All Saints' Anglican Church

Après Ski Saturday February 8th, 2025

Music

- 1. Hymn 563 My Soul Can Find Its Peace English Text
- 2. Hymn 14 O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ Phos Hilarum
- **3. Hymn Nunc Dimittis** *Taize Song for Prayer #16*



4. A Servant of the Lord Awaits

Tune CP 424 Vicar of Bray, words by M. Leckebusch
A servant of the Lord awaits his people's consolation;
then in the temple courts there comes a day of revelation:
a child is brought, a firstborn son —
a sudden recognition,
as Simeon sees his people's hopes
are nearing their fruition.

The Scriptures told this child would be the Servant of God's pleasure,

to nurture justice, peace and joy beyond all human measure.
Not Israel's hope alone! This child
would bring the world's salvation;
in him God's promise opens wide
for every tribe and nation.

And yet the ageing Simeon sees a brutal, bleak tomorrow: this child will only bring these joys through suffering and through sorrow; his death and rising from the grave complete the Servant's story of light that shines for Gentile eyes and Israel's hope and glory.

5. Hymn 29 The Day Thou Gavest

Reading Presentation of Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:22-32

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 turtle-doves 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.'