

Holy Trinity 10am Parish Eucharist
28th January 2024
Candlemas

Who is Jesus? The Son of God

5pm Service today is a special Service of Readings and Music for the Feast of Candlemas

VOLUNTARY

Prayer on screen during Voluntary:

Loving God,
open our hearts to your presence with us now.
We pray that we will see the light of your new life among us.
Give us grace to know when the time is right,
and like Anna and Simeon,
to do what you would have us do.
Amen.

THE GATHERING

*Informal Welcome, including those coming to collect Baptism candles
QR code for Order of Service is on small card in pews*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lobe Den Herren

NEH 440

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea,
so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now
with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

THE GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

President From the One who is, who was, and who has come to dwell
among us, grace, mercy and peace be with you.

All **And also with you.**

President Please be seated.

The President introduces the service and theme

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what
you shall drink. Seek first God's kingdom and his
righteousness.

Let us confess our sins
and our failure to make God's will our priority:

President Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President May the God of love bring you back to himself,
+ forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

HON 202

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
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let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us,
give thanks.

THE COLLECT

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

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.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing as we hear the gospel read

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2. 22-40

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

All (said) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel reading:

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All (said) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev'd Patrick Taylor

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

- President* Christ came and proclaimed the gospel:
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.
- President* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**
- Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Us Light A Candle

A&M 677

1 In a world where people walk in darkness,
let us turn our faces to the light,
to the light of God revealed in Jesus,
to the daystar scattering our night.

Refrain:

*For the light is stronger than the darkness
and the day will overcome the night,
though the shadows linger all around us,
let us turn our faces to the light.*

2 In a world where suffering of the helpless
casts a shadow all along the way,
let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness
and proclaim the dawning of the day. (Refrain)

3 Let us light a candle in the darkness,
in the face of death, a sign of life;
as a sign of hope where all seemed hopeless,
as a sign of peace in place of strife. (Refrain)

- 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.
- All** **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

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

President 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Mass of St Thomas

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.**

President

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.

President
All

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

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 Simeon, Anna
Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
By whom, with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

*We acknowledge the presence of Christ in our midst as the consecrated
bread and wine are elevated and the bell is rung.*

We kneel or sit

President Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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

President 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.**

THE INVITATION

The President invites the people to receive Holy Communion

President 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.**

AGNUS DEI

Mass of St Thomas

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.**

*The President and people receive Communion or a blessing.
Please come to a communion station when indicated by a Warden.*

ANTHEM

Senex puerum portabat

William Byrd

*Senex puerum portabat: puer autem senem regebat: quem virgo peperit,
et post partum virgo permansit: ipsum quem genuit, adoravit.*

The old man carried the child, but the child ruled the old man; him whom the Virgin brought forth, and after childbirth remained a virgin him whom she bore, she adored.

COMMUNION HYMN

HON 574

Refiner's Fire

1 Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refrain:
Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my master,
ready to do your will.*

2 Purify my heart,
cleans me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin, deep within. (Refrain)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All 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.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Please sit for the notices

GIVING OF BAPTISMAL CANDLES

President God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the Glory of God the Father**

President There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

THE BLESSING

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 113

Lourdes

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

Refrain:

*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. *Refrain*

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

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

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

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

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

Deacon

We have sung God's praise with shepherds and angels;
We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
As we turn from the crib to the cross,
we carry his light into the world.

All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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