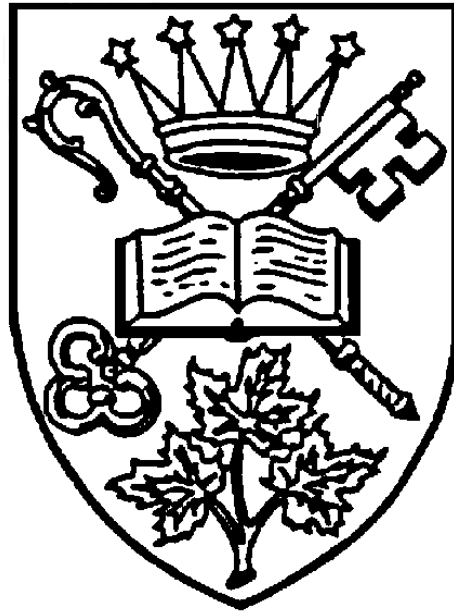


EVENING PRAYER,
with the Collation of The Ven. Dr. Jay Koyle
as Diocesan Archdeacon



**The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple,
Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

**St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
Diocese of Algoma**

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**The Most Rev. Anne Germond, *Presider***

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd Townshend, *Preacher***

**The Very Rev. James McShane, *Assisting Priest***

**The Rev. Susan Montague Koyle, *Deacon***

**Canon Stephen Mallinger, *Organist***

## **EVENING PRAYER, with the Service of Light, and the Collation of an Archdeacon**

### **Service of Light**

*Presider:* Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Presider continues:*

Beloved in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father, and revealed as the salvation prepared by God before the face of all peoples. In their old age, Simeon and Anna recognized him as the promised One, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of his people, Israel. On this day, we join our voices with their praise and testimony, that we may be heralds of his promise and reflect his light to the world.

### **O Gracious Light**

*Tune: Nunc Dimittis (#13, Common Praise)*

*The candles in the sanctuary and chancel are lit from the Paschal Candle during the singing of the Phos hilaron.*

**O gladsome light, O grace  
of God the Father's face,  
the eternal splendour wearing:  
celestial, holy, blest,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
joyful in your appearing.**

**As day fades into night,  
we see the evening light,  
our hymn of praise outpouring,  
Father of might unknown,  
Christ, his incarnate Son,  
and Holy Spirit adoring.**

**To you of right belongs  
all praise of holy songs,  
O Son of God, life-giver;  
you, therefore, O Most High,  
the world will glorify,  
and shall exalt for ever.**

## Thanksgiving

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* Blessed are you, O God, source and spring of everlasting light.  
You make our darkness bright as the noonday,  
for with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.  
Pour into the hearts of your faithful people  
the brilliance of your eternal splendor,  
that we, who by these kindling flames  
illumine this temple to his glory,  
may shine with his radiance,  
dispelling the darkness of injustice  
with the light of his righteousness,  
and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city  
where you live and reign,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Psalms

### Psalm 84

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 Sovereign and my God.**

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!**

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 you, the God of gods, will reveal yourself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

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.

**For you, Lord God, are both sun and shield;  
you will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will you withhold, O Lord,  
from those who walk with integrity.

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

## **Psalm Prayer**

*After a period of silent reflection, all stand.*

*Presider:* God of pilgrims, teach us to recognize your dwelling-place  
in the love, generosity, and support  
of those with whom we share our journey,  
and help us to worship you in our response  
to those who need our care;  
for all the world is your temple  
and every human heart is a sign of your presence,  
made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **Reading**

*Malachi 3.1-4*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

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. <sup>2</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle: Magnificat**

*Tune: Jerusalem (#573, Common Praise)*

**My soul gives glory to the Lord,  
In God my Saviour I rejoice.  
My lowliness he did regard,  
Exalting me by his own choice.  
From this day all shall call me blest,  
For God has done great things for me,  
Of all great names his is the best,  
For it his holy; strong is he.**

**His mercy goes to all who fear,  
from age to age and to all parts.  
His arm of strength to all is near;  
He scatters those who have proud hearts.  
He casts the mighty from their throne  
And raises those of low degree;  
He feeds the hungry as his own,  
The rich depart in poverty.**

**He raised his servant Israel,  
Rememb'ring his eternal grace,  
As from of old he did foretell  
To Abraham and all his race.  
O Father, Son and Spirit blest,  
On threefold name are you adored,  
To you be ev'ry prayer addressed,  
From age to age the only Lord.**

**Reading**

*Luke 2.22-40*

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**      *The Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron*

## **The Collation of the Diocesan Archdeacon**

*Archbishop:* The Kingdom of God was not only proclaimed and heralded by Jesus, but also revealed and embodied by him. As Christ's Body in the world today, the church exists to live as a sign, foretaste, and instrument of the promised and immanent Kingdom of God. The church testifies to the Lordship of the risen and ascended Christ, and to his Kingdom, as it acts courageously on God's promises and gives passionate witness to the gospel by word and deed. As part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, the Diocese of Algoma is committed to living out this vision and vocation.

Jay, you were appointed and have been serving as Diocesan Archdeacon. The Diocesan Archdeacon serves as Executive Officer, supporting and sharing in the Diocesan Bishop's ministry of oversight, particularly in the areas of discipleship formation and ministry development; the discernment and recruitment process for ordained ministry; liturgical celebration and formation; and various other representative, administrative, pastoral, and missional capacities. As Diocesan Archdeacon you also serve as consultant for parishes and territorial archdeacons during vacancies from the announcement of an Incumbent's departure from a charge until a new appointment has been made, and you partner with diocesan and deanery officials in fostering vital communities of faith.

In these and in many other ways, you share with your bishop in equipping the church for the living out of its vision and vocation.

Jay, are you willing to continue in this responsibility in the life of the church?

*Answer:* I am willing.

Will you be faithful in the spiritual leadership of those committed to your charge, seeking to promote among them faith, hope, and love, bearing one another's burdens, that we may together fulfill the law of Christ and make known to all his truth and his grace?

*Answer:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*The Deed of Collation is read.*

*The Archdeacon stands before the Bishop, who hands the Deed of Collation and a Bible to the Archdeacon, saying,*

Accept this charge, which is both mine and yours, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Be faithful to the trust now committed unto you, and minister as a true icon of the vocation of all the baptized to serve as Christ served.

Let us pray.

God of light and life, who through your blessed Son has called us into the communion of your universal church; hear our prayer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and grant to your servant, Jay, the needful gifts of grace, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **Intercessions and Thanksgiving**

*Presider:* Guided by the light of Christ, and emboldened by the flame of the Spirit, let us lift our hearts to God, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

*Deacon:* For the church, particularly in this Diocese of Algoma, that it may be a light to the nations, a beacon of hope for all peoples, let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

For all who serve in episcopal ministry, particularly Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan, Linda, our Primate, and Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; and for those who serve in archidiaconal ministry, particularly Jay, Kelly, Joan, Glen, Roberta, and Deborah, let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

For enlightened minds and hearts among those who act and work for the public good, particularly those serving the most vulnerable, let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

For those who speak and those who hear the prophetic word today, let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

For wisdom in old age; and for fidelity in youth, let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**



For those who suffer from winter's cold; for those facing illness or death; and for those grappling with hardship or isolation in this time of pandemic, let us lift our hearts to God: **/R/**

*Presider:* God of love,  
you gave your Son  
to be a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
With Simeon and Anna  
and all who hail redemption's happy dawn,  
may we sing your praise and proclaim salvation  
in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh.

*People:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider:* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All:* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Evening Hymn

*Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos (Common Praise #20)*

**Day is done, but love unfailing dwells ever here;  
shadows fall, but hope, prevailing, calms every fear.  
God our maker, none forsaking, take our hearts, of love's own making,  
watch our sleeping guard our waking, be always near.**

**Dark descends, but light unending shines through our night;  
you are with us, ever lending new strength to sight.  
One in love, your truth confessing, one in hope of heaven's blessing,  
may we see, in love's possessing, love's endless light!**

**Eyes will close, but you unsleeping watch by our side;  
death may come, in love's safe keeping still we abide.  
God of love, all evil quelling, sin forgiving, fear dispelling,  
stay with us, our hearts indwelling, this eventide.**

## Blessing and Dismissal

*The People responding with the texts in bold print, the Presider says,*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.  
**Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your hearts.  
**Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near  
to guide your feet into the way of peace.  
**Amen.**

The blessing of God:  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation, saying,*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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