



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Participate by Zoom: link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82758741476>

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Preacher The Reverend Jennifer Bourque



*We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk),
at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations.
Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of
recognition and reconciliation.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Amen.

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 For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God around us,
For the word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation remains seated to pray the psalm.

PSALM 84

- 1 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.
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your
anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts
is better than a thousand in my own
room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the
house of my God than to dwell in the
tents of the wicked.

10 **For the Lord God is both sun and
shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 **O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their
trust in you!**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18

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 For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God around us,
For the word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord
Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

All **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 worshipped 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 favour of God was upon him.

Priest **The Gospel of Christ.**
All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE CREED (page 71)

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

A collection plate will be passed during the hymn. If you would prefer, you can leave your donation as you go out by debit or credit card on our tap and go system, or by e-transfer to accounting@montrealcathedral.ca. Please indicate your name and address for donations over \$20 if you would like a tax receipt. Thank you.

THE PRAYERS & CONFESSION (page 75)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (page 78)

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services. You can receive both the bread and the wine, or choose only one of them. Dipping the wafer into the chalice is forbidden for epidemiological reasons.

Please come forward to receive the host, maintaining a safe distance from your neighbour. After receiving the host, remove your mask and consume it. You may then either keep your mask off to drink from the chalice or put your mask back on and return to your seat. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 85)