

**Holy Trinity 10am Parish Eucharist**  
**29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**Candlemas**  
***A Light for the Nations***

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

**VOLUNTARY**

Johann Sebastian Bach

*“Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin” BWV 616*

*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*

*QR code for Order of Service is on small card in pews*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain:*  
*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *(Refrain)*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *(Refrain)*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *(Refrain)*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. *(Refrain)*

## **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.**

*The President gives an informal introduction*

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**



that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**

## **THE GLORIA**

Mass of St Thomas

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

## **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 sit*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **A READING FROM THE BIBLE**

Malachi 3.1-5 (Lori Shanebeck)

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

*Please stand*

### **GRADUAL SONG**

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

## **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2. 22-40

*Deacon* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*All (sung)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel reading:*

*Deacon* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All (sung)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Phil Harper

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*During the prayers the following response is used*

*Intercessor* Lord of Light and Love  
*All* **Hear our Prayer**

*The intercessor ends the prayers with:*

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

***Please stand***

## **THE PEACE**

*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.

*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 SONG**

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*

*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

**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.**

## **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**

1 Like a candle flame  
Flickering small in our darkness  
Uncreated light  
Shines through infant eyes.

*Refrain:*

*God is with us, alleluia,  
God is with us, alleluia,  
Come to save us, alleluia,  
Come to save us, alleluia!*

2 Stars and angels sing  
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows  
Can this tiny spark  
Set a world on fire? (refrain)

3 Yet his light shall shine  
From our lives, Spirit blazing  
As we touch the flame  
Of his holy fire. (refrain)

**TRINITY VOICES**      *Sing and dance, children of God*      Michael Bedford

*Sing and dance, children of God, join hands in the circle of creation. Sing and dance, children of God, join hearts in the sacred celebration. Children of God, sing and dance! Sing, sing, lightly in love, children of Christ. Dance, dance, sprightly in love, children of Christ. Sing lightly, dance sprightly, children of Christ! Move with the Spirit, children of God; move with the Spirit in the mystery of life. Move, sing and dance! Sing and dance, children of God...*

## **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*

## 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

Woodlands

1 Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take;  
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,  
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

2 Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;  
he will in grace respond to all who call:  
how shall they call if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?

3 Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;  
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:  
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,  
a love like yours which cares for humankind.

4 Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts; let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

5 Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
go till all nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore

*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.**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Allabreve, BWV 589*

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