

The Blessing and Dismissal

# St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope The Presentation of our Lord February 2, 2025

We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.

8:00 AM, HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

Candlemas Procession and Candle Lighting Bulletin 2 **Opening Acclamation** Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Celebrant And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. People The Lord be with you. Celebrant And with thy spirit. People THE COLLECT OF THE DAY **BCP 187** Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy Celebrant 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 forever. Amen. The First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 Bulletin 3 Psalm 84 Bulletin 3 The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 Bulletin 4 The Homily The Nicene Creed Bulletin 5 Prayers of the People Bulletin 6 The Confession and Absolution BCP 331 The Peace BCP 332 Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings **Offertory Sentence** All things come of thee, O Lord. Celebrant And of thine own have we given thee. Amen. People The Great Thanksgiving BCP 340 The Lord's Prayer BCP 336 BCP 337 The Fraction and The Prayer of Humble Access The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 339

Bulletin 10

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE 2 10:00 AM AND 11:30 AM

### CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

The congregation gathers on the walkway between the Herb Garden and Parish Hall, so that all may enter the church in procession. Candles are to be carried in procession.

The Presider greets the people with these words

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 the bread.

### 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 candles will be lit during the chanting of the Song of Simeon. Please, assist us by tilting your candle to the torch and helping light your neighbor's candle.

### SONG OF SIMEON

Lord, you now have set your servant free\*

to go in peace as you have promised.

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,\*

whom you have prepared for all the world to see;

A Light to enlighten the nations,\*

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. 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.

The people will follow the cross into the church, taking their places in the pews. Children will gather at the Children's Cross and process to the Chapel. They will return at the Peace.



This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

## People And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. 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 forever. **Amen.** 

THE LESSONS The people sit and all extinguish their candles.

The First Lesson

A Reading from Malachi.

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 read responsively by half verse

**BCP** 707

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.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from Hebrews.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, God's children share flesh and blood, he 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

Hail to the Lord who comes

Hymnal #259

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

Luke 2:22-40

# People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they 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 turtle-doves 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 for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped 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 to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

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 FOR THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

Litanist Shine in your church, O God; embolden us in a dark world, to speak truthfully

and to act with the courage of love. This day and always,

People Christ, be our Light.

Litanist Shine on your world, O God; heal the warring of nations and the wounding of the

earth to give us peace at last. This day and always,

People Christ, be our Light.

Litanist Shine for your people, O God; make us one human family who clothe each other

with mercy and feed each other with justice. This day and always,

People Christ, be our Light.

Litanist Shine in our hearts, O God; help us to reach to the heavens and deep in our souls

to seek you, to find you, and to know you. This day and always,

People Christ, be our Light.

Litanist Shine in the saints and the departed, O God; teach us to follow their lead to

outrageous faith and eternal love. We remember especially those we name now

(pause). This day and always,

People Christ, be our Light.

Litanist Shine for the afflicted, O God; remind them of your deep compassion and how

you tenderly bear all our sorrows. We remember especially those we name now

(pause). This day and always,

People Christ, be our Light.

Litanist Shine, O God, as the Light that creates, the Light that calls, the Light that comes

again with every dawn. Shine as the Light that scatters every shadow, and the

Light in which we promise to walk, with your help. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### COMMISSIONING OF WARDENS AND VESTRY

*Celebrant* Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Joseph Bernard, Jennifer Calver, Marie Centgraf, Mary Haley, Betty Henderson, Robert Hughes, Andrew Lyons, Amy Minis, and Claudia Welch, have been called to the ministry of vestry members, Lizann Roberts and David Castleberry to Co-Junior Wardens, and Chris Conner as Senior Warden.

## People Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Celebrant Let us pray. (Silence)

Look with favor upon those whom you have called to service as vestry members and wardens for this parish, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in this task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In Heavenly Love Abiding

arr. Carolyn Hamily

THE DOXOLOGY (v 3)

Hymnal #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (11:30 am)

Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord.

People And of your own have we given you. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

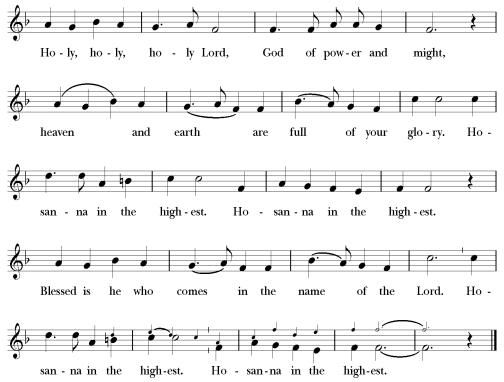
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* 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:

SANCTUS S-125



Celebrant and People

# 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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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 Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, Anna Alexander, 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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Celebrant Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. People

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Celebrant

COMMUNION HYMNS Let all mortal flesh keep silence Hymnal #324 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* Hymnal #304

### COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

In the Name of God and of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy Celebrant

gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of

Christ's Body and Blood:

We who are many are One Body, for we all share One Bread and One People

Cup. Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Celebrant

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living All

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 BLESSING

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. Amen.

EXIT HYMN

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* 

Hymnal #436

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Celebrant

Thanks be to God. People

**POSTLUDE** 

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Don Hustan

Please return your candles to the container in the Narthex as you leave.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jimmy Hardee's birthday by Mary Hill and Mary Hardee.

### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers (10:00 am) Sandra and Steve Calver, Dick Young, and Tom Hailey

Ushers (11:30 am) Bill Franklin

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 am) Jennifer Calver

(11:30 am)Robert Hughes

Lectors: (8:00 am) Dave White Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00) Dave White

(10:00 am) Barry Wilson

(11:30 am) Bill Franklin (10:00) Jennifer Calver and Charlie Barrow

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Charlie Barrow

Nursery: Dianne Jones and Holly Barrett

Acolytes: Eva Aguilar, Vivian Bernard, Sheldon White, Gabriella Gonzales, Sydney Calver,

and Piper Brooks

Worship Tech: Tino Aguilar

Altar Guild: Jane Gilchrist, Lizann Roberts, Marie Centgraf, Judy Holland, and

Elizabeth Varner

Flower Guild: Mary Hill and Mary Hardee

Hospitality: Joanne Leaf and Karen Otto

Children's Chapel: Elizabeth Varner

Our organist / choir director, Tripp Hardee, is on vacation through February  $4^{th}$ . Thank you to Holland Morgan our guest musician!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 2 11:30 am EYC in the EYC Room

5:30 pm AA Meeting – CE Building

Monday, February 3 10:00 am Plarning in the Parish Hall

2:00 pm Women Sharing Wisdom

Tuesday, February 4 9:00 am Staff Meeting in the Library

11:00 am Women's Bible Study in the Library

Wednesday, February 5 11:30 am Healing Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Wednesday Night Supper**

Please join us on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for a fun and festive evening. Golden Koi Lion Dancers will be performing. The Menu is Asian chicken with vegetables and rice. The meal is \$8.00 per person with a \$25.00 family max. Bring cash to feed the hungry lions. RSVP by Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> by using the link in the Monday email or by calling Amy Jo.

### **Lunch Bunch**

February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am Jami Murray with Sunabella Senior Living will be joining us to discuss services they offer. Also included is an activity and a Valentine's Day Celebration. Lunch is \$10.00 per person. Menu: Pot Roast with Carrots, Onion, and Potato, Green Beans Biscuits, and Dessert. Please RSVP by February 10<sup>th</sup> by using the link in the Monday email or by calling Amy Jo at the office.

# Change in Communion Flow for 10 am service

To help with the flow of communion, the people coming to the rail on the lectern/piano side of the church are asked to begin filling in the rail at the corner (just past the piano) and fill in toward the center of the rail. The pulpit side of the church will continue to fill in as accustomed staring near the corner and filling in toward the center of the altar rail. Ushers will begin inviting people forward at the words "The gifts of God for the people of God".

# **February Outreach**

On Super Bowl Sunday, we will be supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire, a non-profit organization that provides a restful, comfortable place for children and their families to find refuge and support as they receive medical treatment at our nearby hospitals. Housed on the campus of Memorial Hospital, we will provide a Super Bowl Party for the residents of their Ronald McDonald House. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for items and donations needed. Monetary donations can be made by cash, check. For more information and questions, please contact Betty Henderson at beatrice\_henderson28@comcast.net. All donations are needed **no later than February 8th.** 

# **Missing Vestments**

We are missing some vestments (black cassocks and white surplices) from the Choir Room in the CE Building and the Vesting Room in the church. If you've taken any vestments home, please return them and/or let Rev. Colette know you have them so they can be accounted for.

### **Altar Flowers**

The chart for the 2025 altar flowers is on the bulletin board in the parish hall. If you want a special date for a dedication, please sign up soon. The dates fill up fast.

## **Hospitality**

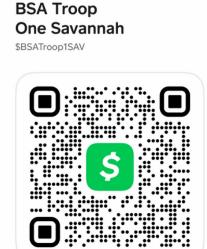
We are looking for more hospitality teams for 2025. Responsibilities include preparing coffee and beverages after the 10:00 am service and providing a light snack (cookies, donuts, etc.). If you are interested in helping, please contact Amy Jo at the office. Hospitality will not be offered during the summer months.

## **Eagle Scout Project**

Jameson Gormley is working on his Eagle Scout project. His project plan is to build a path from the parish hall to the pavilion, and to re-paint the parking lot. Before he can begin, he needs help with funding. Please help support his project with donations. He can accept cash, check (made out to Troop 1), Cash App, or Venmo. All donations to the Boy Scouts of America are tax deductible. You can also give donations to Amy Jo in the church office.









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