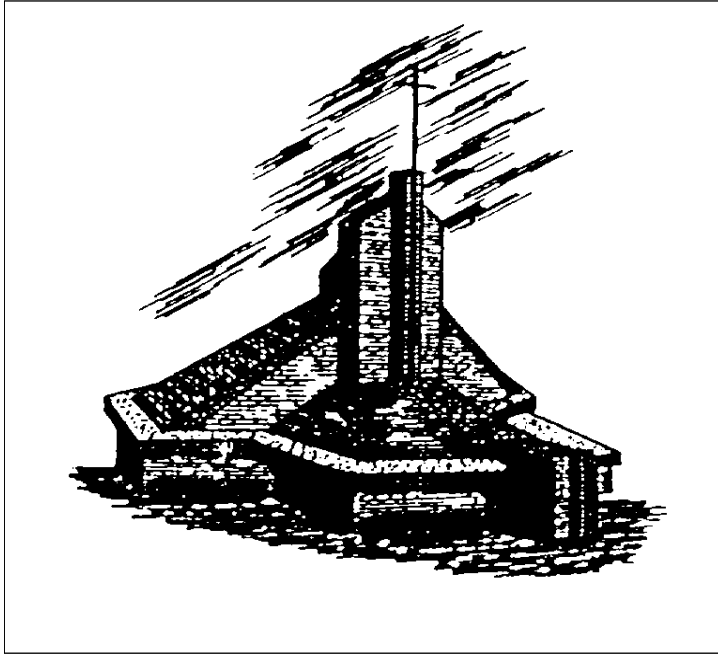


Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharist Rite II

Presentation Sunday / Candlemas

February 2, 2025 8 & 9:30a.m.

(The Lines in bold italics are spoken by the people.)

We are all guests at the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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Prelude

Tim Davis

Processional Hymn: 423 *“Immortal, invisible, God only wise” (vs. 1-4)*

- 1** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*
- 2.** *Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*
- 3.** *To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.*
- 4.** *Thou reignest in Glory, thou rulest in light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.*

The Word of God

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the

inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Praying together:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, 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 of the Day

BCP p.357

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons: *(we sit)*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Second Reading: (read responsively) BCPp.707

Psalm 84

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 Epistle

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

(We all stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel Luke 2:22-40

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***



The Sermon (we sit) Rev. Becky

The Nicene Creed (we stand) BCP p.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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For those in positions of public trust, especially our president and our governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Justin our Bishop, Greg & John our retired bishops; Becky our priest, Pattie our Deacon, and Russell our seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for our Members: Mary, Hope, Sharon, Sylvia, Allene, Susie & Dabney. We pray for our Family & Friends: Tammy Furlong, Jay Hunt, Barbara Ray, Tony G., Grace Meacham, Jeff Stidham, Archie Conners, Wanda, Tinley Sylvain, Rac, Lori Lenas, Gary Wilson, Ken Wiggins, Cynthia McDanal, Tommy Stokes, Ramona Ray, Susan McMillan, Diane, Victoria Howell-Lykins, and Mary Helen, and we offer prayers for those not able to join us; especially Denny and Karen. Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who are serving our country: Gabe, Matt, Marc, and Naomi & Kolten. We pray for Gabriel, Keith, James, Jonah and Ethan who are

deployed in service to our country. We also pray for our first responders, especially Ben & Zachary

For Churches in our Diocese: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Vero Beach; Please pray for discernment in calling a new clergy assistant, and for Trinity Church, Vero Beach, Please pray for their school ministry and for funding. We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Leader and People saying together

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says the 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 *(we stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Offertory

Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence



Offertory Music

Tim Davis

The Doxology sung together

Hymn 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. Amen***

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant and People (we stand)

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.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

Hymn S-130 Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (*sung*)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

The Celebrant continues (we kneel or sit, as able. If sitting, please lean forward so the person behind you has room to kneel)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

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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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant 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.

The Communion

Communion Music

Tim Davis

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, may he keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Now in thanksgiving, let us pray together.

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 *The Priest blesses the people.*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 493 “Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing” (verses 1-4)

- 1** *O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace. .*
- 2** *My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
And spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.*
- 3** *Jesus! the name that charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease;
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life, and health, and peace*
- 4** *He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



A Sonnet for Candlemas

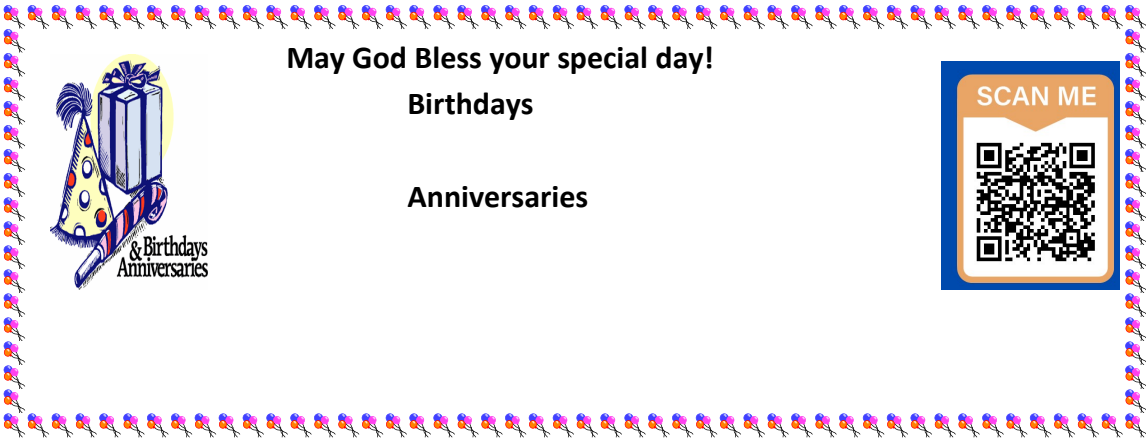
By: Malcolm Guite

They came, as called, according to the Law.
Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,
They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,
For God was coming with them to His temple.
Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle
They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,
Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,
Had made a killing on the two young doves.
They come at last with us to Candlemas
And keep the day the prophecies came true
We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.
For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,
Against the dark our Saviour's face is bright



*The Altar Flowers are Given Today to the Glory of God and in celebration of our grandchildren; Taylor, Amanda, Lillian, Dane, August, Oliver, Rory and great-grandchild Stevie Marie,
by Keith & Chris Miller*

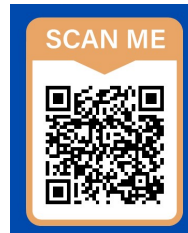
Serving Us Today: Altar Guild Team 1:
George & Martin Ann Hodges and Sarah & Nim Korda



May God Bless your special day!

Birthdays

Anniversaries

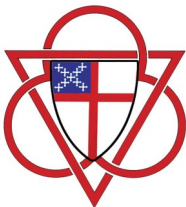


- Friday 8am Parish Breakfast
- There is no Youth Group today, Youth Group met last night, will meet again next Sunday
- Sign up sheets for flowers and candles for next year are in the Narthex
- This is first Sunday, loose plate goes to Rector's Discretionary Fund.
- There is an Endowment Board meeting Tuesday at noon

Sunday, Jan 26, 2025

Worship Attendance— 46
 Tithes & Offerings— \$ 1,575.00
 Weekly Budget—\$4,712.00

Feb 2, Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]
 Psalm 138
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Luke 5:1-11



Bishop: *The Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb*
Rector: *Rev. Becky Toalster*
Deacon: *Deacon Pattie Behnstedt*
Senior Warden: *Byron Walker*
Junior Warden: *Keith Miller*
Parish Administrator/Sexton: *Wayne Troxler*
Accompanist: *Tim Davis* **Nursery:** *Dalmaris Suarez*