



St. Thomas'
CATHEDRAL

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Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist

The Presentation
of Christ in the Temple

observed



Sunday 30th January 2022

8.45 am

Welcome

ABOUT THE SERVICE TODAY

This morning we celebrate *'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple'* (which falls on 2nd February in the Church calendar.)

Around forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their last days Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this service, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, as we look back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his Passion.

One of the reasons that this festival is often known as *Candlemas* is that in some churches people would bring their candles to be blessed, both those for use in home and in church. The service this morning concludes with the beautiful symbolic act of the 'Blessing of Light'.

Christ has brought his light into our world, and will one day return to dispel all darkness.

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

For your safety please respect others and give one another space.

▼
Please use **face covering** at all times during the service.

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Please use **hand sanitiser** on the way in and out.

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to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the hymn tune, 'Eventide'
Choral Song

Charles Hubert H. Parry (1848 - 1918)
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 - 1876)

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the cantors

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple
in the substance of our mortal nature. Alleluia!

Today the Blessed Virgin comes to be purified
in accordance with the law. Alleluia!

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the Light of the nations
and the glory of Israel. Alleluia!

Praise to Christ the Light of the world!

Michael Cowgill (b. 1951)

All STAND

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All **Praise to Christ our light.**

Presbyter We share in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

All **Praise to Christ our light.**

Presbyter We greet Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

All **Praise to Christ our light.**

Join in singing the hymn. Turn over.

Hymn at the Procession

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

² Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

³ To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

⁴ Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: Based on I Timothy 1. 17
W. Chalmers Smith (1824 - 1908)

Tune: ST. DENIO
Welsh melody

Please be SEATED

✠ *The Service begins on **page 350** of the Book of Common Prayer* ✠

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the
Presentation of Christ in the Temple | **Page 585**

Read by the Presbyter

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi
chapter 3 verses 1 to 5.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the cantors to a chant by Walmisley

Psalm 134 • *Ecce nunc*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord;

²Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of
the house of our God.

³Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.

⁴The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

All STAND. *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.*

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The Epistle | Page 430

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians
chapter 1 verses 19 to 23.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All STAND and join in singing the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

**God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.**

² **Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.**

³ **Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man His blessing give,
man to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.**

Words: Based on Psalm 67
Revd H. F. Lyte (1793 - 1847)

Tune: HEATHLANDS
Henry Smart (1813 - 79)

*Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel*

The Gospel of Christ | Page 586

All **Alleluia.**
Christ is the light of all the nations
And the glory of His people Israel.
Alleluia.

The Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
chapter 2 verses 22 to 40.

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Remain **STANDING** for the Creed, all reciting together.*

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Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Welcome and Announcements

All STAND.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.78,79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

Preparation of the Table Hymn at the Offertory

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.*

**In our darkness light has shone,
Alleluia,
still today the light shines on,
Alleluia;
Word made flesh in human birth,
Alleluia,
light and life of all the earth,
*Alleluia!***

Continued

² **Christ the Son incarnate see,
by whom all things came to be,
through the world his splendours shine,
full of grace and truth divine.**

³ **All who now in him believe,
everlasting life receive,
born of God and in his care,
we his name and nature share.**

⁴ **Christ a child on earth appears,
crown of all creation's years,
God's eternal Word has come,
he shall lead his people home.**

Words: Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Tune: LLANFAIR
Welsh melody

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

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Invocation

While seated, all sing.

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O, abide with me.**

Words: Revd Henry Francis Lyte

Tune: EVENTIDE
William Henry Monk (1823 - 89)

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us pray to the Father through Christ
who is our light and life.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.
Lord, have mercy.

All

Christ, have mercy.

Intercessor

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the
world: look in mercy on the nations,
who long for his justice. Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Intercessor Father, your Christ, who was rich,
for our sakes became poor:
look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.
Lord, have mercy.

All sing **I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

Intercessor Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants
find their peace:
look in mercy on the departed
that they may see your salvation. Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Intercessor Father, your Christ is revealed
as the one destined to be rejected:
Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All sing **Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

All **Amen.**

The Preparation for Communion | **Page 361**

The Consecration | **Page 363**

The Communion | **Page 368**

Communicants are requested to leave space on either side of them when they receive Communion.

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**² King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture –
in the body and the blood –
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**³ Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**⁴ At His feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high.**

Words: Liturgy of St. James
tr. G. Moultrie (1829 - 85)

Tune: PICARDY
French carol melody

All STAND and say.

Post Communion Prayer

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

All sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | **Page 371**

*The servers pass the flame of the candle to
the congregation.*

Blessing of Light

The Presbyter blesses the candles, saying

Lord God,
the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up our homes to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy
to stand before you in that eternal city
where you live and reign,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Presbyter We stand near the place of new birth.
All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**
Presbyter We turn from the crib to the cross.
All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**
Presbyter We go to carry his light.
All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**
Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.
Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.
Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Closing

**In His temple now behold Him,
See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him —
God has now fulfilled His word.
Now to praise Him, His redeemed
Shall break forth with one accord.**

**² In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie,
While His aged saints adore Him
Ere in faith and hope they die.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Lo, the incarnate God most high.**

**³ Jesus, by Thy presentation,
Thou, who didst for us endure,
Make us see our great salvation,
Seal us with Thy promise sure.
And present us in Thy glory
To Thy Father, cleansed and pure.**

**⁴ Prince and Author of salvation,
Be Thy boundless love our theme!
Jesus, praise to Thee be given
By the world Thou didst redeem.
With the Father and the Spirit,
Lord of majesty supreme!
Amen.**

Words: Ascribed to Thomas à Kempis (c. 1380 - 1471)
tr. J. M. Neale (1818 - 66)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE
Henry Smart

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Here we have greeted the Light of the world.

**All Help us, who extinguish these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

The candles are extinguished.

You are welcome to take your candle home with you.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Allegro con spirito in B flat major

Frank Bridge (1879 - 1941)

Nunc dimittis The Song of Simeon

*Lord, 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*

Luke 2.29-32

*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.*

Birthdays this week

May God bless you abundantly.

Helen Ponpandian (1 Feb), Smita Thomas (2),
Rajiv Jadhav (3), Koilpillai Ponpandian (4), Justin David (5),

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Stanley & Cicily George (2), Dhyan & Jyotsna Mayadas (4)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for

- † God's healing hand on all those who are unwell. Pray for an end to the pandemic.
- † the bereaved family of Sunil Thomas (son of the late Mr. T. Thomas). May God's comforting presence be with Mrs. Susy Thomas and the family.
- † in the Diocese, Holy Jerusalem Church, Andheri and the Revd Prabhu Jebamani.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Gujarat and the Rt Revd Silvans Christian.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Coimbatore and the Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder.
- † in the Anglican Communion, the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and the Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song (Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean and Bishop of the Seychelles). *This Province covers churches in Madagascar, Mauritius, and Seychelles.*

- We are now four weeks away from Lent. **Ash Wednesday** this year falls on 2nd March. You will be informed, in due course, of the services and Bible study sessions which will take place during the Lenten period.
- It is a matter of great joy and honour that our Cathedral featured in the recent Morning Prayer devotions broadcast daily from Canterbury Cathedral (the Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican Communion.) These can be viewed on Canterbury Cathedral's official *YouTube* channel. We express our thanks and send our prayers to the Dean, the Very Revd Robert Willis and the clergy and congregation there.
We give thanks to God for the use of technology which enabled us, during the course of the last two years to have a global 'virtual' congregation!

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