

Event Synopsis

6 to 6:30PM Illumination Courtyard of Church Mott Street Entrance. Distribution of "Palliums," of *social fabric*.™ Candle blessing. Choreography.

6:30 to 7PM Vespers Evening Prayer of Church.

7PM procession to crypt. Reception until **8:30PM**.

Oaxachan hor d'oeuvres
Maya Chocolate

Vespers for Candlemas

HYMN

When, in his own image
God created man,
He included freedom
In creation's plan.
For he loved us even
From before our birth;
By his grace he made us
Freemen of this earth.

God to man entrusted
Life as gift and aim,
Sin became our prison,
Turning hope to shame.
Man against his brother

Lifted hand and sword,
And the Father's pleading
Went unseen, unheard.

Then in time, our maker
Chose to intervene,
Set his love in person
In the human scene
Jesus broke the circle
Of repeated sin,
So that man's devotion
Newly might begin.

Choose we now in freedom
Where we should belong.
Let us turn to Jesus,
Let our choice be strong.
May the great obedience
Which in Christ we see
Perfect all our service
Then we shall be free!!

Melody: King's Weston 65.65 D Music: R. Vaughn Williams

Ant. 1 The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord.

Psalm 11:1-5,7

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
"Sit on my right:
your foes I put beneath your feet."

The Lord will weild from Zion
Your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
“You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.”
The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Ant. The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he
would not see death until he had seen the Lord.

Ant. 2 As the law prescribed, they offered to the Lord a
pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.

Psalm 11:1-5,7

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness”
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchmen on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Ant. As the law prescribed, they offered to the Lord a pair
of turtle doves or two young pigeons.

Ant. 3 My own eyes have seen the salvation which you
have prepared in the sight of every people.

Canticle

Colossians 1:12-20

Let us give thanks to the Father
for having made you worthy
to share the lot of the saints
in light.

He rescued us
from the power of darkness
and brought us

into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Through him we have redemption,
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creatures.
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him;
all were created for him.
He is before all else that is.
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is the head of the body, the church!
he who is the beginning,
the first-born of the dead,
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fulness reside in him
and by means of him, to reconcile everything in his
person,
both on earth and in the heavens,
making peace though the blood of his cross.

Ant. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you
have prepared in the sight of every people.

READING

Hebrews 4:15-16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weakness, but one who was tempted
in every way that we are, yet never sinned. So let us

confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy
and favor and to find help in time of need.

RESPONSORY

The Lord has made known his saving power.
— The Lord has made known his saving power.

Which he has made known in the sight of every people.
— His saving power.
Glory to the Father . . .
— The Lord has made known his saving power.

K. Scott Warren *What Child Is This*

“Upon arriving, the angel Gabriel said to her:

‘Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with
you. Blessed are you among women.’

She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered
what his greeting meant.

The angel went on to say to her:

‘Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You
shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name
Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son
of the Most High.’

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Today the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the Child Jesus in the temple; and Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms, and gave thanks to God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father . . .

INTERCESSIONS

Today our Savior was presented in the temple. Let us adore him as we say:

Lord may our eyes see your saving power.

Christ Jesus, you the light that enlightens all nations,
— shine upon those who do not know you, that they may come to believe in you, the one, true God.

You are the redeemer and the glory of your people Israel,
— may your Church proclaim your salvation to the ends of the earth.

Jesus, desire of the nations, Simeon, the just man,
rejoiced at your coming,

— lead all men to recognize that you still come to them.

Lord, when you were presented in the temple, Simeon foretold that a sword of sorrow would pierce your mother's heart,

— strengthen us to accept the sufferings we endure for the sake of your name.

Christ Jesus, joy of all the saints, Simeon longed to see you before he died, and his prayer was answered,

— hear our plea for all the dead who still yearn to see you face to face.

Our Father . . .

Prayer

All powerful Father,
Christ your Son became man for us
and was presented in the temple.
May he free our hearts from sin

and bring us into your presence.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.

Mission Guatemala: Uniform Project

What is the mission?

Mission Guatemala is an outreach of Goods of Conscience apparel that involves the making of clothing in New York for Guatemalans of Guatemalan fabric. Why? **Preserving an ancient culture.** Mayan weaving is a world treasure and in danger of being lost. In developing *social fabric*[™] in 2004 Fr. Andrew O'Connor, a New York diocesan priest, saw that preserving a culture requires a cross pollination of culture. Sweatshops in poor countries create anonymous clothing that resurfaces later in the same counties as used and resold clothing. As a result Mayans can less and less afford their own traditional clothing, much less made with Guatemalan cotton. Making clothing for Mayans reinforces their identity as a culture. The reflective fiber in *social fabric*[™] adds a North American accent to the clothing. **Combats poverty.** Buying Guatemalan cloth made of Guatemalan

cotton provides both economically and culturally sustainable work for the communities of Chicacao and Panajachel where *social fabric*[™] is made.

Why Uniforms?

On November 1st, the Catholic Fellowship of Choate, which I oversee with the Catholic students at Choate, held an All Saints Benefit Dinner to raise money for uniforms and books for the children of San Pedro Cruzal school in Chicacao, Guatemala. We raised \$500 after raffling off a Tiffany cross and Starbucks cards. This is approximately 25 children's shirts that we will make in our workshop and which I will bring down to Guatemala in December. Our making shirts out of their own fabric is of lasting significance to Mayans and is central to Mission Guatemala.

The idea for the uniforms emerged from planning an outreach with Choate students. Uniforms allow the poor to attend school in Guatemala. The children there need to feel globally cared for. I am the Catholic chaplain at Choate. We organized a dinner to raise funds to make the uniforms. The mass following the dinner was offered for Horacio Villavincencio, the founder of *Algodonas Mayas*, the producer of the cotton that goes into Social Fabric. I would like to raise additional funding for food to help combat the near 80% level of malnutrition among Mayan children. (see Economist August 27, 2009 article) Chicacao is affected, but less so than other districts. We would like to design a school satchel for the children, a version of which could be sold at the event to support the effort. There are more than 500 children at the San

Pedro Crutzel school in Chicacao. If each satchel contains \$150 worth of a) uniform b) food allotment c) school supplies.

Art Concept for Candlemas

Illumination of façade shows the cosmology of the Church. Wearing the clothing which is then projected over the illumination shows the global relationships we share. It helps us feel solidarity with the Mayan as well as a unique binding of our “social fabric” at a sacred place and a sacred time. Jesus is presented in the temple. He is the true sacrifice of the temple. The potential of the child is underlined, the fragility of the candle points to the brevity of life but also the power of faith that appears powerless.