

# CANON DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH

*Anglican Church of Canada*

**The Feast of Candlemas**  
**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

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*Présentation de Jésus au Temple*

*We come and worship God.*

*We go our way with souls nourished.*

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## **What is Candlemas?**

*“My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation”*

The ancient church skillfully embraced established pagan festivals, transforming them into beautiful new Christian celebrations while also syncing those events with the natural world's rhythms and seasons. This is why the “Christmas season”—already wrapped up in the secular calendar—continues to shine within the church until February 2nd. On this special day, known as Candlemas, we celebrate the Christian Festival of Lights, marking the gentle conclusion of Christmas. Forty days after the joyous birth of Jesus, we reflect on His presentation in the temple, where Simeon and Anna joyfully recognized the light of God shining through this precious baby boy.

Candlemas falls at the heart of winter and holds practical significance, too—during the 'Candle-Mass', we bless the candles used in both churches and homes, preparing them for the coming year. It's interesting to note that the secular world has borrowed from the early church, reinterpreting February 2nd as Groundhog Day, stepping away from its rich Christian heritage.

Although we no longer rely on candles to light our homes and churches, Candlemas nonetheless invites a simple and meaningful expression of faith in our modern world.

## **The Sermon Synopsis**

Today's sermon emphasizes Jesus' presentation in the temple as a pivotal revelation. Simeon and Anna recognize Him as the Messiah, proclaiming Him as a light for all nations and a source of salvation. Their faith encourages us to embrace Christ's light, transforming our hearts and guiding our actions. This story invites us to live openly, share God's grace, and spread Christ's light in the world.

# **The Gathering of the Community**

## **Introit**

This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people,  
Israel.

*Luke 2.32*

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you, no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## **The Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

## **Kyrie Eleison**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us..**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.**

**Trisagion**

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Collect**

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm # 84

REFRAIN **Happy are the people whose strength is in you!**

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.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!**

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. Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!**

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. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!**

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

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity. O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!**

**God of pilgrims, teach us to recognize your dwelling place in the love, generosity, and support of those with whom we share our journey, and help us to worship you in our response to those who need our care, for all the world is your temple and every human heart is a sign of your presence, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

### **Second Reading HEBREWS 2:14-18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel LUKE 2:22-40**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke  
**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

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 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.

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon: Paul+**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Todd, our bishop, and all bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Sarnia for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . . ) for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died (especially . . . ) let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering ( . . . and) all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord.**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt hear their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as

may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting; for thou, Father, art good and loving, and we glorify thee through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only- begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life,**

**To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## **Thanksgiving and Consecration**

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

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

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*{Then the celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.}*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. AMEN.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this Eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **Doxology**

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

### **Blessing.**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

### **The Dismissal**

Go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God  
and celebrating the joy and happiness our families have shared  
and in loving memory of friends and family,  
a gift of the Heasmans.*

Please enter names in the **Intercessions Book** each week to be read in the service.

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **For the Week of February 2, 2025**

#### **Canon Davis Memorial Church**

- Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday of each week or call: 519-344-9531 or email: [canondavis@gmail.com](mailto:canondavis@gmail.com).
- If you would like to contact Rev'd Paul Woolley for any reason, he may be reached at 519-464-2055 or email [paul@woolley.com](mailto:paul@woolley.com).
- **Sunday February 9**, Canon Davis Memorial Church will hold our **Annual Vestry Meeting** after a shortened **9:00 a.m.** church service. **If you are interested in standing for office in the 2025 Parish Council, please contact John Hayter at 519-384-1926.** If you need a ride, please contact the church at 519 344 9531 or call Karen at 226 402 3358 and a ride will be arranged for you.
- The meeting originally scheduled for January 29 with Amanda and the representatives of the three churches to discuss our next steps in moving forward to becoming one church was cancelled.
- Happy Birthday to Faye Farnworth, Diana Duke, Tom Brown, Susan Memedovich, and Kory Memedovich from all your friends at Canon Davis Memorial.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- ~~**Sew and Craft Day Saturday February 15** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Pot luck lunch.** Cost \$20.00~~

#### **Reminders:**

**Feb 9 Vestry Meeting - Parish Hall**

~~**Feb 15 Sew and Craft Day - 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall**~~

**Feb 26 Parish Council Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Boardroom**

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#### **All Saint's Anglican Church**

Copies of All Saint's Announcements are available at the back of the church.