Common Prayer* 340*The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface until saying,*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**“Holy, holy, holy” Sanctus***The Hymnal 1982* #S 114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,*By whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.***Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,**“Our Father” The Lord's Prayer***The Book of Common Prayer* 336**The Breaking of the Bread**

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.

**“O Lamb of God” Agnus Dei***The Hymnal 1982* S 158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## The Presentation and Invitation

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of denomination or tradition, to receive Communion. Please come forward as the ushers direct you. The Celebrant communicates every individual with bread. To receive wine, you may either drink from the common cup or by intinction. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead should indicate by crossing their arms.*

## During the Administration of the Sacrament

**Anthem** *Senex puerum portabat*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

The old man carried the child,  
but the child ruled the old man;  
him whom the Virgin brought forth,  
and after childbirth remained a virgin  
him whom she bore, she adored.

**Hymn** *the Hymnal 1982 #324*

*Picardy*

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*The Book of Common Prayer 339*

*Celebrant and People, kneeling*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Blessing

**Processional Hymn** *the Hymnal 1982 #436*

*Truro*

“Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates”

## The Dismissal

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## Parish Notes for The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

**Coffee Hour** – In the Common Room with today's hosts

**Marygrace Barber and Marilyn Crone**

## This Week at Good Shepherd:

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist and Children's Christian Ed Coffee Hour Follows
	11:30 AM	Annual Meeting - Common Room and on ZOOM
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

**2026 Annual Meeting** – Today following the 10:00AM Eucharist we will meet in the Common Room, requiring a quorum in person. During the meeting we will conduct regular business of the parish – newly elected Vestry members, reviewing the 2025 Financials, Stewardship, presenting the Budget for 2026 and hearing about the vitality and ministries of Good Shepherd.

**Adult Forum Epiphany Series: A Light to Lighten the Nations**

*Feb 1* Annual Meeting ~ No Adult Forum

*Feb 8* *Nosira Aetate* at 60: Its Significance for Christians and Jews (Anglicans too),  
with the Rev'd Dr Dan Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (BC Theology Dept. Faculty)

*Feb 15* Shrove Sunday ~ No Adult Forum

**Adult Forum Lenten Series: Perspectives on Sin and Redemption**

*Feb 22* *Augustine and Sin: It's Both Better and Worse than You Think*, with Dr.  
Jonathan Teubner (Harvard)

*Mar 1* *J.S. Bach's St John Passion: conception, reception, and musical  
highlights*, with Andrew Sheranian, Organist & Choirmaster

*Mar 8* *Dante's Varieties of Evil*, with Dr Rachel Teubner, Director of  
Christian Education

*Mar 15* *Sacramental Confession for Episcopalians*, with Kristen Filipic  
(Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross)

*Mar 22* *Faith, Hell, and Fear: On Guilt Both Good and Bad*, with Dr James  
Oldfield (Boston College)

**Shrove Sunday “Dimanche Gras” Pancake Party and Palm Burning** - Because Shrove Tuesday falls during school vacation this year, we will celebrate Shrove Sunday this year instead, with a decadent Coffee Hour, including a pancake race, burial of the Alleluia for Lent, and the burning of blessed palms from last year's Passiontide. Contact Rachel Teubner ([ce@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:ce@goodshepherdnewton.org)) to join the fun!

**Ash Wednesday** – February 18, 2026: Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM and Choral Holy Eucharist at 7:00PM

**Music Minute** – The setting of the Nunc dimittis sung near the beginning of this service is taken from William Byrd's monumental *Great Service*. This setting is grand in every way, from the ever-shifting voicing, to the colorful text-painting, to the richly polyphonic texture he employs throughout the work. The way that Byrd composed this music, intended as it was for the new English-language liturgy during the reign of Elizabeth I, clearly belies his attachment to the music of the pre-Reformation English church.

**Serving in the Liturgy Today:**

**Biz Bracher** – Usher/Lector; **Sunu Yeh** – Subdeacon(s); **Rachel Teubner** – Chalice Bearer; **Jennifer Pachus** – Intercessor; **Mike Yeh** – AV Tech; **Theo Younkin** – Crucifer; **Ella Weldon** – Thurifer; **TBD** – Torch Bearer(s); **Louisa Younkin, Julia Sant** – Atrium Asst(s); **Ann Ritchie and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

**The Reverend Dr. James Weldon** – Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector  
Andrew Sheranian, Organist/Choirmaster  
Dr. Rachel Teubner, Christian Education Director  
Sara Foley, Parish Administrator

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