



CHORAL EVENSONG

Episcopal Church of  
**The Redeemer**

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

EVE OF THE PRESENTATION

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

5:00PM

Welcome to The Redeemer. We're glad you're here!

**Sunday Worship at The Redeemer**

8:00am-Rite I

Holy Eucharist: without music

**9:30am-Holy Eucharist**

*last Sunday of the month Choral Matins with Communion*

**&via Livestream**

**5pm Monthly**

1st & 3rd Sunday-Evensong

*during the academic year*

“Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: It is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the 24 in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong ... it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and [people] which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshiper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience.” *from Coventry Cathedral*

Offerings and pledge envelopes may be left in the alms basins at the back of the church.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*The congregation stands at the ringing of the bells.*

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Officiant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Other sentences added by the Officiant.*

**HYMN 257**

*sung by all*

O Zion, open wide thy gates

*Edmonton*

**PRECES AND RESPONSES**

*sung by the officiant and choir*

O Lord, open thou our lips,

*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us;

*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

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.*

Praise ye the Lord.

*The Lord's name be praised.*

*The congregation is seated.*



*sung by the choir*

1. Ponder my words, O Lord  
consider my meditation
2. O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God  
for unto thee will I make my prayer.
3. My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord  
early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
4. For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness  
neither shall any evil dwell with thee.
5. Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight  
for thou hatest all them that work vanity.
6. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing  
the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.
7. But as for me, I will come into thine house, even upon the multitude of thy mercy  
and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
8. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies  
make thy way plain before my face.
9. For there is no faithfulness in his mouth  
their inward parts are very wickedness.
10. Their throat is an open sepulchre  
they flatter with their tongue.
11. Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations  
cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness;  
for they have rebelled against thee.
12. And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice  
they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them;  
they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;
13. For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous  
and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

*Gloria.*

#### READING from the Book of 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.

*Following the reading:*

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*A time for meditation is provided here.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
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 for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

**READING** *from The Gospel According to 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 turtle-doves 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 for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped 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 favour of God was upon him.

*Following the reading:*

**Lector**            The Word of the Lord.  
**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

*A time for meditation is provided here.*

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 shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*said by all, standing*

**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.**

## LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

William Smith

*sung by the choir*

The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*  
 Let us pray.

*The congregation kneels.*

*Lord have mercy upon us.  
 Christ have mercy upon us.  
 Lord have mercy upon us.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*people and officiant*

**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.**

*sung by the choir*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*And grant us thy salvation.*

O Lord, save the State.

*And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*And make thy chosen people joyful.*

O Lord, save thy people.

*And bless thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

## THE COLLECTS

*the Collect of the Day and others chosen by the officiant**The congregation sits.*

## ANTHEM

*When to the temple Mary went*

Johannes Eccard

*sung by the choir*

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 Saviour 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.

*The congregation stands.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*said by all***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,****we thine unworthy servants****do give thee most humble and hearty thanks****for all thy goodness and loving-kindness****to us and to all.****We bless thee for our creation, preservation,****and all the blessings of this life;****but above all for thine inestimable love****in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;****for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.****And, we beseech thee,****give us that due sense of all thy mercies,****that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;****and that we show forth thy praise,****not only with our lips, but in our lives,****by giving up our selves to thy service,****and by walking before thee****in holiness and righteousness all our days;****through Jesus Christ our Lord,****to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,****be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*said by the officiant*

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

## CLOSING SENTENCES

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

## CLOSING VERSES

*said by the officiant*

## HYMN 259

Hail to the Lord who comes

*Old 124th*

*sung by all, standing*

*Please remain standing as the procession departs. Following their departure, the congregation may be seated for the postlude or depart in silence.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

**The Rev. Jo Ann B. Jones, Officiant**

**Andrew Senn, Director of Music & Organist**

**Daniel Colaner, Michael Stairs Organ Scholar**

**The Chancel Choir**

**Lectors**

Wilson Jeffreys, Jim Holeman

**Crucifer**

Jim Jordan

**Verger**

Bob Mikrut

**Livestream**

David Woods

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