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## **THIS SUNDAY—5:30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

Commonly called the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin and Candlemas

*Guest Conductor: Mr. Paul Leddington Wright*

*Formerly organist of Coventry Cathedral, England.*

**Reception to follow, hosted by the ECW, in the Parish House.**

*Sitters available.*

### **CANDLEMAS**

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the Temple and offered to the Father, in obedience to the Law – a sign of the redemption he came to accomplish; and therefore on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, forty days after Christmas, the Church observes the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, in the confidence that through his sacrifice and by faith in him we are presented and offered unto God.

When Christ was presented in the temple, his Virgin-mother was purified in accordance with the Law, and so this feast is also called the Feast of the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin, in the hope and prayer that Christ by his grace will cleanse and purify our hearts, so that we may be presented an offering acceptable unto God.

Third, when Jesus was presented in the Temple, he was met by Simeon and Anna, two Israelites who had grown old waiting faithfully for the fulfillment of God's promises of redemption. Simeon and Anna recognized the child Jesus as the Lord's Christ. They gave thanks for him as the "Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people Israel", and

they bore witness to him in Jerusalem. And so this feast is also called Candlemas, for today, by ancient custom, candles are blessed, lit, and carried in procession to remind us of the meeting of Simeon and Anna with Christ. May this ancient ceremony be to us a meaningful token of our worship and witness. For to us it is given to know and love the Light of God's glory manifest in Jesus Christ, and to bear his light to others through the darkness of this world. GGD

### **CANDLEMAS EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

The examination of conscience required of those who come to the Holy Communion may be done on the basis of the Ten Commandments. It may also be done after meditating on the Gospels. As an example – neither definitive nor exhaustive – here is an examination of Conscience based on the Gospel of Candlemas, Luke 2:22-40 (pages 232-233 in the Prayer Book.)

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to Jerusalem, to present him to the

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**STANDING NOTICES**

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE**  
Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: [www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. David C. Barrow III

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. William S. Willingham

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Dearing, Sr., Ashley, Bill, and Palmer Dearing by Angela and Beth Dearing.

And in memory of loved ones by Dr. Thomas C. Stults.

And in loving memory of William Perry Thompson, Robert Mather Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mather by Mrs. William P. Thompson.

And in loving memory of Sara Jane Kuszak by Cheshire Nash McIntosh, John Nash McIntosh, Christopher Wood Dixon McIntosh, Horace Smyth McIntosh, William Tallman and Mr. and Mrs. James T. Walker, Jr., and James Andrew Walker.

A permanent memorial is given in memory of John H. Calais and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Calais by the Chancel Society.

And in memory of Deborah Head Doerre on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Judith Carr Wasden and Mr. Matthew Edwin Doerre by Mr. and Mrs. Wiley A. Wasden, Jr.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** Andrew Smith  
**10:30** William Sadler, Clayton Compton  
Austin Nichols, John Osborne  
Cord Helmken, Peter Stein  
Lindsay Pindar, Charles Perrie

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Mark D. Stevens

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES**

- Frs. Dunbar & O' Brien – **Old Testament** (Chapel)
- Jack Wray (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)—*David, Ezekiah, Josiah: Israel's Three Good Kings.*
- David Noble – *The prologue of the Somonours Tale; Tho bigynmeth the Somonour his Tale.*
- Mike Chastain—**Married Life Forum**—2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Sr. High Room), Cranmer Hall.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**Tuesday** 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study—  
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)  
**Thursday** 7 a.m. Bible Study (Reading Rm)

**WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**  
*Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.*

**Wednesday**—10:45 a.m.-Noon Bible Study  
**Thursday**—9:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m. *War in Heaven*  
(with Fr O' Brien)

**End Of Year Statements have been mailed.**  
*Please let the office not if you did not receive yours.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

Lord, as required by the Old Testament Law, and to offer the requisite sacrifice. *Do I make obedient use of the ordinances of the New Testament, the ministry of word and sacrament entrusted to the Church? If a parent, do I present my children to God, and acknowledge that they belong to God before they belong to me? Do I raise them in his faith and obedience? As the child of God, do I long to be presented unto God by Christ with a heart made pure and clean by his sacrifice and the gift of his Holy Spirit?*

In the temple they meet Simeon, “just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel”, the redemption promised by God. It had been revealed unto Simeon “that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ”. *Do I pass my time in active confidence in God’s promises, waiting patiently upon him, and ordering my life in readiness for his appearing? Do I persevere in hope of God’s promises, or am I discouraged and distracted by the time I must wait, old age, or more immediate gratifications? Do I frequent the temple of God, his Church, in the expectation of meeting Christ there?*

Simeon recognized Christ, took him in his arms, and blessed God for keeping his promise: “for mine eyes have seen thy salvation ... a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel”. *Do I know Christ, and do I worship him with thanks and praise? Do I recognize him in his humble state, in the ministry of Word and Sacrament? Am I content to die, in the faith of Christ? Am I ready for him to take me in his arms, and bring me into his temple in heaven? Is the light I love the light of this passing world, or*

*the light that shineth unto everlasting life? Do I acknowledge that this light belongs to to all God’s people in all the world?*

Anna also waited for Christ for many years, serving God “with fastings and prayers night and day”, gave thanks and “spoke of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem”. *Do I practice the disciplines of fasting and prayer in hope of Christ? Am I ready to bear word of him to others, in word and deed? Am I lukewarm in my witness? Simeon foretold Christ’s Passion, and told Mary, that “a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also”. Am I this day willing to serve a Christ whom the world rejects? Am I willing to suffer for his sake and the gospel’s? Do I have another comfort and hope than Christ? Where has this other comfort and hope brought me in life? And where will it bring me in death?*

**MARRIED LIFE FORUM –  
ON MONDAYS**

through February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 -8:45 p.m., in the Ralston Room in Cranmer Hall. Nursery care available. Please call to register.

**PARISH KALENDAR  
Monday to Friday**

8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Morning (or Evening) Prayer

**Except Wednesday:**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:45 a.m. Litany  
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
5:30pm Evensong, Supper, and  
Class:

*Understanding our Worship (the Holy Communion – first of four).*

**8:00 – HOLY COMMUNION**

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*A continental breakfast is available in the Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 —ADULT, YOUTH and CHILDREN’S CLASSES** (*Chapel & Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30—Pre-School Program continues—3 year olds through Kindergarten** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**Jr. Choir—1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30—PROCESSION, SOLEMN EUCHARIST and SERMON**

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POSTLUDE: *Gloria, fr. Fifteen Antiphons on the Magnificat* ..... Marcel Dupré

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

**12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel; same as 8 a.m.)**

**5:30 p.m.—Solemn Evensong for Candlemas—(sitter available)**