

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple



On Thursday, February 2, we observe a special feast day of the Church Year, *The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple*.

The Gospel of Luke recounts this story of Mary and Joseph presenting their son at Temple, in accordance with Jewish religious law. Every firstborn son had to be dedicated to God in memory of the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt, when the firstborn sons of Egyptians died and those of Israel were spared.

When they arrived, they met Simeon, an elderly and holy man. Having spent much of his time in study and prayer, he anticipated such an encounter. Simeon had been promised by God that he would truly see the Messiah before his death.

When Mary placed her infant son into the arms of Simeon, it was the meeting of the Old and New Dispensations. The old sacrifices, the burnt offering and oblations were done away; a new and perfect offering, one provided by God, had come into the Temple.

As Simeon received Jesus, he proclaimed: *Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised. For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see. A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel* (Luke 2:29-32).

His declaration has become a canticle for our worship, *The Song of Simeon*. It is also known as *Nunc dimittis*, meaning "now let depart" in Latin. This canticle is recited during the Daily Office, principally at Evening Prayer.

Each time we state these words, we give thanks that the presence of Jesus in life has transformed both our relationship and our knowledge of God. We recall the event when Simeon held in his arms the tangible essence of salvation. *The Presentation of Our Lord* signifies that we all share in the receiving of this divine gift.

The Forty Days of Lent



With the knowledge that the we have received such a divine gift, we will move into the penitential season of Lent on February 22, Ash Wednesday.

We enter this period of time each year to offer ourselves into the way of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We also take the opportunity to set aside time during our busy daily life for spiritual discipline and personal discernment. We are asked to strengthen our relationship with God.

I invite you to begin an observance of a holy Lent by attending one of the Ash Wednesday services at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

--- Peace, James+

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Rome's Anglican Centre promotes ecumenism in the Eternal City and beyond.

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By: Lynette Wilson

Every Tuesday, the [Anglican Centre](#) in Rome hosts a midday Eucharist in the Chapel of St. Augustine of Canterbury followed by a lively luncheon on its premises in the Doria Pamphilj Palace in Roman College Square, just steps from the Pantheon in the heart of the Italian capital's historic center.

[Founded](#) in 1966 after a meeting between Pope Paul VI and then Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey, the Anglican Centre serves as the Anglican Communion's representation in Rome. Today, its director is a liaison between Pope Francis and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, and it serves as a space for ecumenical encounters and dialogue.

"Since Vatican II, when the center was founded, thanks to visionary and generous benefactors at the time, it has been important that the Anglican Communion has the equivalent of an embassy in the Eternal City," the Rt. Rev. Michael Burrows, chair of the center's board of trustees, told Episcopal News Service during a mid-December visit to the center.

"This is a place of networking, a place of hospitality, a place of study, a place where all sorts of conversations take place, as befits the sense of the diplomatic, as well as the ecclesiastical nature of Rome."

Burrows is the bishop of Cashel, Waterford and Lismore with Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin in the Anglican Church of Ireland. On Dec. 13, during the [Feast of St. Lucy](#), Burrows celebrated an Advent service at the center. The Rev. Rhona Dunphy — then a locum, or temporary minister, at St. Andrew's Church of Scotland in Rome — preached on Matthew 21:28-32, and how humans respond to authority.

"As a minister, for me, it's very important to hear other people preach and to be part of a worshipping community, as well as leading a worshipping

community, and the fact that services are celebrated here during the week — it makes it very easy to do that," Dunphy told ENS after the service. She has 23 years of experience working in Europe's ecumenical space, mostly based in Germany. "And it's exciting to be in a place like Rome and be working with and worshipping with people from other denominations."

In addition to weekly Tuesday [services](#) — open to visitors, tourists and pilgrims — the center hosts a weekly prayer circle attended by ecumenical partners, and it coordinates joint education, mission and ecumenical projects with the Vatican and other partners. It also offers study courses and access to a larger Christian research library, as well as introductory access to other local library collections and universities.

"You can find so many different people from different traditions and backgrounds here," said Allison Beaty, a doctoral student at the [Pontifical Gregorian University](#), which traces its founding to St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1551. "We have Orthodox ... we have many Catholics, some of the Baptists will come, Methodists — there's just such a great mixture of people that come together and it creates lots of interesting discussions."

Beaty is a member of the Church of the Nazarene, which emerged in North America in the 19th century out of the Wesleyan-Holiness movement within Methodism. "As a Wesleyan, we feel close to the Anglicans, theologically and in our tradition," she said. "So I feel comfortable here. I guess I kind of feel like I'm around my big brothers and sisters in a way."

Creating a space of welcome is of utmost importance to the Rt. Rev. Ian Ernest, the center's director. "Given that the Anglican Centre is the Anglican Communion's only ecumenical institution, and given its location, it's important that it be visible, active and hospitable," he told ENS.

"This place is a place of hospitality. And when we talk about hospitality, it's the Christian way of life, to open oneself to the other, to open one's house to the other, to have a conversation with the other, to be able to engage, even at times with difficult situations and in difficult conversations, and hospitality resides with humility," he said.

"The calling of this place is to be humble enough to share what we have and to receive from the other, and out of hospitality comes encounter. This place is

a place of encounter [for people from different backgrounds]. It's just a symbol of what the church of Christ is: the diversity of people sharing a common faith, a group of people coming from all walks of life to be able to proclaim together the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, or else the Good News won't be good news," Ernest, who previously served as the bishop of Mauritius in the [Church of the Province in the Indian Ocean](#), added.

The Rev. Matthew A. Laferty, director of the Methodist Ecumenical Office in Rome, works closely with Ernest on behalf of their respective communions, and on a personal level, they have covenanted to support each other on their ecumenical journeys.

"Even though the largest part of our briefs is working with the Catholic Church in the Holy See, it's important in our witness of Christian unity to live that out in visible ways with one another," said Laferty, who has worked in the ecumenical space for over a dozen years and who is a regular at both the Tuesday Eucharist and the Thursday prayer circle.

The Anglican Centre is about more than the unity of Anglicans and Roman Catholics, it pursues a larger ecumenical vision of unity, the Rev. Margaret Rose, ecumenical and religious deputy to the presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, told ENS.

"Unity among all the churches, mutual recognition of ministry and eucharistic hospitality; being in communion with one another," she said. "Today's ecumenical work is about mutual dialogue and coming to a new place together."

Burrows, the Irish bishop who serves as chair of the board of trustees, has witnessed a shift in the ecumenical movement, at least at home, where sectarianism has historically led to segregation and violence, and he sees how dialogue between leaders can have a positive impact on communities.

"In these days of a receptive ecumenism, we learn more and more from each other's strengths as we work together," Burrows said. "The work of the center does trickle down and does make a difference in terms of [local] initiatives.

"I come from a country perhaps more bedeviled by ecumenical difficulties in a previous generation than most countries on the globe. We've had a long history of challenging the difficult Anglican-Roman

Catholic relationships, and [with] this past generation, everything has been transformed into positivity and vision. And it's in large measure because of the kinds of conversations and the kinds of trust that emanate from here."

— *Lynette Wilson is a reporter and managing editor of Episcopal News Service.*

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

December 20, 2022

As approved at the January 2023 meeting

Present: William Roberts, Senior Warden; Janeil Rey, Junior Warden; Sally Ludlum; Mary Lou Vercant; Karin Wheelock; Jennifer Wilkins; Virginia Becker, Treasurer, and The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with an opening prayer.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given, as moved by Janeil Rey, seconded by Sally Ludlum.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Karin Wheelock, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant, to approve the November 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds

Finance: Virginia Becker reported. See Treasurer's Report attached. A motion was made by William Roberts, seconded by Janeil Rey, to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

- All expected monthly obligations were met in October.
- Building Fund balance at the end of October: \$611.02.
- Memorial Fund balance at the end of October: \$3,072.28.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- Heritage Pipe Organs tuned the organ as well as examined and cleaned the console. Fr. Clement received an update on the bellows, which was brought to his attention several years ago. The reservoir-bellows currently

look good and are working fine, but are original to the organ. Made out of leather, the these will begin to break down at a future date. What complicates such work is the location of the reservoir in the loft. If Heritage is contracted for this work, they will need to remove all of the organ pipes, etc. This constitutes a complete rebuilding of the organ, which Heritage states is not needed. Such a rebuild is quite costly. It was suggested to Fr. Clement that another company, which may be able to replace or work on the bellows in a different and less expense manner when the time comes. Janeil Rey recommended that we publicize the current organ fund, and suggest a donation to prepare for the future. The Organ Fund balance at this time is \$5,626.

- The NYS inspector for the elevator-lift recently made his second inspection. A Belco manufacturer representative was present as well. The parish replaced needed components earlier this year and the lift was functioning properly. During this visit, however, the lift stopped functioning directly after the inspection. A new lock, at least, is needed. Belco will contact the office to set up a work appointment in the future.

Congregational Ministries:

- Parish Outreach: Karin Wheelock reported. The outreach team is almost completed with shopping for the Christmas family. She and Diane Sercu will deliver items this coming Thursday. The family consists of eight children. Each child will receive pajamas and a toy; Family gift – arts and crafts; Food basket; and blankets.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Thank you to everyone who assisted with the recent Christmas setup of decorations.
- A search for a parish organist and music director has begun. A job description has been posted in several places, including the American Guild of Organists (AGO-Buffalo Chapter) website, the AGO-Chautauqua County newsletter, the parish and the Partnership websites, and social media account.
- We received a note from Dr. Woo. She is healing well.
- The Annual Parish Annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 29, immediately

following the 10:30 a.m. service. No 8 o'clock service will be scheduled. Committee and financial reports should be submitted to the parish office by Sunday, January 15.

- To accommodate Fr. Clement attending the January meeting of Diocesan Council, vestry agreed to conduct its meeting on the 10th of January instead of the 17th.
- Fr. Clement continues with his pastoral, liturgical, and office responsibilities.

Old Business: None.

New Business

- Approval of 2023 Operating Budget: Virginia Becker presented a report on the budget for next year. After conversation, Janeil Rey made a motion, seconded by Jenn Wilkins, to approve the 2023 Operating Budget as presented, with an update to the Snowden Income/Cash Account from \$11,927 to \$36,000. Vestry unanimously agreed. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by William Roberts, seconded by Sally Ludlum, for vestry to support the action of Virginia Becker having conversation with Mr. Markle from Snowden Lane. Vestry recommends that they set up additional revenue options in order to establish a financial plan for 2023. Vestry unanimously agreed. Motion carried.
- Jenn Wilkins and Janeil Rey made recommendations to encourage persons who made 2023 stewardship pledges to consider providing this as early as possible in the upcoming year, or semi-annually. Vestry recognizes this is not an option for everyone. However, this will help the parish by providing a stable cash-flow given the substantial and unpredictable increase in such matters as utility costs.
- Parish Bicentennial: Moved to subsequent meeting.
- Vestry Handbook: Moved to subsequent meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with a motion made by Janeil Rey. Carried. Vestry concluded its time by reciting the Lord's Prayer together. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk

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Parish Notes

Important dates in February:

Sundays, Feb. 5 and 26:

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. I;
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. II;
Godly Play Program, 10:30 a.m.

Sundays, Feb. 12 and 19: *No 8 o'clock service.*

10:30 a.m. – Choral Matins, Rt. II.

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday: *See service schedule*

Vestry Meeting: To be scheduled at Annual Parish Meeting.

TECW Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m.

Epiphany Tea/Coffee: Sunday, Feb. 19, following the 10:30 a.m. service.

A Message from the Treasurer

First, a note of appreciation for all who have honored their 2022 pledge commitments. Your steadfastness assists in keeping the financial obligations of Trinity under control.

Year-end giving statements were mailed in early January. If you pledged for 2023, you also received a pledge confirmation card. Note that you may have a new envelope number. Please include that number in the memo section of your check. This helps the counters to correctly process your pledge. Feel free to contact the treasurer should you have any questions.

If you have not made a pledge and would like to, it's not too late. Pledge cards are available in the narthex or by contacting the church office.

Again, thank you for your dedicated financial support and continued prayers for Trinity.

Virginia T. Becker, Treasurer

Fr. Clement will take vacation time during the month of February.

On Sundays, February 12 and 19, there will be one worship service scheduled at 10:30 a.m. No 8 o'clock service on either of these two Sundays.

The liturgy will be Choral Matins, Rt. II.

Parish Outreach



For the months of February and March, Outreach is requesting pajama donations for Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center (ABCD). This is a collection we have done for several years and when we reached out to the center, they were most interested in our support again and stated, "We look forward to your pajama donations!" It is nice to know that our efforts are appreciated and remembered. Now is a good time to look for sales of pajamas in the infant to 6/7-year-old range.

TECW

Open Invitation to **All Parishioners**

2023 EPIPHANY TEA/COFFEE

Following the 10:30 service

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

GARLAND HALL

PLEASE JOIN TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WOMEN AS WE CELEBRATE OUR
200TH EPIPHANY TEA

We will be serving the special cake, cookies, tea coffee and punch. On display will be photos and other Memorabilia from Teas in the past. No heirloom hats or other fancy dress is required just a chance to share our history and tradition with the entire parish. We look forward to serving you.

Ash Wednesday **February 22**



10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist,
Rite II; Imposition of Ashes
(*said service*)

5:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist,
Rite II; Imposition of Ashes.

Forward Movement **DAY BY DAY**



The Day by Day daily devotional booklets for the months of February through April are now available at each entrance into the church building. Pick up your copy today!

The Lectionary: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, Feb. 5

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, Feb. 12

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, Feb. 19

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, Feb. 26

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Birthdays in February

- 2 Roberta Mosier
- 3 Sue Torrance
- 6 Victoria Jakiela
- 12 Aaron Levy
- 14 Shirley Coon
- 20 Meghann Hudson
- 22 Jillian (Berner) Bentley
- 23 Grayson Adamczak
- 23 Jakub Adamczak
- 24 Allison Hadsell
- 26 Philip Tappan
- 26 Jared Cooper

Wedding Anniversaries

- 6 Rich and Robbie Mancuso

In Memoriam

- 2 Scott Albaugh
- 3 Ruth Hackman
- 4 Dorothy Schaufler
- 15 Tom Wienk
- 16 Milton Fenner
- 17 Catherine Gawron
- 18 John Everett III
- 19 Anne Cassidy
- 22 Laura Foster

Trinity Tidings

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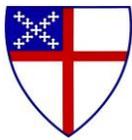
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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*