

Sunday, February 2, 2025 10:00 A.M.

Candlemass

We're pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee and tea

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

We begin the service with a time of silence.

The gong will sound to start and end the silence.

Hymn # 679 The Gloria *(Blue Book)*

Greeting

Blessing of the candles

Collect
God of Anna and Simeon, whose law makes known the gift of life, whose love exposes our hardness of heart: by your Spirit, may we receive your faithful word and know your reconciling presence offered for all the world; through Jesus the Christ, the Light and Glory of God.
Amen.

Hymn: One is the Body *(See insert)*

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Reader: Susan Himann
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

2nd Reading: Psalm 71: 1-6
Reader: Susan Himann
In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

PSALM HYMN: Song of Simeon
(See insert)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22-40
Reader: The Rev'd Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily – *The Rev'd Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People – *Laurie Ljubojevic*

Peace and Invitation

OFFERTORY HYMN # 533 Jesus Lover of My Soul
Vs 1,2&4 (Blue Book)

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Holy One.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Preface: It is indeed right to thank and praise you…
….in heaven and on earth:…

Sung Sanctus: #683 (*Blue Book)*
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 the One that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: In the fullness of time,…..
…here and everywhere.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker,
Pain-bearer,
Life-giver,
Source of all that is
and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by
the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today,
feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us. In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us. From trials too great to endure,
spare us. From the grip of all that is evil,
free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

~ from the New Zealand Prayer book (The Anglican Church of New Zealand).

The gifts of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Chant # 90 Don't Be Afraid
(Red Book)

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn # 61 As We Gather at Your Table
(Blue Book)

The Prayer after Communion

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.

Announcements

HYMN: O God, Your Constant Care and Love *(See insert)*

The Dismissal

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