

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**February 5, 2023**  
**Presentation of the Lord**



The fresco of 'Presentation of Jesus in the Temple' by Giuseppe Stornone (1816-1890)  
 in church Sanctuary of Notre Dame de Guerison, Courmayeur, Italy

This is a light to reveal God to the nations  
 and the glory of his people Israel. *Luke 2:32*

**CP 486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down.  
 fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;  
 suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
 pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
 let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
 changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 And the love of God,  
 And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
 Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
 All desires known,  
 And from you no secrets are hidden.  
 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.**

### Psalm 84

84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

84:2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

84:3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

84:4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

84:5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

84:6 As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

84:7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

84:8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

84:9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

84:10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

84:12 O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

### A Reading from Malachi 3:1-4

3:1 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.

3:2 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;

3:3 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.

3:4 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 339 From Glory to Glory

1 From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord;  
thy Name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.  
From strength unto strength we go forward on Zion's highway,  
to appear before God in the city of infinite day.

2 Thanksgiving and glory and worship and blessing and love,  
one heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.  
O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;  
ever fit us by service on earth for thy service on high.

A Reading from Hebrews 2:14-18

2:14 Since, therefore, the 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,

2:15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

2:16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

2:17 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.

2:18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 337 God, Your Glorious Presence (vss.1-2; vs.3)

1 God, your glorious presence  
draws us to adore you,  
and with awe appear before you.  
In your holy temple  
all keep mystic silence,  
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.  
You alone  
God we own,  
you our God and Saviour:  
praise your name for ever.

3 Fount of every blessing,  
purify my spirit,  
trusting only in your merit.  
Like the holy angels  
who behold your splendour,  
may I ceaseless worship render.  
Let your will  
ever still  
rule your church terrestrial,  
as the hosts celestial.

2 In God's glorious presence  
hear the harps resounding!  
See the hosts the throne surrounding!  
"Holy, holy, holy,"  
hear the hymn ascending,  
angels, saints, their voices blending!  
Bow your ear  
to us here:  
hear, O Christ, the praises  
that your church now raises.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 2:22-40

2:22 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

2:23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),

2:24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

2:25 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.

2:26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

2:27 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,

2:28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

2:29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

2:30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

2:31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

2:32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

2:33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

2:34 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

2:35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

2:36 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,

2:37 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.

2:38 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.

2:39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

2:40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7062635 This My Inheritance

1 This my inheritance  
 Will never spoil or fade  
 Until He comes my salvation  
 In heaven kept by faith

3 This my inheritance  
 Through suffering and trial  
 More worth than gold our only hope  
 In faith our song will rise

2 This my inheritance  
 God's power will be its shield  
 Through Jesus Christ the only light  
 By which it is revealed

**Bridge**  
 As it was in the beginning  
 Is now and ever shall be  
 A world without end amen

**Chorus**  
**All praise all praise be to God**  
**Always always and forever**

4 This my inheritance  
 That none can take away  
 Not even death with my last breath  
 I'll see my Saviour's face yeah

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven.  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again  
 to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People compiled and led by Betty Johnson  
 FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY # 5, which can be found on  
 page 114 of the Book of Alternative Services. The green book. Let us pray to the Lord saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and  
 faith.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, our Premier, our Mayor and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Let us pray for children and young people especially those in our parish: the Lord guide their growth and development.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Let us pray for the sick or those in any kind of need especially for those for whom our prayers are requested: Sandra... Merle..... Mary..... Irene ..... Helen.....Tony and Mary Jean..... Bill..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary..... Roald. May the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Let us pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Wayne Benner, and comfort for all who mourn.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel.

We pray in our World Cycle of prayer for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In the Canadian Cycle of prayer for the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa: The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop.

In our Diocese we pray for Stephen our bishop and for the Officers of the Diocese of Edmonton: Lois MacLean, Chancellor; Robert Reynolds, Vice-Chancellor; Mark Alexander, Registrar and Solicitor; John Gee, Secretary to Synod; Armand Mercier, Safe Church Coordinator.

In our parish of St. Peter's, we pray for our clergy Alison, our music ministry Nadine, our lay reader Autumn, our wardens, Vestry and volunteers. We would also like to pray for those who have been called as our visiting priests for our in-person services during this time of transition.

In the Diocese of Buye, we pray for the Kirima Parish: Emmanuel Habindemyi, Rector.

We pray for the people of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

That the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

**Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

**And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 517 O God, Your Constant Care and Love

1 O God, your constant care and love  
are shed upon us from above  
throughout our lives, in every stage,  
from infancy to later age.

3 All time is yours, O Lord, to give;  
may we, in all the years we live,  
find every day of life is new,  
a celebration, Lord, with you.

2 We thank you, Lord, for dreams of youth,  
for wisdom leading on to truth,  
for memories gathered through the years,  
and faith that grows from joys and tears.

4 Let not the passing of the years  
rob us of joy, nor cause us fears;  
and give us faith, O Lord, that we  
may live with you eternally.

The Dismissal

This is a light to reveal God to the nations  
and the glory of his people Israel. *Luke 2:32*

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness  
working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for  
ever and ever. Amen.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,  
and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**