

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (*Candlemas*)

28th January 2024



StMARY *with* StALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. King of Glory, King of Peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my appeal,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my ardent zeal,
Thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

3. Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heav'n,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

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

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

The Children's Church leave for their worship.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *The Mass of St. Thomas, David Thorne*

**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; Holy 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

The Collect is said after a short period of silence

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**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING – *Malachi 3. 1-5, read by a member of the congregation*

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. ²But 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; ³he 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.⁴Then 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.

This is the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God

THE SECOND READING – *Hebrews 2. 14-18, read by the subdeacon*

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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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.¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. This is the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God

GRADUAL 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.

THE GOSPEL READING – *Luke 2. 22-40*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

✠ 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, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's

Messiah.²⁷ 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² 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. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so 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 for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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. ⁴⁰The 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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Lord in your mercy	or	Lord, hear us
All Hear our prayer		Lord, graciously hear us

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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

*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
recognize 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*

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

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but
hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our
salvation.

All **Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

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.*

Great is the miracle 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Alban the martyr and 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.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, and as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

*Everyone is welcome to come forward for Holy Communion or a blessing.
Please note that we no longer intinct (dip the bread).*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Notices are given, and Children's Church share their worship

SENDING OUT

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

1. Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angels' word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed,
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calv'ry's tree,
saw the price of our redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

3. Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and, in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavn'ly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

4. Sing the greatest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heaven'ly home:
virgin mother, Mary blessèd,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

THE BLESSING

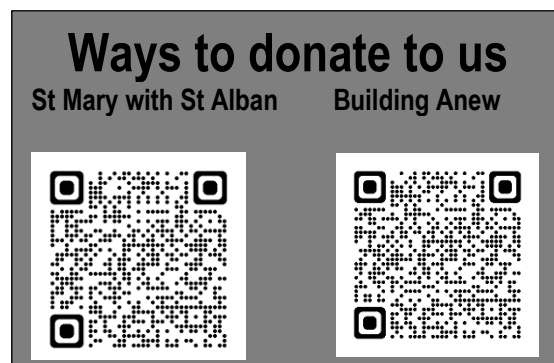
Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; ✠ and the
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.






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

The ministers and people depart.



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Notices

<p>Making Christingles</p> <p>Christingle Service</p>	<p>Saturday 3 February Volunteers are needed in church for 40-minutes of Christingle making at 10am, children very welcome. Please sign up through Churchsuite or scan this QR code </p> <p>Sunday 4th February at SMwSA 4.00pm Everyone welcome to attend this wonderful candlelit service. The service will be held in support of Building Anew.</p>
<p>Ash Wednesday Services with Imposition of Ashes Wednesday 14th February</p>	<p>9.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm Sung Eucharist If you have any Palm Crosses at home, please put in basket at the back of the church in readiness for burning.</p>
<p>Lent Course Seeking God the Creator Wednesday 21st February and all Wednesdays in Lent.</p> <p>Welcare Lent Lunch plus Margaret will have preserves on sale</p>	<p>Book via Churchsuite <u>In person</u> Mina Hogan Room 11.30-1.00pm, </p> <p><u>Zoom</u> 7.30-9.00pm </p> <p>Sunday 18th February 11.45am in Parish Hall. Please sign up through Churchsuite or the back of church, donations are requested on the day. </p>
<p>Preparation for Confirmation</p>	<p>If you feel called to be presented for Confirmation please contact, or if you wish to know more, please contact Father David or Mary to discuss possibilities.</p>
<p>Electoral Roll</p>	<p>On Thursday 1st February A Revision of the Roll notice will be pinned to the church door, as part of this year's Electoral Roll revision taking place from 16 February, ahead of our APCM on Sunday 17 March. More details to follow.</p>
<p>Thursday 1st February Saturday 3rd February</p> <p>Monday 5th February</p> <p>Tuesday 6th February Wednesday 7th February</p>	<p>Traherne Reading Group 1.30-3.30pm Mina Hogan Room Parish Plod: 9.30am Continuing along the Thames Path ian.rae@hotmail.com Community Café 1.30-4.30pm at the Peter & Paul Centre PA Housing will attend Memory Café 1.30-3.00pm at the Peter & Paul Centre First Wednesday Group 12.45-2.15pm Mina Hogan Room Topic: Assisted Dying Bring your packed lunch</p>
<p>Plain and Pearl Events Book via QR code</p>	<p>13th February Knit support and talk with local wool supplier Wool Decanted  27th February Glass Bottle decorating/decoupage Tickets needed for both workshops.</p>
<p>River Thames Scheme Public Consultation Tuesday 13th February</p>	<p>St Marys Parish Hall 1.00-7.00pm Regarding plans to <u>reduce flooding risk</u> for 11,000 homes and 1,600 businesses between Egham and Teddington.</p>

