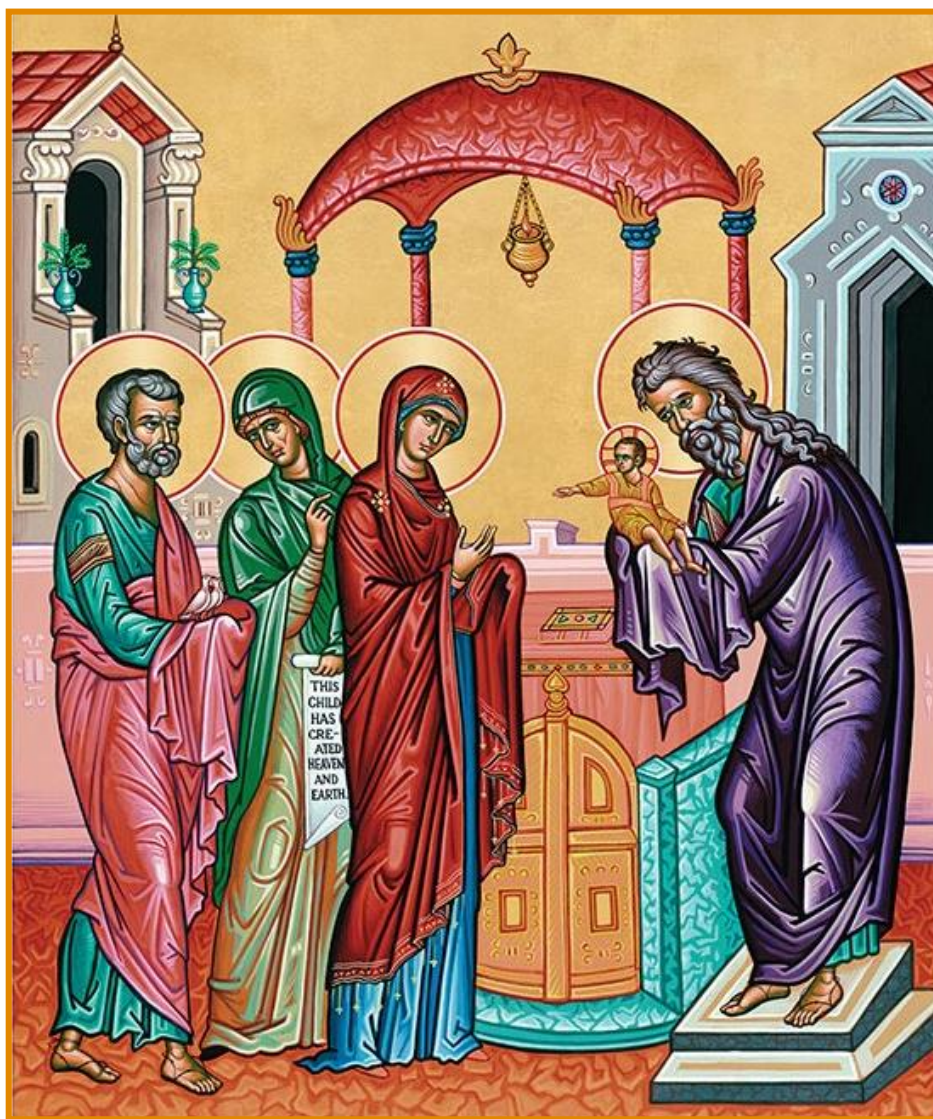


**FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG**  
**WITH THE BLESSING OF CANDLES**  
FOR THE  
**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**  
**JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE: CANDLEMAS**



*Sung by the combined Choirs & Choristers of*  
**Saint Paul's Church, Fairfield, Grace Church, Providence, &**  
**Saint Luke's Church, East Greenwich**  
*Directed by* **Dr. Barry Rose, OBE**

~ FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 ~  
4:00 PM



## WELCOME!

Welcome to Grace Church! While our congregation has been around for almost two centuries, people from miles around become part of our community every week, so we are always becoming a “new” church. We are also an incredibly diverse church, which is a source of great joy for us. No matter who you are, we are thrilled that you have found your way to us this evening! And while we are a big church, we are also an open and welcoming one, so do not let Grace’s size and downtown location prevent you from jumping right in and asking us whatever questions you might have. So welcome, and many blessings to you!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+  
*Rector*

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### VOLUNTARIES

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, BWV 616  
Nunc Dimittis *from* Sixteen Preludes

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*  
*Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*Please stand, as you are able, at the entrance of the Cross, Clergy, and Choir.*

### THE INTROIT

MARIA WALLT ZUM HEILIGTUM  
und bringt ihr Kindlein dar,  
das schaut der greise Simeon,  
wie ihm verheißen war.  
Da nimmt er Jesum in den Arm  
und singt im Geiste froh:

*Nun fahr' ich hin mit Freud,  
dich, Heiland, sah ich heut,  
du Trost von Israel, das Licht der Welt.*

Hilf nun, du liebster Jesu Christ,  
dass wir zu jeder Frist  
an dir wie auch der Simeon  
all uns're Freude han  
und kommt die Zeit,  
sanft schlafen ein und also singen froh:

*Nun fahr' ich hin mit Freud...*

*Mary made a pilgrimage to the temple  
and brought her child there,  
who was seen by the aged Simeon,  
as the prophets hath foretold.  
Simeon took Jesus in his arms,  
and joyfully sang:*

*Now I go forth with joy,  
for today I have seen thou, Savior —  
thou comfort of Israel, the light of the World.*

*Help us thou, dearest Jesus Christ,  
that we at all times  
just as Simeon did,  
find all our joy in Thee,  
and that, when the time comes,  
we pass away gently and thus sing gladly:*

*Now I go forth with joy...*

*Words: Peter Hagen (1569-1620), alt.  
Music: Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)*

## THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

*Said by the Clergy*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father,  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;  
he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

*John 8:12*

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

*Psalms 96:9*

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense,  
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

*Psalms 141:2*

### THE PRECES

*Sung by the Choir*

*Cantor* O Lord, open Thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

*Setting: Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)*

*Please be seated.*

### PSALM 48

*Magnus Dominus*

*Sung by the Choir*

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised \*  
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
- 2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; \*  
upon the north side lieth the city of the great King:  
God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
- 3 For lo, the kings of the earth \*  
are gathered, and gone by together.
- 4 They marvelled to see such things; \*  
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
- 5 Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, \*  
as upon a woman in her travail.
- 6 Thou shalt break the ships of the sea \*  
through the east wind.

*Continued over the page. →*

- 7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts,  
in the city of our God; \*
- God upholdeth the same for ever.
- 8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, \*
- in the midst of thy temple.
- 9 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; \*
- thy right hand is full of righteousness.
- 10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, \*
- because of thy judgments.
- 11 Walk about Sion, and go round about her; \*
- and tell the towers thereof.
- 12 Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses, \*
- that ye may tell them that come after.
- 13 For this God is our God for ever and ever: \*
- he shall be our guide unto death.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Setting: George Mursell Garrett (1834-1897)*

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

*Haggai 2:1-9*

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Haggai

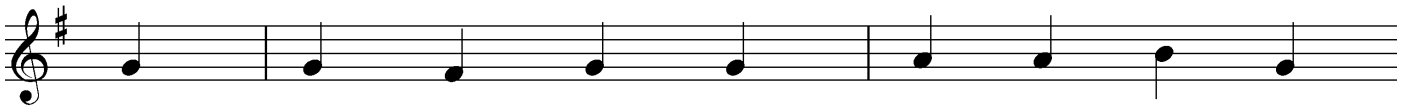
**I**N THE SECOND YEAR OF KING DARIUS, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.*

## THE OFFICE HYMN, 25



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*Words: Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); paraphrase of O Gracious Light  
Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (c 1505-1585); Descant: John Abdenour (b. 1962)*

*Please be seated.*

### MAGNIFICAT

*The Magnificat is Mary's song of praise sung during the visitation to her cousin Elizabeth.*

**M**Y SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD, and my spirit hath rejoicèd in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessèd. For he that is mighty hath magnifièd me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showèd strength with his arm; he hath scatterèd the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath fillèd the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promisèd to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 1:46-55  
Music: The Evening Service in D, Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

### THE SECOND READING

*1 John 3:1-8*

*Reader* A reading from The First Epistle of John

**S**EE WHAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been

revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

*The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the prophet Simeon upon seeing the child Jesus presented in the temple.*

**L**ORD, NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 2:29-32*

*Music: The Evening Service in D, C. Wood*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Said by all*

**I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION & LESSER LITANY

*Sung by the Choir*

*Cantor*      The Lord be with you.

*Choir*        And with thy spirit.

*Cantor*      Let us pray.

*Please kneel or sit as you are able.*

*Choir*        Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Sung on a single note by all*

**O**UR FATHER, WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE RESPONSES

*Sung by the Choir*

*Cantor* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Cantor* O Lord, save the State.  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*Cantor* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Cantor* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Cantor* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
*Cantor* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*Setting: Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)*

## THE COLLECTS

*Sung by the Officiant & Choir*

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**L**ORD JESUS, STAY WITH US, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

**K**EEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE WELCOME

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck, *Rector of Grace Church*

*During the singing of the anthem (text on the following page), an offering will be taken.  
We thank you for your generosity!*

ANTHEM

BLESSÈD BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope  
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away,  
reservèd in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God  
through faith unto salvation ready to be revealèd in the last time.  
But as he which hath callèd you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.  
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.  
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.  
See that ye love one another.  
Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God.  
For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.  
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.  
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

*Words: 1 Peter 1:3-5, 15, 17b, 22b, 23a, 24, 25a*  
*Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

*Please stand as you are able as the Clergy gather around the basket of candles at the Low Altar.*

**THE BLESSING OF CANDLES**

THE BIDDING PRAYER

*Officiant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Officiant*

**B**ELOVED IN CHRIST, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, and gathered together in this house of God, let us recognize Christ as our Saviour and the Light of the World.

THE RESPONSORY & BLESSING OVER THE CANDLES

*Officiant* We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O Lord,

*People* **in the midst of your temple.**

*Officiant* Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end;

*People* **your right hand is full of justice.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

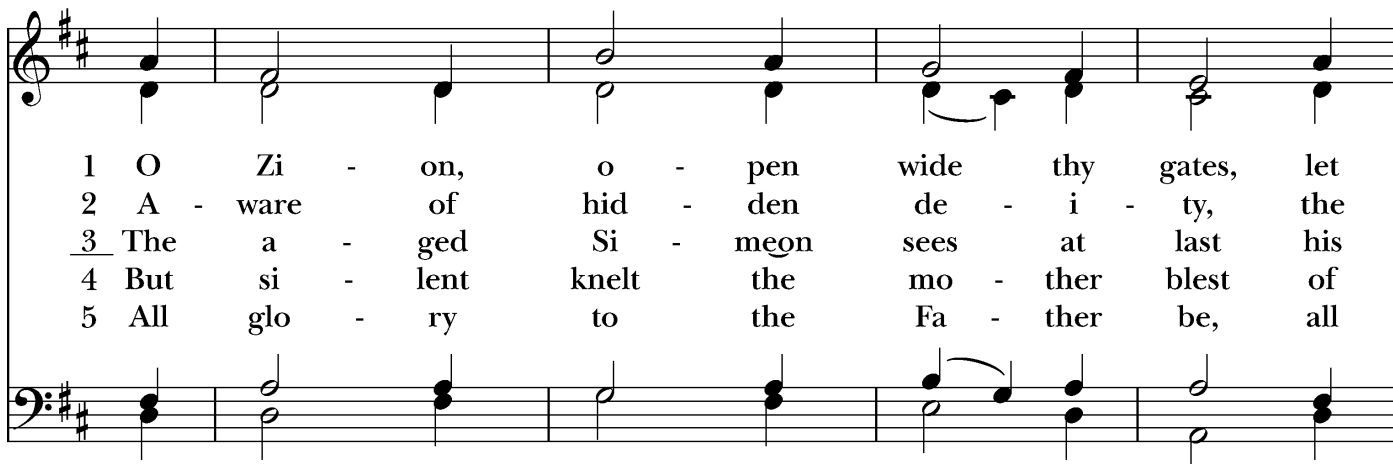
*The Choir and Congregation lift their un-lighted candles to be blessed as the Officiant says the following,*

**O**ETERNAL GOD, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: we humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

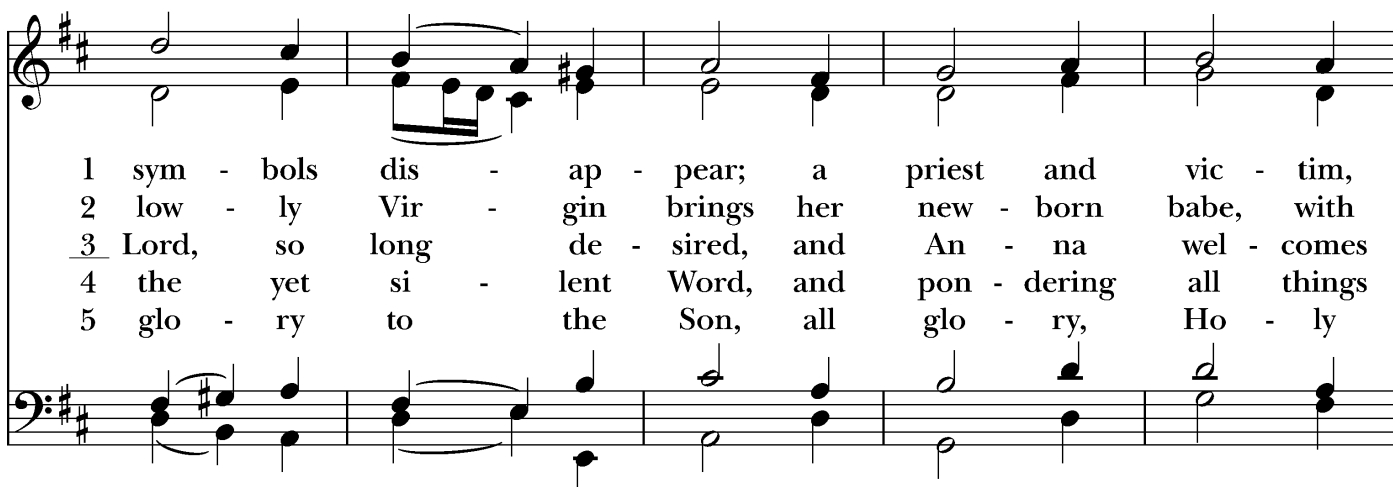


*The Clergy light their taper candles at the Low Altar and then pass the light to the Congregation and Choir.  
During this, please join in singing the hymn.*

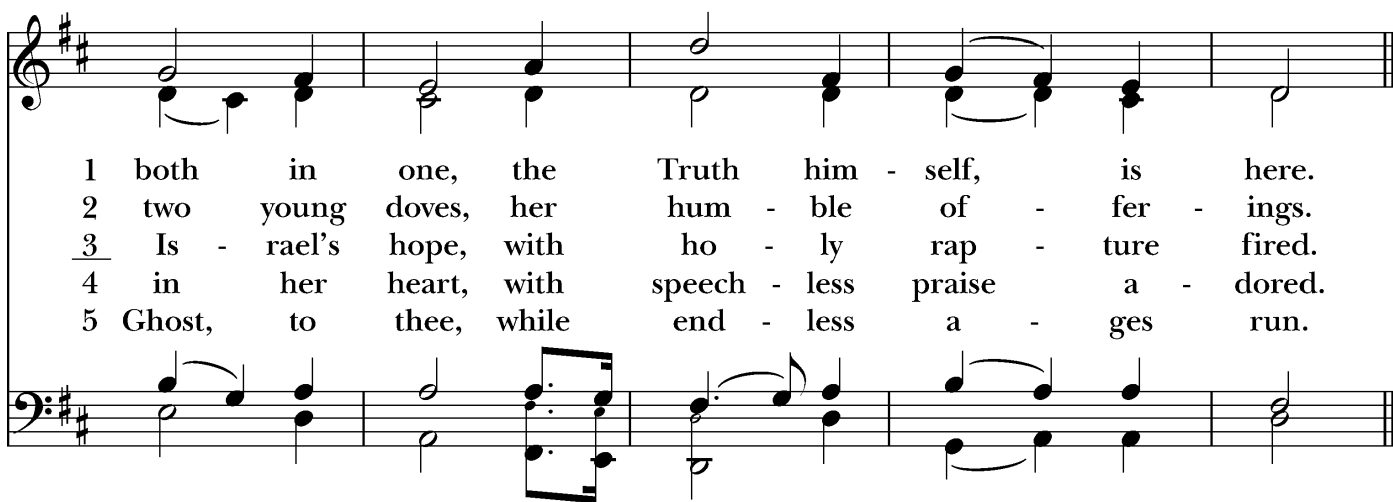
### AT THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES, HYMN 257



1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let  
2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the  
3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his  
4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all



1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,  
2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with  
3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes  
4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things  
5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly



1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.  
2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.  
3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.  
4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.  
5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

*Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.  
Music: Edmonton, from Harmonia Sacra, ca. 1760*



## THE CLOSING PRAYER

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, SOURCE OF ALL LIGHT, today you revealed to the aged Simeon  
your light which enlightens the nations.

Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles,  
may walk in the path of goodness,  
through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. Amen.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. — *People* Thanks be to God. —



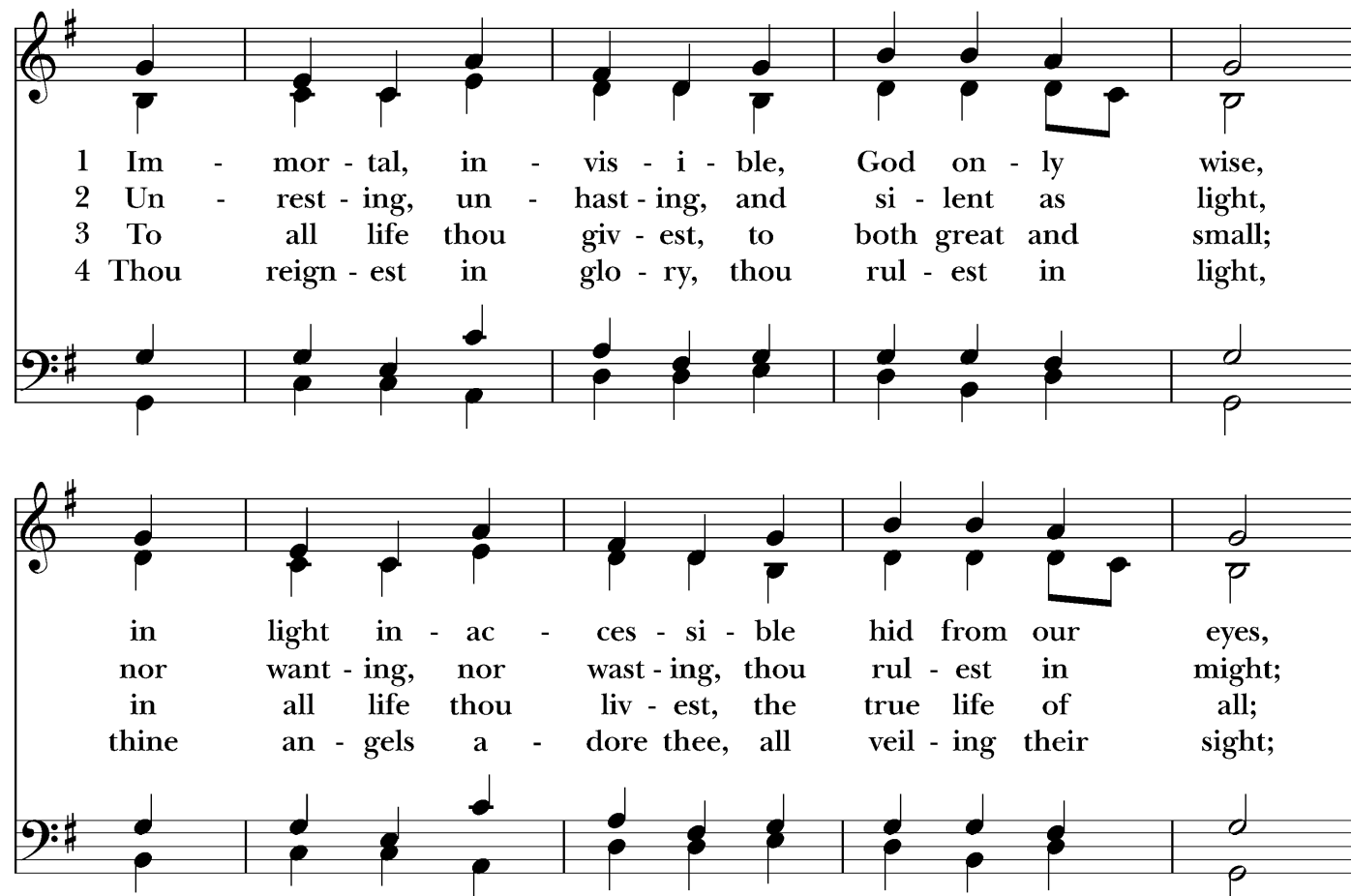
## THE GRACE

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

*People* Amen.

*Please join in singing the hymn.*

## THE CLOSING HYMN, 423



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.*

*Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.*

*Descant: Composed by Barry Rose (b. 1934) for the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother in 1980.*

*Please remain standing as you are able, while the Cross, Choir, and Clergy depart, after which all extinguish their taper candles.*

**VOLUNTARY**

**Improvisation**

*All are welcome to a reception in The Pavilion following the service.*



**~ PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY ~**

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*The Reverend Hartwell Hylton, Associate Rector of Grace Church*

*The Reverend Curtis Farr, Rector of St. Paul's Church*

*The Reverend Marcus Halley, Priest Affiliate of St. Paul's Church*

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