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"Simeon's Moment" by Ron DiCianni

Choral Evensong
The Feast of the Presentation
Candlemas
February 2, 2025 at 4 p.m.

Welcome to St. James Cathedral!

Whether you are visiting or are a regular worshipper, you're not just welcome at St. James – you belong! This booklet contains everything you need to worship with us today. If you would like to learn about the mission and ministry of the cathedral, please complete one of the visitor cards available in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

This service is from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer, which is the basis of Evensong liturgies in the Anglican and Episcopal family ever since. Thomas Cranmer sought to simplify the daily pattern of prayer by creating Evensong out of Vespers and Compline. The high-point of the service are the two canticles which celebrate Christ's Incarnation: Mary's song of joy we call the *Magnificat*, and Simeon's song of revelation we call the *Nunc Dimittis*.

Unlike celebrations of Holy Communion, Evensong does not involve much congregational participation. You are invited to stand, kneel, or sit where indicated. Above all, make space to allow the beauty of spoken and sung scripture to bring you closer to God.

Whether you are a committed follower of Christ, an occasional visitor who appreciates our programming, or fall somewhere in between, we are happy you chose to worship with us today. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you connect with this vibrant and historic community!

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James, *Dean of the Cathedral*

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Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin,
BuxWV 76

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Music Note

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin is Luther's metrification of the Song of Simeon, the central theme of Candlemas. Buxtehude presents this chorale in five sections, each in four contrapuntal voices. In the first section, the chorale tune is heard in the soprano. The second section is built upon exactly the same material, except the soprano and bass voices have been switched, as have the alto and tenor. In the third section, we once again hear the chorale melody in the soprano with a new accompaniment. In the fourth section, the soprano/bass and alto/tenor pairs are switched and inverted, or turned upside-down. The final section expounds loosely on the inverted chorale melody and is simply – and devastatingly – entitled *Klag-Lied*, or lamentation.

INTROIT

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

When to the temple Mary went, and brought the holy child, him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms and, blessing God, he said, “In peace I now depart, my savior having seen. The Hope of Israel, the Light of Men.”

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be, as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in thee: And when we must from earth departure take, may gently fall asleep, and with thee wake.

– J. Troutbeck

Please stand.

PRECES

William Smith (1603–1645)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The Dean introduces the service and welcomes the congregation.

Please be seated.

PSALM 24

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is:

the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas:

and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord:

or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart:

and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:

and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him:

even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:

and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory:

it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:

and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory:

even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi. (3:1–5)

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 Lord All-Powerful says, “Then I will come to you and judge you. I will be quick to testify against those who take part in evil magic, adultery, and lying under oath, those who cheat workers of their pay and who cheat widows and orphans, those who are unfair to foreigners, and those who do not respect me.

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae:

*Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes
generationes.*

*Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est : et
sanctum nomen eius.*

*Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenie
timentibus eum.*

*Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit
superbos mente cordis sui.*

Deposuit potentes de sede; et exultavit humiles.

*Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit
inanes.*

*Suscepit Israel, puerum suum, recordatus
misericordiae suae.*

*Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et
semini eius in saecula.*

*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut
erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in
saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

My soul doth magnify the Lord

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call
me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is
his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout
all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath
scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and
hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the
rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and
his seed, forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Gospel according to 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.

Please stand as the candles are lit during the singing of the Nunc Dimittis.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

*Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum
verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis
tuae Israel.*

*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula
saeculorum. Amen.*

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 to the Father, and to the Son and to
the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

The Dean bids God's blessing.

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, bless these candles and make them holy. Pour
into the hearts of thy faithful people the brilliance of thine eternal splendor, that we, who by
these flames light up this temple to thy glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled and so
be counted worthy to stand before thee in that eternal temple where thou liveth and reigneth, one
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

During the hymns, the congregation follows the choir and clergy in a candlelit procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 257



1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let
 2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the
 3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his
 4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all

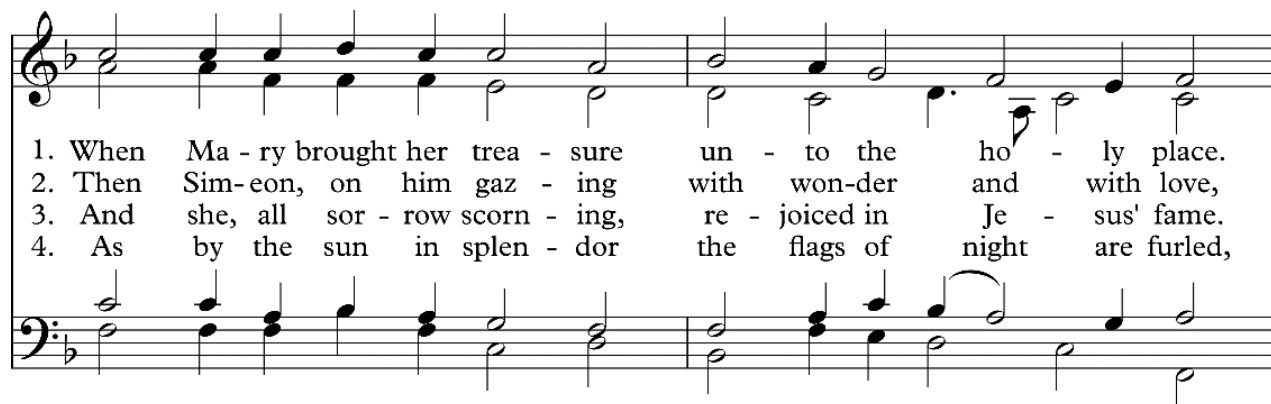
1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,
 2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with
 3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes
 4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things
 5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly

1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
 2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
 3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
 4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
 5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

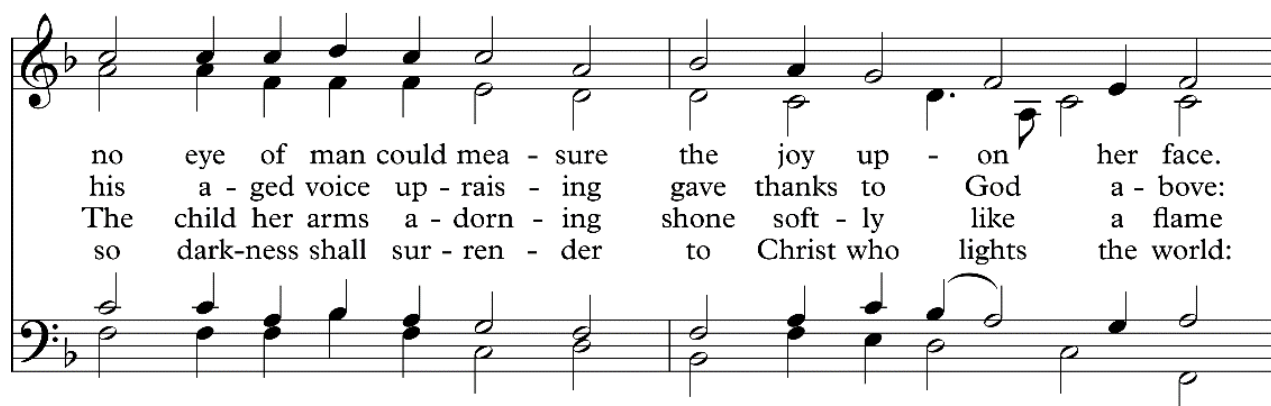
Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.

Music: Edmonton, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. When Ma - ry brought her trea - sure un - to the ho - ly place.
 2. Then Sim - eon, on him gaz - ing with won - der and with love,
 3. And she, all sor - row scorn - ing, re - joiced in Je - sus' fame.
 4. As by the sun in splen - dor the flags of night are furled,



no eye of man could mea - sure the joy up - on her face.
 his a - ged voice up - rais - ing gave thanks to God a - bove:
 The child her arms a - dorn - ing shone soft - ly like a flame
 so dark - ness shall sur - ren - der to Christ who lights the world:



He was but six weeks old, her dar - ling
 "Now wel - come, sweet re - lease! For I, my
 that burns the long night through, and keeps from
 to Christ the star of day, who once was



and her plea - sure, her sil - ver and her gold.
 Sav - ior prais - ing, may die at last in peace."
 dusk till morn - ing its vig - il clear and true.
 small and ten - der, a can - dle's gen - tle ray.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953), adapt.

Music: *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*, Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang (1599)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

RESPONSES

Smith

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Choir Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

Officiant Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: For the love of thy only Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Josquin des Prez (c. 1450-1521)

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.
Ave, cuius Conceptio,
Solemni plena gaudio,
Caelestia, Terrestria,
Nova replet laetitia.
Ave, cuius Nativitas
Nostra fuit solemnitatis,
Ut lucifer lux oriens
Verum solem praeveniens.
Ave pia humilitas,
Sine viro fecunditas,
Cuius Annuntiatio
Nostra fuit salvatio.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee, serene Virgin.
Hail, thou whose Conception,
Full of great joy,
Fills heaven and earth
With new gladness.
Hail, thou whose Nativity
Became our great celebration,
As the light-bearing Morning Star
anticipates the true Sun.
Hail, faithful humility,
Fruitful without man,
Whose Annunciation
Was our salvation.

*Ave vera virginitas,
Immaculata castitas,
Cuius Purificatio
Nostra fuit purgatio.
Ave, praeclara omnibus
Angelicis virtutibus,
Cuius fuit Assumptio
Nostra fuit glorificatio.
O Mater Dei,
Memento mei. Amen.*

Hail, true virginity,
Immaculate chastity,
Whose Purification
Was our cleansing.
Hail, glorious one
In all angelic virtues,
Whose Assumption
Was our glorification.
O Mother of God,
Remember me. Amen.

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

Please stand. Candles may be extinguished during the singing of the hymn.

HYMN

Hymnal 258

1 Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed was the
2 Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the

womb that bore thee;— Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild,—
world's sal - va - tion, and bless - ed they, for ev - er blest, who

bless - ed was she in her child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;
 love thee most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee;

bless - ed was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the
 bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther

par - ent's eye that watched thy slum-bering in - fan - cy.
 meek and mild, — bless - ed was she in her Child.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: *Psalm 86*, Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

SERMON

The Rev. Charles Everson
 Rector, Church of the Atonement

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 34



- 1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set-ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



- 1 day - time ra - dant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



- 1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn-ment, stars _____ in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now _____ and for ev - er.

Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (1930-2016).

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BLESSING

The Dean prays for God's blessing on the gathered people.

VOLUNTARY

Herr Gott, nun schließ den Himmel auf,
BWV 617

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)



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& Installation of the 9th Dean of St. James Cathedral

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 AT 4 P.M.

Sung by the Cathedral Choir
& Choristers.

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark,
Bishop of Chicago will preach
and preside.

Festive reception to follow.



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SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Spoken</i>)	Chapel
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family</i>)	Cathedral
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Choral</i>)	Cathedral
		Live-Stream Service (<i>see enews, website, or YouTube</i>)	
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong (<i>Oct–June</i>)	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>see enews, or website</i>)	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong (<i>Wednesdays, Sept–June</i>)	Cathedral

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