

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

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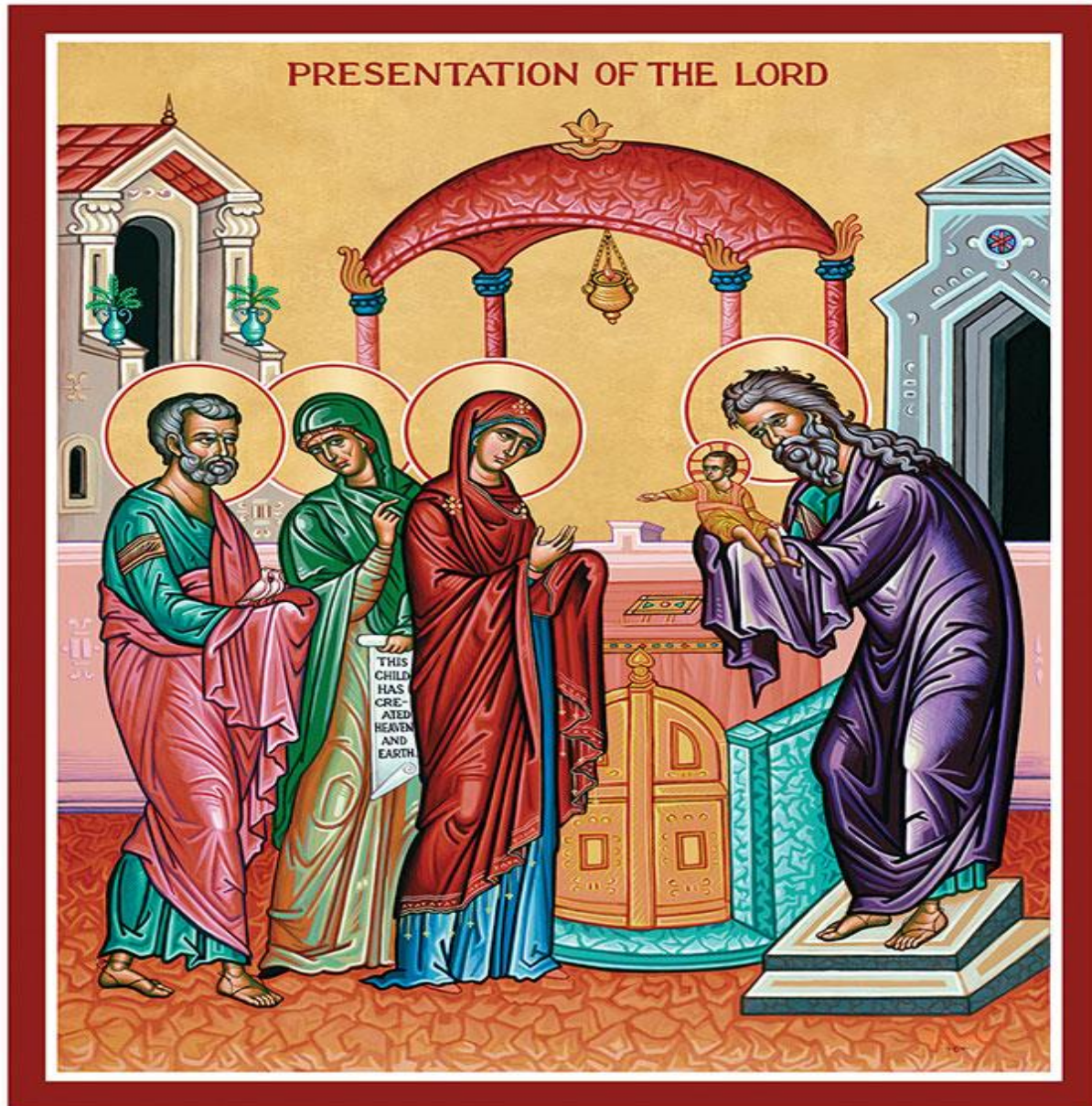
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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/
The Purification of St. Mary the Virgin



ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY BE TO HIM FOREVER!

Welcome to St. Mary's especially to those who are praying with us for the first time. All baptized Christians who have prepared themselves are invited to come forward with faith and love to receive Holy Communion. If you require gluten-free wafer, please indicate this at the time of receiving. Those not receiving Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Flowers on the Altar To the Glory of God and in loving memory of William Dudley Ward by the Berringer family.

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Yar D M

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Today's story is 'Anna and Simeon' Luke 2:25-38. Ginny L, Sandra D

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) the kids worship and serve in church today.

Finger Food Lunch follows the service today. Everyone welcome!

Information Packages on the proposed restructuring of the Anglican parishes in the city of Regina are being distributed to all members of the parish. Please be sure to pick up your printed copy after the service today.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday	10:30 am	Forever in Motion Senior Exercise
Wednesday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer and Men's Breakfast
	10:30am	Parent and Tots Group
Thursday	9:30 am	Woman's Time Out Bible Study
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Holy Communion

MORNING PRAYER AT TEN

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 43, 1 Samuel 2. 1-10; John 8.31-36

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

The Candlemas Procession.

Minister: Light and Peace in Jesus Christ our Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The following canticle is sung after the candles are lit.

**Lord, let your servant go in peace: your promises have been fulfilled;
Your saving power has been displayed before the face of all the world.**

**My eyes have seen salvation's dawn: the Sun of life ascending bright.
Your people's glory evermore, the nations' everlasting light.**

Let us pray.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendor, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Minster Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn in Procession: Of the Father's Love Begotten

**Of the Father's Love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore !**

**At His word the worlds were framed;
He commanded ; it was done :
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean
In their threefold order one ;**

**All that grows beneath the shining
Of the moon and burning sun,
Evermore and evermore!**

**O that Birth for ever blessed,
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Saviour of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred Face,
Evermore and evermore !**

Station at the Font.

Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your 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 sisters and brother; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**This is He Whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord ;
Whom the voices of the Prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long-expected:
Let creation praise its Lord :
Evermore and evermore!**

**O ye heights of heaven adore Him!
Angel-hosts His praises sing!
All dominions bow before Him,
And extol our God and King ;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!**

**Thee let old men, Thee let young men,
Thee let boys in chorus sing ;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens
With glad voices answering;
Let their guileless songs re-echo,
And the heart its praises bring,
Evermore and evermore!**

**Christ ! to Thee, with God the Father
And, Holy Ghost, to Thee!
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honour, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore ! Amen.**

Introit Psalm: 48:1-4, 10-15

GREAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised / in the city of our God.
His holy hill is a fair place, / and the joy of the whole earth:

Mount Sion of the uttermost parts of the north, / the city of the great King.
He hath made himself known in her citadels / as a sure refuge.

We have thought on the 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.**

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, / because of thy
judgements.

WALK about Sion, and go round about her; / and count the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, consider her citadels, / that ye may tell them that come after.
**For this God is our God for ever and ever: / he shall be our guide for
evermore.**

Summary of the Law

(Prayer Book page 69)

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

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

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day *(All extinguish their candles)*

Lesson: Malachi 3:1-5.

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites

and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty. R./ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 24. 7-10.

LIFT up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; / and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? / it is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; / and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? / even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Epistle: Hebrews 2. 14-18.

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted. R./ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn # **439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Chap 2, verses 22-40)

R./ **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

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. R./ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Cantor: All creation raise your voices.

Congregation: **Child of Mary, Hear our Prayer.**

Offertory Hymn: **385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness.**

Offertory Anthem.

Invitation, Confession and Absolution

(Prayer Book p. 76, 77)

Great Thanksgiving, Peace, Prayer of Humble Access

The Communion

Songs and Hymns during Communion: *(see insert)*

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Gloria

The Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Hymn: # **460 Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer. **

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre today, at 1:30 pm. in the chapel. A team from St. Mary's leads the service and porters residents to the chapel. We invite you to share in this outreach. Please call Rem W for more information.

The Intercessory Prayer Group will meet to pray for the parish needs, Wednesday, February 5 at 2:00 in the Lounge. "Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer..." Colossians 4:2a

St. Mary's Anglican Church Winter Ceilidh! Join us this Saturday, February 8 from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a family ceilidh to include chili supper and shortbread dessert. Entertainment to include Regina Scottish Country Dancers and local fiddlers! Local craft beer, wine, and soft drinks will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to St. Mary's Building Fund. Come and join us in having a good time. Adults - \$20; Children and Youth 9-16 years - \$10; 8 and under - Free. Tickets are available from St. Mary's Church office (306)522-6052 or stmarysanglican@sasktel.net

Please consider volunteering for chili cooking, shortbread baking, set up, bartending, and clean up!

Annual General Meeting of the Whole Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 16th following the service of Holy Communion. We will hear reports from the parish and approve the budget for 2019. We will also elect members to the parish Vestry (Council). The annual meeting is a requirement of the canons (church law) of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle of which St. Mary's is a part and provides for healthy governance of the parish. Persons over the age of 18 who have been baptized in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who regularly attend the services of the church are encouraged to attend and participate, and are eligible to vote.