

Choral Evensong

Book of Common Prayer

Prelude *Three Royal Fanfares* Sir Arthur Bliss
Chanson du Matin Sir Edward Elgar

Played by ~ Ian Sadler

Processional Hymn 315 *When the Morning Stars Together*

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Psalm 84 *(please remain standing)* Page 437

The First Lesson I Samuel 2: 1-10

Magnificat in C – Stanford *(please stand)* Page 21

The Second Lesson Luke 2: 22-40

Nunc Dimittis C - Stanford *(please stand)* Page 22

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The Lesser Litany *(kneeling or sitting)* Page 23

Collect for the Day for The Presentation Page 266

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Anthem *O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long* Jeff Enns

Hymn 303 *Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come*

The offering will be received

Prayers and Thanksgivings

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Hymn 363 *My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord*

Recession

Postlude *Imperial March* Sir Edward Elgar

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This Afternoon's Evensong

About the Anthem

The anthem the choir is singing this afternoon was commissioned by Angus and Sulea Sinclair in memory of Ellen Metcalfe, a long time parishioner and chorister in the St. James' choir. Once she retired, Ellen was known as the patron of the choir and affectionately referred to as Miss Ellen. A characteristic of Ellen was her capability to build strong and lasting friendships; the Sinclairs were among her treasured friends.

Angus and Sulea chose the text, a prayer by Cardinal Newman (found on page 58 of the *Book of Common Prayer*), not knowing that Ellen said this prayer every night of her adult life. Jeff Enns' music creates a wonderful setting for the text; we know the musician in Ellen would approve.



The dedication on “Lord, Support Us All the Day Long” reads:

*For the Choir of St. James' Anglican Church, Stratford,
the Rev'd Dr. Lorne Mitchell, Rector, and Susan Nagtegaal, Director of Music,
in grateful Thanksgiving for the Life and Witness of Ellen Metcalfe,
a long time choir member and parishioner.*

The choir of St. James thanks Angus and Sulea Sinclair and Jeff Enns for honouring our colleague and friend with this very special anthem.

About the Composer

Jeff Enns is a native of Waterloo Ontario where he grew up surrounded by music. He studied organ, viola and composition at Wilfrid Laurier University. He has won a number of composition competitions and had his music performed across North America, as well Ireland, the U.K and Japan. He has received many commissions from various choral groups such as Conrad Grebel College, St. Mary's RC Church Kitchener, Menno Singers, Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir and was the composer in residence for the Canadian Chamber Choir this past year. He is presently music director of St. James Lutheran church in Elmira ON where he lives with his family and is a stay at home father of 2. Jeff also teaches violin at the Beckett School in Kitchener.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Luke the evangelist tells us that Jesus was presented in the house of God, as the Law of Moses required. He also records how the Christ-child was greeted by Simeon and Anna, two figures who represented Israel's longing to see the Redeemer promised by God. The evangelist gave Simeon a song to sing, the *Nunc Dimittis*, which acclaims Jesus as the saving Light of God. To symbolize the enlightening truth of Christ the western Church developed the custom of blessing candles on this feast – hence its other title, Candlemas.

In celebrating the Feast of the Presentation, the people of the Church become like Simeon, who cradled the infant Light of salvation in the crook of his arm and knew him to be as fragile as a candle-flame. In baptism, in meditating upon Scripture, and in the eucharist, Christians cradle the same Light and take responsibility for the life of Christ in our world. And yet, there is a paradox. Even as we hold Christ in our hands, we may discover that we are really in the crook of Christ's arm, being presented by Christ in the sanctuary of God's joy and glory.

Written by the late Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Reynolds in For All the Saints.

**Join us for the next Choral Evensong at St. James on
Sunday March 4th, 4pm**



St. James' Anglican Church Stratford, Ontario

*The Rev'd Canon Dr. Lorne Mitchell, Rector
The Rev'd Lynn Mitchell, Priest Associate*

Choral Evensong
The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Sunday, February 5th 2012
4:00 pm

*The Choir of St. James' & Friends
Susan Nagtegaal ~ Director of Music
Ian Sadler ~ Guest Organist*