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CANDLEMAS

FEBRUARY 2, 2012
HIGH MASS AT 6:30 P.M.

THE BLESSING OF CANDLES AND PROCESSION

Entrance

The people, holding unlighted candles, assemble in All Saints Chapel. The Celebrant greets them, singing



Light and peace in Je- sus Christ our Lord.

The people respond



Thanks be to God.

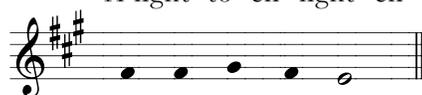
The people's candles are lighted while the Nunc Dimittis is sung.

Nunc Dimittis

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



A light to en- light- en the na- tions and the glo- ry of your



peo- ple Is- ra- el.

Lord, you now have set your servant free, to go in peace as you have promised. *All repeat the refrain*

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see. *All repeat the refrain*

A light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. *All repeat the refrain*

The Celebrant blesses the candles, saying

O God, the creator of source and light, who on this day revealed to the righteous Simeon the light that would enlighten the nations: bless, we pray, these candles, and grant that we who bear them in praise of your holy Name, may be made worthy to walk in the path that leads to eternal light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant sprinkles the candles with holy water. Then the procession begins. The Celebrant sings



Let us go forth in peace

All respond



In the Name of Christ. A- men.

Hymn 518

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| <p>1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help for ever
And her confidence alone.</p> | <p>3. To this temple where we call thee
Come, O Lord of hosts, today
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.</p> |
| <p>2. All that dedicated city
Dearly loved of God on high
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.</p> | <p>4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain
What they gain from thee, forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.</p> |

At the Chancel Step



∇ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart.



⦿ I will bow down toward your ho- ly tem- ple and bless your Name.

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 brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The choir sings the Introit as the ministers proceed to the altar.

Introit—Suscepimus

Mode 1

Suscepimus, Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio templi tui: secundum nomen tuum Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terrae: justitia plena est dextera tua. *Ps.* Magnus Dominus et laudabilis nimis: in civitate Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus.

We have waited, O God, for your loving-kindness in the midst of your temple; your praise like your Name reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice. Ps. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised: in the city of our God is his holy hill. (Psalm 48)

Kyrie, Gloria—Mass for four voices

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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.*

The people extinguish their candles.

THE LITURGY 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.

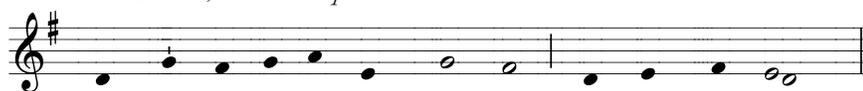
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 84: 1–6

Setting by James McGregor (b.1930)

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



How dear to me is your dwell- ing, O Lord of hosts!

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. 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. *All repeat refrain*

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. *All repeat refrain*

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. *All repeat refrain*

Second Reading—Hebrews 2: 14–18

Since, therefore, the 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.

A brief period of silence is observed.

Sequence Hymn 259

During the Sequence Hymn the ushers will light the peoples' candles.

Alleluia

Cantor, then all repeat

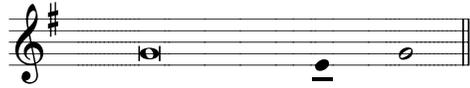


Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

He is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. *(Luke 2)* *All repeat Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel—Luke 2: 22–40

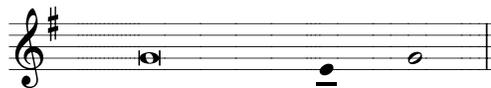
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, 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 Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until 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, Ann 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people extinguish their candles.

Homily

Father Bates

Nicene Creed—*Back of the Hymnal*

Prayers of the People—Form III

Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church, that we all may be one.

Here and after each petition is sung



℣. Lord, in your mer-cy, ℟. Hear our prayer.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you, that your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and holy authority in the nations of the world, that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, that they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, and we pray that we may also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon—Diffusa est gratia

Mode 8

Diffusa est gratia in labis tuis propterea benedixit te Deus in aeternum.

Grace is poured out upon your lips because God has blessed you for ever and ever.

Hymn 257

The ushers will light the peoples' candles. The candles stay lit for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer B

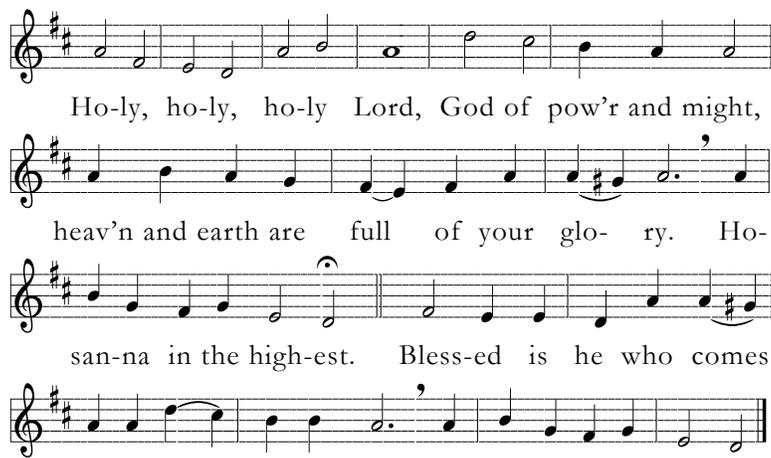
Sanctus arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens



✠ The Lord be with you. ✠ And also with you. ✠ Lift up your hearts. ✠ We lift them to the Lord. ✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ✠ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and 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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes
in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

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 many 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- mem- ber his death, We pro- claim his re- sur- rec- tion,



We a- wait his com- ing in glo- ry;

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and 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. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant begins



And now as our Sa- vior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All continue



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-

pass-es, 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 pow'r and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

Agnus Dei—Mass for four voices

William Byrd

After the priest says 'The gifts of God for the people of God' the people extinguish their candles.

Holy Communion

Communicants may receive the bread directly onto the tongue or into folded hands, and then after consuming the bread, may drink the wine from the chalice. If the bread is retained in one's hands, a chalice bearer will dip it into the wine, and place it on the tongue.

Communion Antiphon—Responsum

Mode 8

Responsum accepit Simeon a Spiritu Sancto, non visurum se mortem, nisi videret Christum Domini.

It was revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord's anointed. (Luke 2)

Motet

William Byrd

Senex puerum portabat: puer autem senem regebat. Quem virgo peperit, et post partum virgo permansit, ipsum quem genuit adorit.

An old man carried the child, yet the child ruled the old man. Him whom the virgin had borne - after which she remained for ever a virgin - she did adore.

Postcommunion Prayer

Pour your grace, O Lord, into the hearts of those who have received these holy gifts: and as you fulfilled your promise to Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the Christ, grant that we, going forth from this table, may meet the Lord face to face and enter into the fullness of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 618

Organ—Final from Sonata no. 4

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)