

Candlemas (La chandeleur) is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church mentioned by Egeria, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land (381–384). Traditionally it marks the end of the Christmas and Epiphany season as thoughts are turned from the birth of the child Jesus to the oncoming season of Lent and Passiontide.

*Before the time of cords and scourges and lamentation
Grant us thy peace.*

*Before the stations of the mountain of desolation,
Before the certain hour of maternal sorrow,
Now at this birth season of decease,
Let the Infant, the still unspeaking and unspoken Word,
Grant Israel's consolation
To one who has eighty years and no to-morrow.*

A Song for Simeon T S Eliot (1888-1965)

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

The service begins in darkness as we wait for the light of the world to enter the Temple.

WELCOME Vivian Lewin, Spiritual Director

INTROIT Senex puerum portabat William Byrd (1543-1623)
Senex puerum portabat: puer autem senem regebat: quem virgo peperit, et post partum virgo permansit: ipsum quem genuit, adoravit.

The old man carried the child, but the child was the old man's King. A virgin gave birth to that child, yet remained a virgin; the one she bore she also adored.

THE CANDLEMAS CEREMONIES

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

All **and also with you.**

Priest 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, 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.

Priest Let us pray *(Please remain standing and hold up your candle to be blessed)*

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, ✠ bless these candles, and pour into our hearts the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**

NUNC DIMITTIS

During which your candles will be lit. Please join in the refrain.



Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦
which you have prepared in the sight of every people.
A light to reveal you to the nations ♦
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Please join the procession around the cathedral after the choir.

Priest We stand near the place of new birth.
All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**
Priest We turn from the crib to the cross.
All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**
Priest We go to carry his light.
All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**
Priest Let us go forth in peace
All **Thanks be to God.**

1. SING of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin-Mother undefiled. Sing of God's own Son most holy, Who became her little child. Fairest child of fairest Mother, God the Lord who came to earth, Word made Flesh, our very Brother Takes our nature by his birth.

2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, In the home at Nazareth. Toil and labour cannot weary Love enduring unto death. Constant was the love he gave her, Though it drove him from her side, Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, Till on Calvary he died.

3. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her through, When beneath the cross of Jesus she his weight of suffering knew, Looked upon her Son and Saviour reigning from the awful tree, Saw the price of our redemption paid to set the sinner free.

4. Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord, And in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on his promised word: from on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came, heav'nly breath of God's own being tokened in the wind and flame.

5. Sing of Mary, sing of Jesus, Holy Mother's holier son. From his throne in heaven he sees us There he calls us every one, Where he welcomes home his Mother To a place at his right hand, There his faithful servants gather, There the crowned victors stand.

6. Joyful Mother, full of gladness, In your arms your Lord was borne. Mournful Mother, full of sadness, All your heart with pain was torn. Glorious Mother, now rewarded With a crown at Jesus' hand, Age to age your name recorded Shall be blest in every land.

7. Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.

Tune: Hermon

*Words The Very Revd. Roland F. Palmer, SSJE
Verses 3 & 4 George B. Timms (1910-*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest Let us pray *(Please remain standing)*

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**
(Please be seated)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4 *(French translation)*

Read by Jane Aitkens

Voici que j'envoie mon Messager pour qu'il prépare le chemin devant moi ; et soudain viendra dans son Temple le Seigneur que vous cherchez. Le messager de l'Alliance que vous désirez, le voici qui vient, dit le Seigneur de l'univers. Qui pourra soutenir le jour de sa venue ? Qui pourra rester debout lorsqu'il se montrera ? Car il est pareil au feu du fondeur, pareil à la lessive des blanchisseurs. Il s'installera pour fondre et purifier. Il purifiera les fils de Lévi, il les affinera comme l'or et l'argent ainsi pourront-ils, aux yeux du Seigneur, présenter l'offrande en toute justice. Alors, l'offrande de Juda et de Jérusalem sera bien accueillie du Seigneur, comme il en fut aux jours anciens, dans les années d'autrefois.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

All **Thanks be to God**

Silence is kept

*The Congregation remains seated.
Please sing the response to the psalm.*

PSALM 84:1-6



R: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
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1 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2 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.

R: **How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

R: **How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!**

5 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.
6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

R: **How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18 *(English translation)*

Read by Miriam Schurman

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.

Reader Écoutez ce que l'Esprit dit aux Églises.

All **Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

Silence is kept

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader as the procession passes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Telle est la tendresse du coeur de notre Dieu ;
grâce à elle, du haut des cieux, un astre est venu nous visiter ;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40 *(French translation)*

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Quand arriva le jour fixé par la loi de Moïse pour la purification, les parents de Jésus le portèrent à Jérusalem pour le présenter au Seigneur, selon ce qui est écrit dans la Loi : Tout premier-né de sexe masculin sera consacré au Seigneur. Ils venaient aussi présenter en offrande le sacrifice prescrit par la loi du Seigneur :

un couple de tourterelles ou deux petites colombes. Or, il y avait à Jérusalem un homme appelé Syméon. C'était un homme juste et religieux, qui attendait la Consolation d'Israël, et l'Esprit Saint était sur lui. L'Esprit lui avait révélé qu'il ne verrait pas la mort avant d'avoir vu le Messie du Seigneur. Poussé par l'Esprit, Syméon vint au Temple. Les parents y entraient avec l'enfant Jésus pour accomplir les rites de la Loi qui le concernaient. Syméon prit l'enfant dans ses bras, et il bénit Dieu en disant : « Maintenant, ô Maître, tu peux laisser ton serviteur s'en aller dans la paix, selon ta parole. Car mes yeux ont vu ton salut, que tu as préparé à la face de tous les peuples : lumière pour éclairer les nations païennes, et gloire d'Israël ton peuple. » Le père et la mère de l'enfant s'étonnaient de ce qu'on disait de lui. Syméon les bénit, puis il dit à Marie sa mère : « Vois, ton fils qui est là provoquera la chute et le relèvement de beaucoup en Israël. Il sera un signe de division. - Et toi-même, ton cœur sera transpercé par une épée. - Ainsi seront dévoilées les pensées secrètes d'un grand nombre. » Il y avait là une femme qui était prophète, Anne, fille de Phanuel, de la tribu d'Aser. Demeurée veuve après sept ans de mariage, elle avait atteint l'âge de quatre-vingt-quatre ans. Elle ne s'éloignait pas du Temple, servant Dieu jour et nuit dans le jeûne et la prière. S'approchant d'eux à ce moment, elle proclamait les louanges de Dieu et parlait de l'enfant à tous ceux qui attendaient la délivrance de Jérusalem. Lorsqu'ils eurent accompli tout ce que prescrivait la loi du Seigneur, ils retournèrent en Galilée, dans leur ville de Nazareth. L'enfant grandissait et se fortifiait, tout rempli de sagesse, et la grâce de Dieu était sur lui.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL *led by Vivian Lewin*
Response after each of the prayer sections:

Either *Leader* Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**
Or *Leader* Seigneur en ta tendresse
All **Écoute nos prières**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **And also with you.**

Please share the peace with a neighbour saying : "Peace be with you" or "The peace of Christ"

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

HYMN **627** The voice of God goes out (Sheldonian)

During this hymn a collection will be taken for the work of the Cathedral in Downtown Montréal.

The Cathedral is open seven days a week between 7.30am and 6pm for all who want to pray, for all who are looking for peace, a warm place to sit and rest, and seek help.

Through our outreach programmes the Cathedral supports many local organizations which help the needy. Please give generously. . If you would like to find out about regular or tax efficient ways of giving please speak to a steward.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Here follows the preface, Sanctus, Benedictus and Eucharistic prayer. Please kneel when the bells ring before the Sanctus. The words can be found pasted into the back page of the hymn book.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, please say: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(The Lord's prayer is said. Words at hymn 684)*

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**
Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God**

AGNUS DEI *The words can be found pasted at the back of the hymn book.*

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services, as appropriate.

Tous sont invités à la table du Seigneur, pour communier ou pour recevoir une bénédiction, selon le cas.

MOTET Hodie beata Virgo William Byrd
Hodie beata virgo Maria puerum Iesum presentavit in templo. Et Simeon, repletus spiritu sancto, accepit eum in ulnas suas et benedixit Deus in aeternum. *Today the blessed Virgin Mary presented the boy Jesus in the Temple and Simeon, full of the Holy Spirit took him in his arms and praised the Lord eternally.*

Please remain seated or kneeling to sing the hymn during Communion
HYMN **124** Stay my child, my body sharing (Daniel's)

A short period of silence is kept

NOTICES

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION & BLESSING

All **God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen**

HYMN **341** God of mercy, God of grace (Heathlands)

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

POSTLUDE A light to reveal you... Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Today at 12pm in Fulford Hall. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. This is the meeting when we elect wardens and members of Forum and look at the accounts. All parishioners are invited to attend.

PRAYERS:

In Special Need: Andrew, Fran Whitfield, Grace, Francis, Leah, Nicholas and Linda, Alan

Continued Support: Nancy Gilbert, Lisa, Christopher Coolidge, Gloria Hall, Nathalie, Roger, Alain, Marie-Claire, Scott Harding, Tobias, Anne Shaddick, Mary and William, Gerry

Year's Mind: William Ronald, Hienda Hermine Klaehn, Raymond N. Kearns

CHORAL EVENSONG this afternoon at 4 pm, broadcast live on Radio Ville-Marie 91.3 FM, streamed live on the internet: Click on the link on the Cathedral web site. The Very Rev'd J. Paul Kennington will officiate, and the Cathedral Singers under the direction of Patrick Wedd will present music by Kidd, Lewis, Dyson and Eddard. Voluntaries by J. S. Bach.

CONCERTS:

Saturday, Feb 11, 4:30 pm - Patrick Wedd, Organ. Works by Fricker, Stanford, Statham, Grainger, and Whitlock.
Saturday, Feb 18, 8 pm - The Harthouse Orchestra, Toronto - \$10 in Advance, \$15 at the door. Brahms: Symphony #3, Neilsen: Helios Overture, Mozart: Flute Concerto

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND PARTY - Feb. 21st. Come for pancakes and stay for a talent show! Sign up to sing a song, play an instrument, present a skit or recitation, do a dance... We're also looking for someone to prepare an iPod playlist for the party. Drinks at 5, dinner at 6, entertainment to follow. \$5/person

AND DON'T FORGET ASH WEDNESDAY, 22nd Feb, Eucharist at 7.30am, 12.15am and Choral Eucharist at 7.30pm.

FAMILY SATURDAY, Feb. 25th, 10 am-1pm (including lunch)
Observing Lent with Children: an all-ages, hands-on worship service in the Undercroft RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 23rd

THE CATHEDRAL BOOK GROUP will meet on February 26th to discuss "The Sentimentalists" by Johanna Skibsrud. Our March book will be Open City by Teju Cole. Please speak to Jane or Ann if you would like to join us.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION If you have never been baptised or confirmed and would like to consider this, please speak to Paul as soon as possible. The Next adult baptisms and confirmations will be on Holy Saturday – 7th April 2012.

FLOWERS if you would like to sponsor the Sunday flowers in memory of someone on a particular Sunday please contact Eva in the office. Sunday flowers cost in the region of \$50.

HOME COMMUNION: Parishioners who are sick or shut-in and would like to receive communion in their home please contact the church office.

THE SEVERS' GUILD is looking for new people: Anyone 12 years of age or older who would enjoy serving at the altar on Sundays and Feast days please contact George Deare.

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CANDLEMAS

5th February 2012

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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Celebrant: The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington

10:00 a.m. CHORAL EUCHARIST

Celebrant: The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington
Deacon: Rhonda Waters
Setting: Missa Aedis Christi, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
The Cathedral Singers, Patrick Wedd, Director of Music

A very warm welcome to the Cathedral this morning, especially to any visitors. Please stay for refreshments in the Baptistry after the service and introduce yourself to us.

Bienvenue à la Cathédrale ce matin, surtout aux visiteurs parmi nous. Vous êtes invités à prendre un café dans le baptistère après l'Eucharistie pour mieux nous connaître.

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We are a diverse, inclusive and welcoming community following Christ and seeking social justice in contemplation, compassion and celebration.

Nous sommes une communauté inclusive qui accueille la grande diversité humaine. Nous espérons la justice sociale en tant que disciples du Christ dans la contemplation, la compassion et la célébration.

Children at the Cathedral: The Children's Chapel at the back of the cathedral is arranged as a safe place for children during the service, do feel free to use it as you wish during the service.

Gluten free wafers are available: If you would like one please speak to a steward before the service or at the Peace and take Holy Communion at the High Altar.

Si vous désirez une **hostie sans gluten**, veuillez informer un des assistants au fond de la Cathédrale avant l'Eucharistie et prendre la Communion au maître-autel.