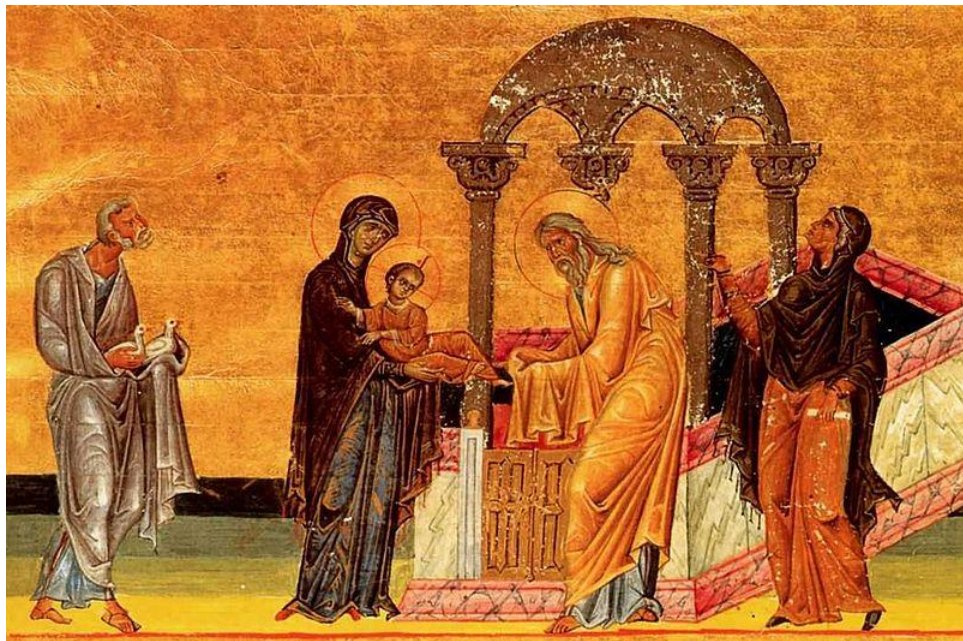


# Presentation of Our Lord

## February 2, 2025



*Menologion of Basil, 11<sup>th</sup> century*

*The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.*



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# Welcome to Zion!

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***“Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”***  
(Isaiah 60:1)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we’re glad you’re here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God’s goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God’s gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Playground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

# We Gather

## GATHERING HYMN

ELW Hymn #287

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together...**Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# **We Hear & Respond to God's Word**

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## **CANTATA BWV82 – “ICH HABE GENUG”**

by J.S. Bach

In 1727, for the Marian Feast of the Purification, Bach penned the second of his solo bass cantatas, ***Ich habe genug*** for bass, continuo, oboe, and strings. The Marian Feast of the Purification, celebrated on the Church's calendar on February 2, coincides with Jesus' presentation in the Temple and is the closing feast of the Christmas season. The principal lesson for the day is the Biblical account of Jesus' presentation in the Temple, taken from Luke's gospel.

Verses 29-32 represent one of the four prominent New Testament canticles, the Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon), and the basis for the text of ***Ich habe genug***. The author of the libretto for the cantata is unknown. In the first aria of the cantata, the singer represents Simeon himself and the text paraphrases verses 28-30. In the remainder of the cantata, the singer represents an individual who desires to be like Simeon, an individual who longs to depart from the world in the escape offered by death.

Ich habe genug, ich habe den Heiland, das Hoffen der Frommen,  
Auf meine begierigen Arme genommen; ich habe genug!  
Ich hab ihn erblickt, mein Glaube hat Jesum ans Herze gedrückt;  
Nun wünsch ich, noch heute mit Freuden von hinnen zu scheiden.  
*I have now enough, I have now my Savior, the hope of the faithful,  
Within my desiring embrace now enfolded; I have now enough!  
On him have I gazed, my faith now hath Jesus impressed on my heart;  
I would now, today yet, with gladness make hence my departure.*

Ich habe genug. Mein Trost ist nur allein,  
Dass Jesus mein und ich sein eigen möchte sein.  
Im Glauben halt ich ihn, da seh ich auch mit Simeon  
Die Freude jenes Lebens schon. Laßt uns mit diesem Manne ziehn!  
Ach! möchte mich von meines Leibes Ketten der Herr erretten;  
Ach! wäre doch mein Abschied hier, mit Freuden sagt ich, Welt, zu dir:  
Ich habe genug.

*I have now enough. My hope is this alone,  
That Jesus might belong to me and I to him.  
In faith I hold to him, for I, too, see with Simeon  
The gladness of that life beyond. Let us in this man's burden join!  
Ah! Would that from the bondage of my body the Lord might free me;  
Ah! My departure, were it here, with joy I'd say to thee, O world:  
I have now enough.*

Schlummert ein, ihr matten Augen, fallet sanft und selig zu!  
Welt, ich bleibe nicht mehr hier, hab ich doch kein Teil an dir,  
Das der Seele könnte taugen.  
Hier muss ich das Elend bauen, aber dort, dort werd ich schauen  
Süßen Friede, stille Ruh.

*Slumber now, ye eyes so weary, fall in soft and calm repose!  
World, I dwell no longer here, since I have no share in thee,  
Which my soul would offer comfort.  
Here I must with sorrow reckon, but yet, there, there I shall witness  
Sweet repose, quiet rest.*

Mein Gott! wann kömmt das schöne: Nun!  
Da ich im Friede fahren werde  
und in dem Sande kühler Erde,  
und dort bei dir im Schoße ruhn?  
Der Abschied ist gemacht, Welt, gute Nacht!  
*My God! When comes that blessed: Now!  
When I in peace shall walk forever  
both in the sand of earth's own coolness,  
and there within thy bosom rest?  
The parting is achieved, world, good night!*

Ich freue mich auf meinen Tod, ach, hätt er sich schon eingefunden.  
Da entkomm ich aller Not, die mich noch auf der Welt gebunden.  
*Rejoicing do I greet my death, ah, would that it had come already.  
I'll escape then all the woe which doth here in the world confine me.*

The summary of BWV 82 and the original translation of the German text come from Cantor Kurt R. Schmidt's honors thesis written at Lenoir-Rhyne College (2006). He first performed this work in its entirety as part of his senior voice recital 19 years ago.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

## OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### We Feast at the Lord's Table

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

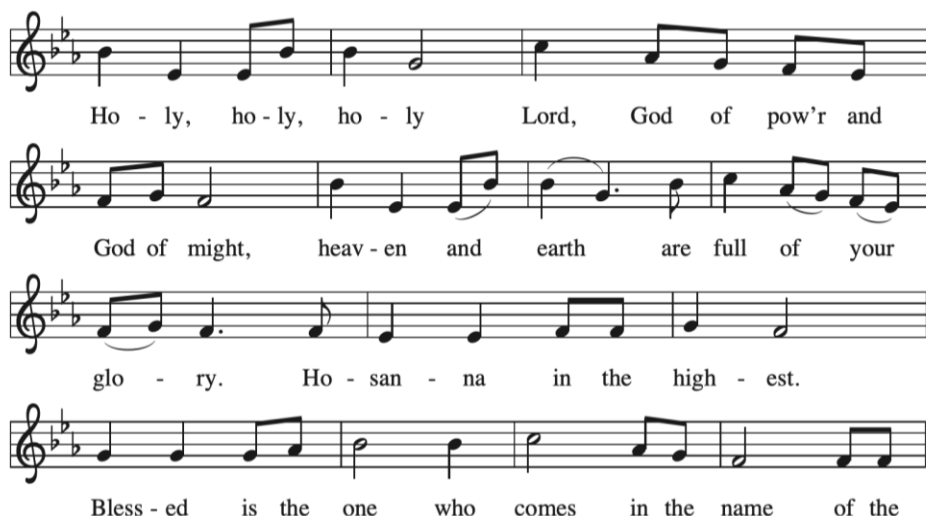
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





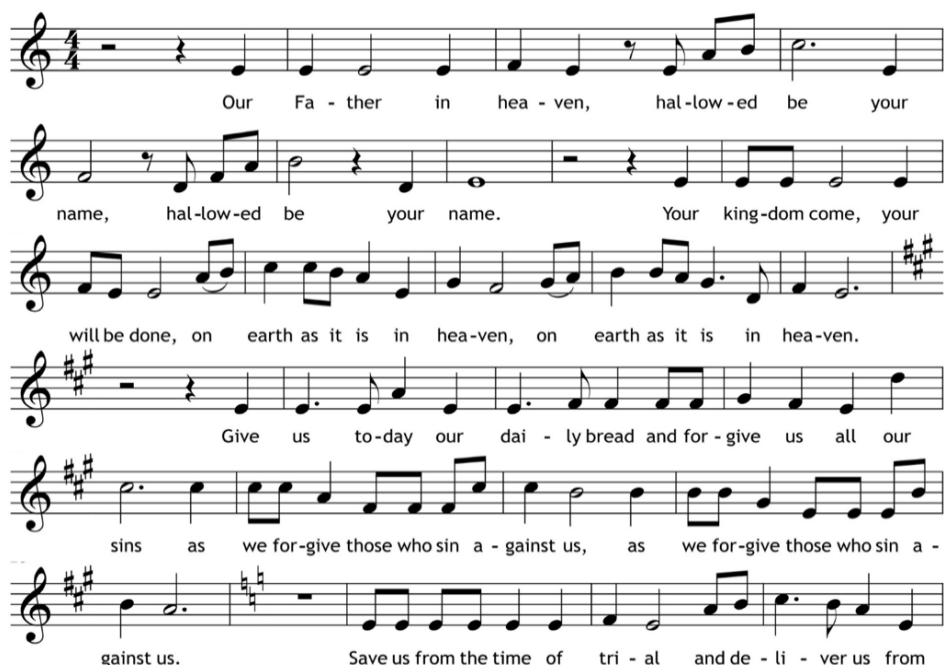
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

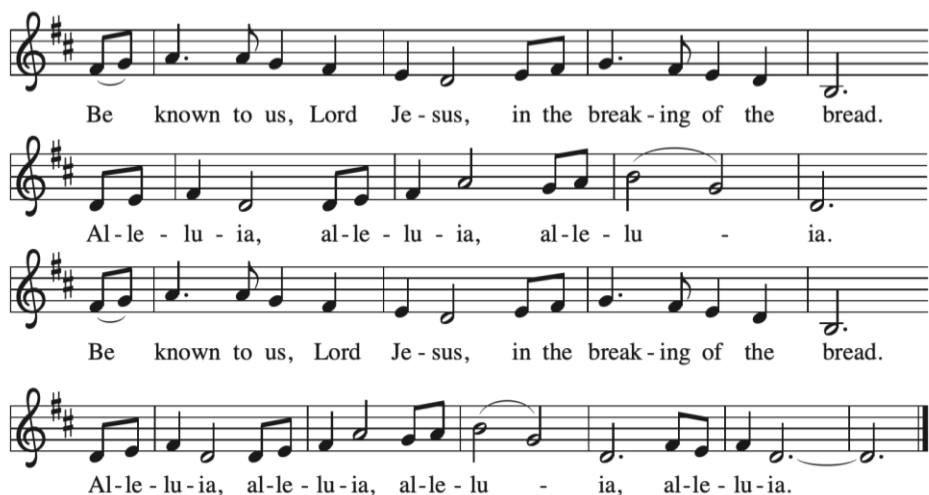
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:





## SHARING THE MEAL

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal with joy.



## We Are Sent into the World

### BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...**Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**



## BLESSING

The God of love, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

ELW Hymn #677, Verse 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

## DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace.  
Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

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# Today's Readings

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## First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

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. <sup>2</sup>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; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

## Psalm

Psalm 84; tone 1



How dear to me <sup>1</sup> is your dwelling,  
O <sup>1</sup> LORD of hosts!  
<sup>2</sup>My soul has a desire and longing  
for the courts <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice  
in the <sup>1</sup> living God.  
<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest  
where she may <sup>1</sup> lay her young,  
by the side of your altars,  
O LORD of hosts,  
my king <sup>1</sup> and my God.  
<sup>4</sup>Happy are they  
who dwell <sup>1</sup> in your house!  
They will always be <sup>1</sup> praising you.  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people  
whose strength <sup>1</sup> is in you,  
whose hearts are set  
on the <sup>1</sup> pilgrims' way.  
<sup>6</sup>Those who go  
through the balsam valley  
will find it a <sup>1</sup> place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it  
with <sup>1</sup> pools of water.

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from <sup>1</sup> height to height,  
and the God of gods  
will be <sup>1</sup> seen in Zion.  
<sup>8</sup>LORD God of hosts, <sup>1</sup>hear my prayer;  
give ear, O <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold our defend- <sup>1</sup>er, O God;  
and look upon the face  
of <sup>1</sup> your anointed.  
<sup>10</sup>For one day in your courts is better  
than a <sup>1</sup> thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather stand at the threshold  
of the house of my God than dwell  
in the tents <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.  
<sup>11</sup>For the LORD God  
is both sun and shield,  
bestowing <sup>1</sup> grace and glory;  
no good thing will the LORD withhold  
from those who walk <sup>1</sup> with integrity.  
<sup>12</sup>O <sup>1</sup> LORD of hosts,  
happy are they  
who put their <sup>1</sup> trust in you!

or Psalm 24:7-10 [not printed]

Since, therefore, the 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, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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