



Holy Communion

Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)
30 January 2022

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.

At All Hallows we continue to take precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible as we worship.

*We continue to observe **social distancing rules** in our church during worship.*

*We encourage you to use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you arrive, before and after communion, and when you leave.*

*Please wear a **face mask**. You may remove your mask for a brief period when receiving communion. We continue to take **communion** in one kind only.*

Please take this service sheet home with you.

***Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship. The ministers process into the church.

GREETING

Minister In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

HYMN

1 When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

Chorus *A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

- 2 The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.
- 3 They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.
- 4 But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.
- 5 The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.
- 6 They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.
- 13 The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

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CONFESSION

Minister Light shows up things
that have been forgotten or lost or hidden.

As we come into Jesus' presence,
his light reminds us of the good things
we may have forgotten to do,
or the bad we may have hidden away.

So let's take a few moments now
to bring those things to God
and ask for his forgiveness,
knowing that he loves us
and wants us to walk in his light.

Silence may be kept.

Minister For all the times
we have ignored people in need,

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister For all the times
we have deliberately made wrong choices,

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister For all the times
we have forgotten your love for us and for others,

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May God,
who loves you and sheds his light upon you,
forgive your sins and bring you back to himself,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING Malachi 3.1-5

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 24.7-10

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.
- 2 All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.
- 3 This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.
- 4 Christ, your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us your servants
our discharge in peace.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) based on Luke 2.29-32 (Nunc Dimittis, The Song of Simeon)

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GOSPEL READING Luke 2.22-40

All Alleluia, alleluia!

Minister This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

All Alleluia!

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

This response may be included:

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

PEACE

Minister God makes peace within us – let us claim it.
God makes peace between us – let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about Thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with Thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917) Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

TABLE PRAYER

Minister Father,
in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the offering of your Church
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

All **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere
to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ,
who is one with you from all eternity.

For on this day he appeared in the temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.

He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all
who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Minister Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Minister In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Minister Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Minister Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

(Or) Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Minister We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

AGNUS DEI

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

HYMNS

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Chorus Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel!*

2 Then wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay:

3 At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped him;
they offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

4 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for Christ has our salvation wrought
and with his blood our life has bought:

Cornish carol, possibly 18th century adapted by Michael Perry (1942-1996)
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- 1 Lord, now let your servant
go his way in peace —
your great love has brought me
joy that will not cease.
- 2 For my eyes have seen him
promised from of old —
saviour of all people,
shepherd of one fold.
- 3 Light of revelation
to the Gentiles shown,
light of Israel's glory
to the world made known.

James Seddon (1915–1983) based on Luke 2.29-32 (Nunc Dimittis, The Song of Simeon)
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Lord,
you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All 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.

NOTICES

BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

Minister 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 this temple 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.**

NUNC DIMITTIS (Geoffrey Burgon) - *please remain standing*

BLESSING

Minister Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
 fill you with radiance
 and scatter the darkness from your path.

All **Amen.**

Minister Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
 gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

All **Amen.**

Minister Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
 draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

All **Amen.**

Minister And the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Minister We have come to Christ, the living water.

 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Camille Saints-Saens: Fantasie in E flat

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W, Wendy S, Julie V, Margaret C, Kath T, Leslie, Sue P, June M, Anne H, Marion D.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Diana B, Cedric G.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Rev Christine whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Harry William Miles, Freda Maud Rudd, Carolyne Randall, Hannah Payne, William Henry Owen, Kenneth Moore, Joan Emms, Charles Stevens, Adrian (Addy) John Harrison, John Earth, Charles Hurl, Gordon Fisher, Grace Roper, Denise Angel Rosemary Bailey, Brian Walker, Arthur Fitzhugh, Pat Adams, Martin Connolly.

Those who died recently, among them Maureen Rainbow. We pray for those who mourn.

NOTICES

Our Discussion Group on the Parables meets via Zoom on Thursday 19:00-20:30. Please email or ring Rev Paula (as Agnes is on leave) if you would like to join in.

Office closed next week.

DIARY

Tues 1 Feb

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed 2 Feb

10:30 - 12:30 All Hallows open to the public

12:15 - 13:00 All Hallows Midweek Eucharist

17:30 - 18:00 Zoom Evening Prayer

Thurs 3 Feb Anskar

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer

10:00 - 10:30 All Saints Holy Communion

19:00 - 20:30 Zoom Discussion Group on the Parables

Fri 4 Feb

19:00 - 20:00 All Hallows choir practice

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Sat 5 Feb

9:30 - 10:30 All Hallows MU Communion

10:30 - 12:30 All Hallows open to the public

Sun 6 Feb 4 before Lent

8:00 - 8:30 All Saints Eucharist

9:15 - 10:30 All Saints Eucharist

11:15 - 12:30 All Hallows Eucharist

18:00 - 18:30 Zoom Compline

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