

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 2

- 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, The Presentation of Our Lord: Candlemas  
10:00AM Church School for K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
11:30AM Luncheon & Annual Meeting, *in the Narthex*  
5:30PM Holy Eucharist

### Monday, February 3

- 3:30PM Oasis Dinner Delivery

### Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00PM Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

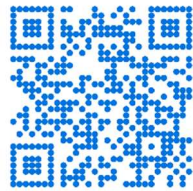
### Wednesday, February 5

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, Rite II, *via Google Meet*

### Sunday, February 9

- 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00AM The Holy Baptism of Fiona Clare Farley & Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00AM Church School for K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
5:30PM Holy Eucharist

#### Giving to St. John's



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"Pledge" for payment on a pledge you have made to St. John's.  
"Plate" to support all the general ministries of the parish.

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# ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 2, 2025 | 10:00AM | The Presentation of Our Lord: Candlemas

## HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Prelude

#### Opening Acclamation

*The Book of Occasional Services* page 53

*Presider*  
*People*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The candles are lit during the singing of the canticle.*

#### Canticle 17

The Song of Simeon

*The Hymnal 1982* S 260

*All*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

#### Candlemas Collect

*Presider*

Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the lights of faith, that we who

bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our lord. **Amen.**

### The Procession

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn** O Zion, open wide thy gates *The Hymnal 1982 257*

**Gloria in excelsis** *Book of Common Prayer page 356*

*All* **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

**The Collect of the Day** *Book of Common Prayer page 239*

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

*Please extinguish your candles and be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.*

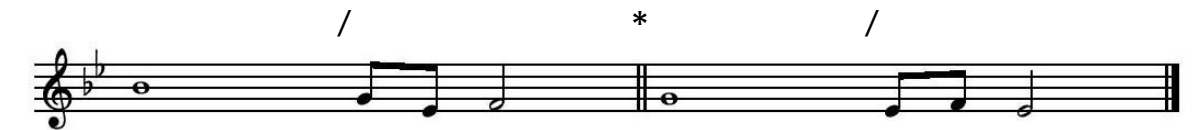
### The First Reading

**Malachi 3:1-4**

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.

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

### Psalm 84:1-4, 9-12



- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell / in your house! \*  
they will always be / praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength / is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the / pilgrims' way.
- 9 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.
- 10 For the LORD God is both / sun and shield; \*  
God will give / grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the / LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with / integrity.

12 O / LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their / trust in you!

## The Epistle

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since God's 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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 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. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

**Sequence Hymn**           How lovely is thy dwelling place           *The Hymnal 1982* 517

## The Gospel

**Luke 2:22-40**

*Gospeller*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Gospeller*           The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Michael Bousquet

## The Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer* page 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People Form VI

*Book of Common Prayer page 392*

*Intervenor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence may be kept.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the people of the Holy Land, and for the fragile peace deal that has taken root;

**For those who cultivate healing when confronted with hate.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Julia our Bishop; for Michael, Karen, and Gabriel our ministers; and for all ministers lay and ordained;

**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of the people of St. John's; we pray especially for the people of Ukraine, the people affected by the California wildfires; for Emily Sugg, Skip Wells, Margaret Bommarito, Bridget, Robert Berry, Quang Dang, Betty Clement, James Wachob, Susie and Cam, John Siegfried, Jack and Jackie Collier, Charlie and Elaine Steeger, Gail Corbett, Krish, Jaxson Stephens, Sheldon & Michael Lawson, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud ...

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray especially for all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

*Please Remember in our Diocesan & Anglican Cycles of Prayer: The Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery; St. Mark's Church, Dorchester; St. Mary's Church, Dorchester; the Epiphany School, Dorchester; the Diocesan Council; the Anglican Church in New Zealand and Polynesia.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for John Kozlowski and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud ...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## The Confession and Absolution

*Book of Common Prayer page 360*

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## The Peace & Announcements

*Presider*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

*As the table is prepared and as the choir sings the following anthem, the community brings forward gifts of bread and wine and donations to support the ministry of the parish.*

**Blessing of Candles**

*Presider* Almighty and everlasting God, who did create all things out of nothing, and by the labor of bees at your command has brought forth the perfection of wax; and who, on this day, did fulfill the desire of righteous Simeon that he should not see death before he had beheld with his eyes the incarnation of your Christ, Jesus your Son, the light and salvation of the world; we humbly pray that you bless and sanctify these candles and so fill us with the brightness of your light that all dark clouds may be driven away, and guide us in the peace of your Holy Church, that on the last day we may enter the haven of eternal rest and attain with joy the vision of the Son which never fails; who with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Book of Common Prayer* page 367

*Presider* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is right, and a good a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**“Holy, holy, holy LORD”** *Sanctus*

*The Hymnal 1982* S 130

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We re - call his death, We pro - claim his new life.

We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry e - ver last - ing.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

A-men.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Book of Common Prayer* page 364

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei*

*The Hymnal 1982* S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

## The Presentation and Invitation

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the wine. You may receive the bread alone if you so desire.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, we still invite you to come forward for a blessing;  
to indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you approach the priest.*

Communion Hymn Let us break bread together on our knees LEVAS 152

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer* page 365

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

Closing Hymn Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *The Hymnal 1982* 436

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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## Upcoming Offerings at St. John's

Worship & Music **Morning Prayer**, Wednesdays at 9:00am via Google Meet. All are welcome; look for the link in the weekly eNews.

**Guest Musicians:** We welcome Natacha Rist, our guest musician today, Sunday, Feb. 2 and again on Feb. 16. And we will welcome Marcy Merrill, our guest musician next Sunday, Feb. 9.

Formation **Tuesday Bible Study** – 7:00pm online via Google Meet.

**Winter Book Read** – During the Epiphanytide season, we invite parishioners to read the novel, *Matrix*, by Lauren Groff. We will meet to discuss the book in the Narthex on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25, at 7:00pm.

**Church School** – Formation for all children K-4<sup>th</sup> grade at 10:00am.

Outreach **Souper Bowl of Caring** – Come to St. John's next Sunday, Feb. 9 (Super Bowl Sunday), and bring food in support of the Westwood Food Pantry!

**CityReach** – High School students will attend this annual outreach event Friday & Saturday, Mar. 21 & 22! All parishioners: please support them with prayers and please start collecting coats, socks, and warm clothes to donate!

**Oasis** – Tomorrow, Monday, Feb. 3 at 3:30pm.

Ministry Support **Nursery Assistance** – Imelda provides excellent nursery care for us, but requires an assistant for safety. Parents and teens are asked to sign up and take one Sunday to be with Imelda and our little ones! Sign up in the narthex and also via the link in the eNews.

**Annual Meeting** – Our Parish's Annual Meeting will take place after this morning's 10:00am service. Come read the Annual Report, hear about St. John's ministries over this past year, and vote in our new officers and representatives. A luncheon will be served.

**February Vestry Meeting** – This month's meeting will be on **Feb. 10** at 7:00pm, rather than its usual third Monday of the month.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Lynne Kozlowski in memory of John Kozlowski and by  
Tom Viti in memory of Marguerite Viti.

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Sarah Ridgway and Jennifer Phillips.