

## A TIME OF PRAYER

### Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple\*

Wednesday

February 2, 2022 2:00 p.m.

[Zoom Link to Worship](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

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*A moment of meditative silence is kept*

Officiant: You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

*Ephesians 2:19*

Officiant and People:

**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.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Officiant: 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.**

## Psalm 84

Lector: 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.

People: **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.**

Lector: Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
they will always be praising you.

People: **Happy are the people whose strength is in you!  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Lector : 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.

People: **They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Lector: LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

People: **Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

Lector: **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.**

People: For the LORD God is both sun and shield;  
he will give grace and glory;

Lector: **No good thing will the LORD withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.**

People: O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

## **The Readings**

Lector: A reading from the prophet Malachi.

### **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. 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

Lector: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

### **Luke 2:22-40**

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 (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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

### **The Prayers**

Officiant: Dear people of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

For our community of St. Michael's, for our staff, wardens, and vestry, and for our search committee, that we may regather safely, unceasing in prayer and in loving our neighbors,  
Lord, in your mercy,

#### **Hear our prayer**

For all who govern and hold authority in the world, that they may pursue justice, mercy, and peace above all else,  
Lord, in your mercy,

#### **Hear our prayer.**

For the welfare of the world, that the hungry may eat their fill, the weary may find rest, the mourners may be comforted, and those who walk in darkness may see light,  
Lord, in your mercy,

#### **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers:

Charlotte	guidance
Charlie	repose
Tom	healing
Barbara	comfort and solace
Brian	healing
The Sattler and Prough families	comfort
Austin	peace and happiness
Dick	healing
Deb and Ed	healing
Laura and Pete	healing

*You may add your own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving in silence or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Officiant: Let us pray as our Savior taught us:

**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.**

#### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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