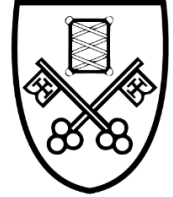




The Cathedral Church  
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# The Eucharist

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
'Candlemas'

2 February 2025

10.30

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## **Organ Voluntary**

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr dahin BWV 616

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

## **Welcome & Notices**

*The Revd Duncan Milwain, Assistant Curate*

*After the welcome, silence is kept.*

## *The Preparation*

## **Processional Hymn**

*We stand.*

**Hail to the Lord who comes,  
comes to his temple gate,  
not with his angel host,  
not in his kingly state:  
no shouts proclaim him nigh,  
no crowds his coming wait.**

**But borne upon the throne  
of Mary's gentle breast,  
watched by her duteous love,  
in her fond arms at rest;  
thus to his Father's house  
he comes, the heavenly guest.**

**There Joseph at her side  
in reverent wonder stands;  
and, filled with holy joy,  
old Simeon in his hands  
takes up the promised child,  
the glory of all lands.**

**Hail to the great First-born,  
whose ransom-price they pay,  
the Son before all worlds,  
the child of man to-day,  
that he might ransom us  
who still in bondage lay.**

**O Light of all the earth,  
thy children wait for thee:  
come to thy temples here,  
that we, from sin set free,  
before thy Father's face  
may all presented be.**

*Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)  
Music: 'Old 120<sup>th</sup>' – melody from Thomas Este's Psalter (1592)  
harmony from Ravenscroft's Psalmes (1621)  
CP 94*

## **Greeting**

*President* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord of glory be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

## **Introduction**

*President* Dear friends, 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 old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*We remain standing as the choir sing.*

*Choir*      Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus  
tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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,  
for 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.*

*Music: 'Missa Brevis', Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

## The Collect

*President* Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The New Testament Reading

*Maurice Doguwa*

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

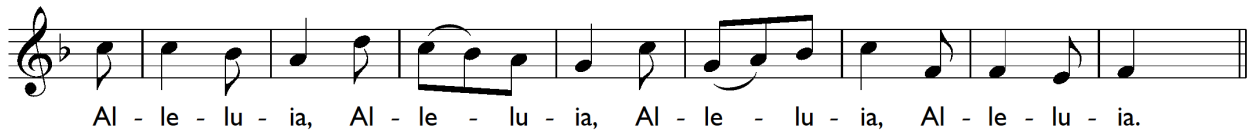
*Hebrews 2.14-18*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Gospel Acclamation

We stand.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ  
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

*The Revd Pete Gunstone, Minor Canon for Worship and Nurture*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> 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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup> 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.'

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

<sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.’

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

<sup>36</sup> 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 for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Luke 2.22-40*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We remain standing as the organ plays in response to the gospel.*

## **Sermon**

*The Revd Henriette Howarth, Diocesan Prayer & Spirituality Coordinator*

*After the opening prayer, we sit.*

*The sermon will be followed by a time of silent reflection.*



# The Nicene Creed

*We stand.*

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

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*We sit.*

# Prayers of Intercession

*Mike de Villiers*

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.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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.

**Amen.**

# Prayers of Penitence

*President* Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness  
but shall have the light of life.'  
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.

*cf John 8.12*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*We stand.*

*President* 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.**

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn

*During the following hymn, offerings may be made through the offertory plates, via this QR code, or by the other means detailed in the inside front cover.*



**Virgin-born, we bow before thee:  
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;  
Mary, mother meek and mild,  
blessèd was she in her child.**

**Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;  
blessèd was the hand that led thee;  
blessèd was the parent's eye  
that watched thy slumbering infancy.**

**Blessèd she by all creation,  
who brought forth the world's Salvation  
blessèd they, for ever blest,  
who love thee most and serve thee best.**

**Virgin-born, we bow before thee:  
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;  
Mary, mother meek and mild,  
blessèd was she in her child.**

*Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

*Music: 'Quem Pastores'. German 14<sup>th</sup> century carol, contributed by Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-1561)  
to the French Psalter (1542) harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) CP 244ii*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

*President* Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the gifts we bring before you  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.  
**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Prayer B*

*President* The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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:

*Choir* Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

*Music: 'Missa Brevis', Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.

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.

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

*President* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*We sit or kneel in silence.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*President* Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray in our own language:

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*President* We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*Choir*      Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

*Music: 'Missa Brevis', Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

## **Giving of Communion**

*President*      God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. Please indicate to those serving communion if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please keep your hands down.*



## Communion Motet

*Choir* Tantum ergo Sacramentum,  
veneremur cernui;  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui;  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque,  
laus et jubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus, quoque  
sit et benedictio:  
procedenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*Therefore we, before him bending,  
this great Sacrament revere;  
types and shadows have their ending,  
for the newer rite is here;  
faith, our outward sense befriending,  
makes the inward vision clear.*

*Glory let us give and blessing  
to the Father and the Son;  
honour, might and praise addressing,  
while eternal ages run;  
ever too his love confessing,  
who, from Both, with Both is one. Amen.*

*Words: attributed to Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)  
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

## The Candlemas Procession

### The Lighting of Candles

*During the following hymn, we will light our candles from the Paschal Candle, which will be carried from the Sanctuary to the Font.*

***Please keep lighted candles upright to avoid any drips.***

*The Paschal Candle will be followed by the Clergy. As they process, please follow them to the font, or turn in your place to face the font.*

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

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

**The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,  
the child and his parents are left on their own.**

**They go to the temple, obeying the law,  
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.**

**But Anna and Simeon recognise there  
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.**

**The old who have suffered and waited so long  
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.**

**They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,  
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.**

**The light is increasing and spring's in the air.  
Look back with thanksgiving! Look forward with awe!**

**They see before Mary a heart-piercing grief,  
but trust is complete at the end of their life.**

**For Mary will follow, with tears in her eyes,  
her Saviour and Son to the foot of the cross.**

**Great Spirit of Yahweh, with courage inspire  
your everyday saints who face up to despair.**

**They pass through temptation, through failure, through death.  
When darkness descends they plod onwards in faith.**

**Like Anna, like Simeon, may they have trust,  
the eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last.**

**The candles invite us to praise and to pray  
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.**

*Words: Elizabeth Cosnett (b.1936)  
Tune: 'Lourdes'. French traditional melody  
CP 80*

## Collect

*President* 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.  
**Amen.**

## Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon

*Sung by the choir.*

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.

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.

*Words: Luke 2.29-32  
Music: Evening Service in F, John Ireland (1879-1962)*

*Silence is kept.*

## Final Responsory

*President* Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,  
to live his life that has no end.**

*Deacon* Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of life,  
to be thankful for your gift.**

*Sub Deacon* Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,  
to trust in your eternal promises.**

*President* Here we have greeted the light of the world.

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

*We extinguish our candles.*

*Deacon* Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

*Sub Deacon* Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

*President* Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,  
to shine with your light in the world.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr dahin BuxWV 76

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*We remain standing as the choir and clergy depart. All are welcome to share refreshments after the service at the back of the Cathedral.*

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