

St. George's Church

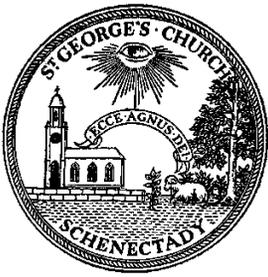
30 North Ferry St, Schenectady, NY



The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Candlemas

2 February 2023



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

Candlemas, The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ - 02 February 2023

High Mass — Rite I, 7 PM

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

MASS SETTING

Missa Brevis No. 4 "Corde natus"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

OPENING VOLUNTARY:

Of the Father's begotten

James Biery (b. 1956)

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

THE CANDLEMAS ENTRANCE RITE

(people stand)

The Celebrant says:

∇ Our help is in the name of the Lord

℞ **The maker of heaven and earth**

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ **And with thy spirit.**

The People lift up their unlit candles

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

*The Celebrant now blesses candles that will be used in the church during the year,
as well as candles that have been presented by the People.*



The Peoples' hand candles are now lighted as the Choir solemnly sings the Nunc Dimittis.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

(sung by the Choir)

Antiphon: A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. *[Antiphon]*

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. *[Antiphon]*

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. *[Antiphon]*

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. *[Antiphon]*

The Celebrant chants the Collect for Candlemas

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God our Father, source of all light, on this day thou hast revealed unto the aged' Simeon thy light which doth enlighten the Gentiles. We beseech thee, O Lord, to fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bearest these

candles may ever walk in the path of thy goodness, and come the Light that shineth for ever, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSION HYMN 257

O Zion, open wide thy gates

Edmonton

The procession stops at the altar gates for the station collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, thou hast made this day holy by the presentation of thy Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his brethren, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSION HYMN 259

Hail to the Lord who comes

Old 120th

As the Sacred Ministers enter the sanctuary, the Introit is solemnly chanted

THE INTROIT

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. O God according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end. Thy right hand, is full of righteousness. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. 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.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

(people kneel)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

(sung by the Choir)

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202

(sung by all)

(people stand)

**Glory be to God on high,
and on 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 sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The People may extinguish their hand candles.

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.

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

THE GRADUAL

We have waited O God for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy name O God; so is thy praise unto the world's end. Like as we have heard; so have we seen in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

THE EPISTLE READING

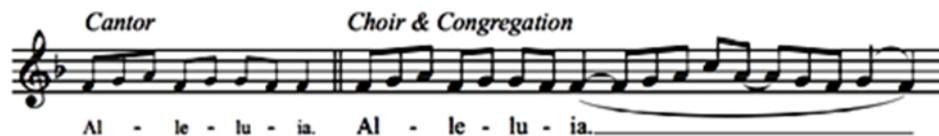
Hebrews 2:14-18

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.

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

Please Stand for the Gospel

ALLELUIA - *Dominus dixit*



Cantor **T**he old man carried the Child; but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE VERY REVEREND MARSHALL J. VANG

THE NICENE CREED

(people stand)

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 his 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; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,*(genuflect)* AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN;*(rise)* 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, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped 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

(people kneel)

Biddings are given before the Prayers of Intercession, which are then said without interpolation.

For the sick and the suffering;

For those who have died;

For those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.
Father, thy Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:

look in mercy upon thy Church, sharing his light.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, thy Christ in his temple bringeth judgement upon the world:

look in mercy upon the nations, which longeth for his justice.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, thy Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:

look in mercy upon the needy, suffering with him.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, thy Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:

look in mercy upon the departed, that they may see thy salvation.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, thy Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:

look in mercy upon us who now turn towards his passion.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, thou didst keep faith with Simeon and Anna,
and didst show them the infant King.

Give us grace to put all our trust in thy promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

(people kneel)

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, 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 honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who 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

(people stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

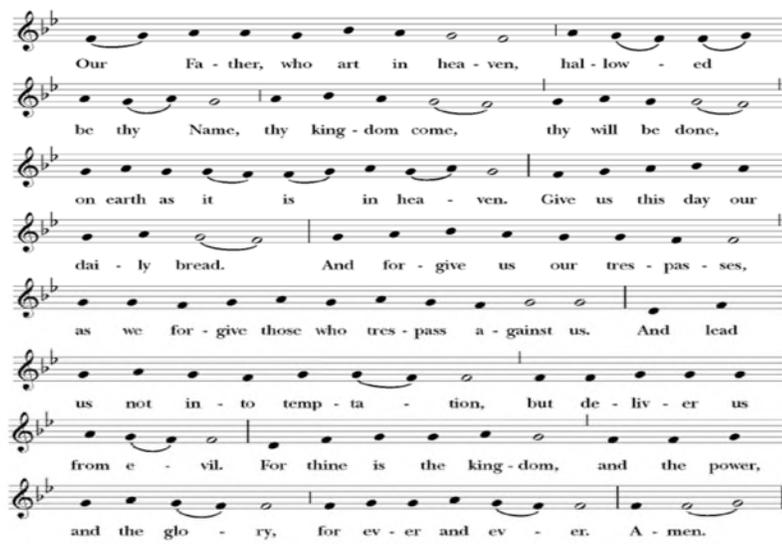
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

(sung by the Choir)

(people kneel)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

(said by all)

(people kneel)

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.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant ✠ Behold the Lamb of God: Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians may receive communion. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCE (sung by the Cantor)

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death; before he had seen the Lord's anointed.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Verbum caro Anthony St. Pierre (b. 1956)

COMMUNION HYMN 82 Of the Father's love begotten Divinum mysterium

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (said by all) (people kneel)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path. **Amen.**

May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 657 Love Divine, all loves excelling *Hyfrydol*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Gloria, from Fifteen Antiphons on the Magnificat *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organists:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor, Susan Lohnas
Cantor:	Louisa Carr
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison & J. J. Moran
Greeter:	Carol Gaige
Lector:	Alice Polumbo
Altar Guild:	Anne Kennison
Sacristan:	David & Anne Kennison

Prayer List

The Sick and those in need: Robert T, Richard, Christian, Christine L, Leslie P, Ed C, Sue C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Donald M, Kevin, Jesse, Fern, Tom, Brittany, Pamela, Jane, Jean M, Dom, Bruce J, Bess, Theresa S, Wanda Z, Pat Gibbons, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft, Jo-Ann S, Jim, Donna T, Fred, Sam

This list will be reset every 3 months.

If you would like a name included, contact david@stgeorgesschenectady.org

The Departed ✠ Bruce Jensen (d. 1-27)

Birthdays: Jonathan Ewbank (2-1, Wed), Meredith Ewbank (2-3, Fri), Richard Forshaw (2-4, Sat)

Anniversaries: Jonathan & Meredith Ewbank (2-2, Thurs)

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME VISITORS! We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. Whether you live in our area and decided to worship with us today or if you are visiting from out of town, we offer you a warm Georgian welcome! There are visitor cards in most of the pews and we ask that you fill one out and give it to the Greeters at the door or simply drop it in the offering plate. We'd love to see you again. Our Sunday Mass is at 10am. Details are on our website, www.stgeorgesschenectady.org.

Welcome St. Stephen's Choir and Friends! Tonight is a very special night as we enthusiastically welcome our brothers and sisters from St. Stephen's, both those in their choir and family and friends. There will be a reception in St. George's House following tonight's service, so please do stay for a while and enjoy some warm Georgian fellowship.

Choral Evensong! Choral Evensong will be offered on **Sunday, February 12th, at 3:00pm**. We have invited a representative from "**Things Of My Very Own**" who will offer a brief address to the congregation about their work in the community. Half of the offering received that day will go to that organization.

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection Last Sunday, we collected food and personal hygiene products for the SiCM food pantry, **totaling 196lbs**. This is a great start for 2023, as we hope to beat last year's record total of 2,073lbs. It is especially important during the winter season to remember the hungry and needy in our community. Thank you to all who have contributed so generously. Our February ingathering will be **February 12th**.

Pillow Talk This continuing ministry supports women and children entering the YWCA emergency shelter. Normally, they have escaped from an unsafe environment and arrive with nothing. The need is great and is ongoing. By your help and donations, St. George's made a large contribution in December and has committed to a quarterly donation. The need is for **PILLOWS, TWIN SIZE BLANKETS AND COMFORTERS**. Blankets and comforters may be gently used, but pillows must be new, unopened and in their original packaging. Place donated items at the back of the church. **The next quarterly collection is March 12th, 2023.**

Weekday Services. Our normal Wednesday & Friday weekday liturgies will be held this week, Wednesday at 9am, Friday at 12noon, both in the Lady Chapel. Join us for a time of weekday spiritual refreshment and prayer.

All on the Same Page Book Club Meeting The Book Club will meet after the service on **March 19th** to discuss the mystery novels of Anthony Horowitz. At the suggestion of Alice Polumbo, we will share our thoughts about *The Word is Murder*, *The Sentence is Death*, *A Line to Kill*, or *The Twist of a Knife*. If you didn't draw straws at the January book club meeting, pick one or more to read! In addition to these four adult mystery novels, Horowitz is the author of many books for young people in addition, to working on such shows as *Magpie Murders*, *Midsomer Murders*, and *Foyle's War*.

Care & Emergencies During the interregnum, here are the options for pastoral care needs: (1) Jim Wingate & Ann Duff are available for pastoral care, home and hospital visitations and communion. Call Jim at 518-381-9271. (2) Brian Taylor is trained in hospital chaplaincy and will respond for pastoral care and emergencies. Contact Brian (text or voice) at 912-656-0779 or email cornishanglican@gmail.com. (3) If a priest is needed, Sr Warden David Kennison will arrange for a priest of the diocese to respond. Call David (text or voice) at 518-320-5619 or email kentech2@nycap.rr.com. Dean Marshall Vang has also offered his pastoral assistance during this time.

Shape Note Singing All are welcome to experience the joy of singing together the beautiful a cappella harmonies and stirring songs of the Sacred Harp, a tunebook and hymnal published in Georgia in 1844 and used in community singings throughout the world. We sing in the Great Hall every Saturday afternoon from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit www.albanysacredharp.org

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED GOD IN YOUR WILL? The rubric on Pg 445 of the Book of Common Prayer reminds us of the importance of estate planning and charitable giving. When you prepare your will, please remember the work of God and his Church, and especially the Endowment Fund of St. George's Church. Please also remember the importance of making your funeral wishes known now to your family and clergy. Information to help you do that is available through the parish office.

*This is the Feast of Candlemas; for so they named the day
A thousand years ago and more, when Saxon kings held sway,
And Saxon monks, like Alcuin, kept fresh the Christian lore,
They learned before Augustine's feet trod England's blessed shore.
And thus they kept the festival; with tapers in each hand,
Alight, and borne aloft, where priests before the Altar stand,
And in the long processions, through market place and street,
As, two by two, they went their way, with "due" and reverent "feet."
And Bernard, Saint of Cluny, eight hundred years ago,
Tells us why Christians, in his time, the festival kept so:
First, to show forth the Master's words, that with lives clean and bright
We should let shine, before all men, Faith's pure and holy light;
And then to tell how virgins wise (and Mary chief of all)
Are ready, with lamps trimmed and oil, to hear the Saviour's call;
And glad, go forth to meet Him, their souls refreshed with grace,
Their hearts aglow and eager to see the Bridegroom's face.
The great processions now no more through town and country go,
No more the myriad tapers before the Altars glow;
But still the Master calls us, with holy lives and pure,
To walk as His light-bearers, in faith and love secure.
And still the lesson lies to learn, for all who would be wise,
To seek the plenteous stores of grace, His faithful love supplies,
And make our lives, like lamps well-trimmed, burn always bright and
Lived, as He lived His holy, human life, among us here.*

*—The Right Reverend William Croswell Doane 1832–1913
First Bishop of Albany*