

**Holy Trinity 10am Parish Eucharist**  
**2nd February 2025**  
**Candlemas**

***Jesus changes our darkness to light***

**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**

*The President offers an informal Welcome*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

NEH 234 (Tune ii Ratisbon)

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beam I see;

Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart,

3. Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

## 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* When we have done something wrong,  
and we want to hide in the dark,  
Jesus invites us to choose  
to come into the light of his love.

Let us confess our sins to Jesus, the light of the world.

*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.**

*President* As a forgiven people, let us stand to give thanks to God.

## **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',  
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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

*Deacon*            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:*

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

## **SERMON & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Phil Harper*

## **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**

Lourdes      A&M 113

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

*All* to the praise and glory of your name.  
**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.**

*Please kneel or sit*

*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* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**All** **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.**

## ANTHEM

*When to the temple  
Mary went*

**Johannes Eccard  
(1553 – 1611)**

When to the temple Mary went, And brought the Holy Child,  
Him did the aged Simeon see, As it had been revealed.  
He took up Jesus in his arms And blessing God he said:  
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,  
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, That we may ever be  
As once the faithful Simeon was, Rejoicing but in Thee;  
And when we must from earth departure take,  
May gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.  
(trans. J. |Troutbeck)

## COMMUNION HYMN

Candle A&M 677

Let Us Light A

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)

## 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

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*)

*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**

*Organ Sonata No. 1 in F Minor (MWV W.56),  
Fourth Movement: Allegro assai vivace*

By Felix Mendelssohn