



The 4th Sunday After the Epiphany

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for the Feast of the Presentation

Almighty and ever living 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.

The Feast of the Presentation

Each year on February 2, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification, and Candlemas. This feast commemorates the 40th day after Jesus' birth, when he was presented in the Jerusalem Temple and Mary was purified in accordance with Jewish Law.

The Book of Leviticus mandates that, after childbirth, a woman must go to the temple to offer "two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt-offering and the other for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement on her behalf, and she shall be clean" (Leviticus 12:8).

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is chronicled in the Gospel of Luke, when St. Simeon the Righteous saw Jesus in the temple and "took him in his arms and praised God," saying, "My eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:30).

This blessing by Simeon is the basis for the canticle *Nunc dimittis* or "The Song of Simeon":

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. (Luke 2:29-32; Book of Common Prayer, p. 120).



Candlemas service at Ripon Cathedral, Diocese of Leeds, England

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, edited by Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, explains that when the celebration of the Presentation was first introduced in Rome in the seventh century, it included a procession with candles and the singing of the *Nunc dimittis*, which is why this feast also became known as "Candlemas."

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Stewardship Opportunities at All Souls'



During this exiting time of transition, we have **numerous stewardship opportunities** to donate your talents and time to our Church Community. This year, these opportunities also

include **vacant positions in our Church's Vestry**. We are happy to announce **Leeah Mena-Paulk** has joined the Vestry as **Youth Representative**, but we still have **additional positions to fill**. Please **consider any nominees (yourself included) to fill these positions**. Feel free to speak to any of the current Vestry members about nominations or any questions you may have about these **integral leadership roles in our congregation**.

2019 Diocesan Convention

Every year, representatives from around our Diocese gather to review and discuss issues, policies and structures. This year, we are proud to announce Michele Colson, Christopher Gathman and Aracelis Mullings will be the delegates representing All Souls' Episcopal Church at the 2019 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South East Florida.

Flowers for the Altar

Please consider donating \$75 in thanksgiving for a special occasion, a special person or in remembrance of a departed loved one. Two arrangements are used on the main altar. One is later placed in the Memorial Garden and you may take home the other one. An acknowledgment of your contribution will be placed in the Service Bulletin.



Contribution Statements

The Vestry is working on completing and distributing the 2018 Contribution Statements. Please email the Parish Office at parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org if you have not received your statement by Sunday, February 10.

Search Corner Information

On January 16, 2019, the Search Committee and the Vestry met with Bishop Eaton to discuss their findings, share their views and opinions, and provide feedback related to the candidate(s) recently interviewed. The Committee is now **waiting for further instructions from Bishop Eaton**. Please continue to keep them your prayers as they move forward in this very important process.



Hospitality



If your surname begins with F - L, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next **Sunday, February 10th**. Please check with Joyce Foreman this morning and ask her what she needs for next Sunday. **Items needed usually are a starch (pasta, potato, etc.), a meat, a salad, a vegetable and a dessert.**

Epiphany Season

All celebrations and/or events are held at All Souls' Episcopal Church unless otherwise noted

February 3rd

The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

Saturday, February 9th

Centering Prayer

All Souls' Episcopal Church 10:30 am

February 10th

The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

Saturday, February 16th

Centering Prayer

All Souls' Episcopal Church 10:30 am

February 17th

The 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

We Hold in Prayer †

For peace throughout the world.

The strengthening of our congregational life in this time of transition.

For Healing:

Baby Ailia, Bob, Bobby, Bronwen, Carmela Dana, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Gary, Glen, Greg, Rafael, Jim, Karen, Deacon Katon, Ken, Reverend Kleban, Lily, Malu, Nellie, Obie, Paul, Rafael, Ray, Richard, Rick, Rito, Rose, Santos, Sheila, Bishop Sturdie, Tania and Tony.

All Hospice and Palliative Care Units.

The dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen †

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