

# *Candlemas*



Sunday, February 1 | 4 pm

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH GROSSE POINTE**

Today the church celebrates our Lord's presentation to God on the fortieth day after his birth in obedience to the Jewish Law. This is a moment of manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah when Old and New Testament come together in the testimony of the aged priest Simeon and the prophet Anna. The words of Simeon are a regular feature of the Church's evening liturgies.

The union of the Old and New Testaments is further reflected in the assigned readings for the day. The first reading from Malachi reflects the hope of the prophets for the coming of the Messiah and the inauguration of God's reign over all the earth. The second reading is from Hebrews. The writer explains that Jesus' work as Savior is made possible because he is God incarnate, fully human and fully divine. God saved the human race not from the outside but by entering into the world and becoming human and, having taken humanity into the divine life, redeemed the human race.

We return today to the joy of Christmas and in our liturgy we witness to the presence of God in the world coming to us in Bread and Wine and coming to the world through us, the Body of Christ.

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

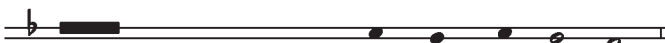
The Reverend Andrew Van Culin


### THE PROCESSION

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*The people stand.*

#### THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

  
*Celebrant* Light and peace in Je - sus Christ our Lord.

  
*People* Thanks be to God.


*The candles are lighted as the choir sings.*

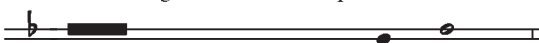
*Choir* A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.  
Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised.  
A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.  
A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

*People* **Amen.**

  
*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

  
*People* In the name of Christ. A - men.

*The choir processes to the Chancel during the anthem.*

#### ANTHEM AT THE PROCESSION

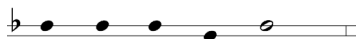
We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of your temple.  
Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.  
Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.  
Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.  
Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.  
Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.  
This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite  
Jesu Christe;  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to men  
of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you because of  
your great glory.  
Lord God, King of Heaven,  
God the Father almighty,  
the only begotten Son,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father.  
You who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
You who takes away the sins of the world,  
receive our supplication.  
You who sits at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are holy.  
You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.



*People* **And al - so with you.**

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 for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people extinguish their candles.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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*The people are seated for the readings.*

### THE FIRST READING

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 24:7-10

chant: *George Thalben-Ball*

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

“Who is this King of glory?” \*  
“The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.”

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

“Who is he, this King of glory?” \*  
“The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.”

### THE SECOND READING

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.**

*The people stand for the hymn.*

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;  
 2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,  
 3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;  
 4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;  
 watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,  
 and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands  
 Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;  
 thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heaven - ly guest.  
 takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.  
 be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*Gospeller  
People*

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.  
The people stand.*

#### THE NICENE CREED

**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

*Leader* As we join Simeon and Anna in the temple and behold the salvation of God, let us pray to the God of Israel.

For the Church of God, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Bonnie, our Bishop, for all who minister in Christ's Church, and for the people of God in every place; we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially the President of the United States, our elected officials, and the judiciary, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person; we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, for the peace of the world, that we may be faithful witnesses to your love and mercy; we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, for those on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*); we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For (*N.*), for the healing of the sick, for the relief of the suffering, and for the comfort of all who are close to death; we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For refugees, immigrants, and all who come to us as strangers, that they may know the welcome of Christ; we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those expecting babies, and for those who give life to others; we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, our families and friends, and those we love, and for those who do not know love, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ (*N.*), and for all the dead; we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**



We offer our petitions and thanksgivings to God either silently or aloud.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ our Savior.

*People* **To you, O Lord, our God.**

*Celebrant* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*People* **Amen.**

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Gospeller* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A brief period of silence is observed.*

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* God is revealed to us in Christ Jesus,  
and through him we have peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's Peace and then are seated.*

#### THE INSTALLATION OF CHORISTERS

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people remain seated while the offering is collected.*

### ANTHEM

#### SENEX PUERUM PORTABAT

Tomás Luis de Victoria  
(1548-1611)

*Senex puerum portabat:  
puer autem senem regebat:  
quem virgo peperit,  
et post partum virgo permansit:  
ipsum quem genuit, adoravit.*

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.

*The people stand for the hymn and the Great Thanksgiving.*

### HYMN 499

#### LORD GOD, YOU NOW HAVE SET YOUR SERVANT FREE

*Song 1*

Lord God, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in  
peace as prom - ised in your word; my eyes have seen the  
Sa - vior, Christ the Lord, pre - pared by you for all the  
world to see, to shine on na - tions trapped in dark - est night,  
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, and their light.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give our 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 & BENEDICTUS

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus.  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

### MISSA BREVIS

Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
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.

*Z. Kodály*

*The people remain standing.*

*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.

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,

*People*

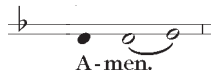
**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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 Mary and Joseph, Anna and Simeon, 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.

*People*



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People* **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*      Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*      There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE INVITATION

*The people are seated.*

*To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request.*

VOLUNTARY

HERR CHRIST, DER EIN'GE GOTTES SOHN BWV 601

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.  
*All*            **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members  
of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father,  
send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

May God whose infant Son was brought to the Temple in fulfillment of the Father's Law and his prophets, bring you at last to your heavenly home.

*People* **Amen.**

May the Son who gave promised deliverance to Simeon and fulfilling joy to Anna give you also the consolations of his presence with you.

*People* **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit who inspired the Prophets, guided the Holy Family, accepted the Child, and cleansed the Mother, also guide, accept, and cleanse you in His Temple.

*People* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Gospeller dismisses the People.*

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



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.



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