

St Mary Magdalene, Richmond Team Ministry

Sunday 1 February 2026, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Mass Setting: Rizza, Mass of St Benedict, President: The Rev'd James Hutchings

Our welcomer today is Geoff

❖ The Gathering

Introit Hymn

**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.**

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

**3 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.**

**5 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.**

John Ellerton 1826-1893 CP 94

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please be seated for an informal greeting.

Introduction

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.

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.

**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.**

Gloria

We stand to sing the song of the angels
**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people, 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 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 sins of the world:
have mercy, have mercy upon us;**
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory,
the glory of God the Father.**
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Alleluia.

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.**

Please be seated.

❖ The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Malachi (3.1–5) read by Pat

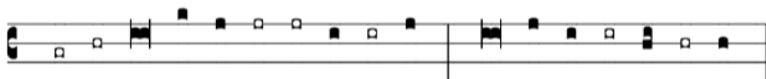
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he 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. Then 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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24:7-end



7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you ever-last(ing doors; •
and the King of glo-ry shall come^in.
8 'Who is the King of glo-ry?' •
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is migh-ty^in bat-tle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you ever-lasting doors; •
and the King of glo-ry shall come[^]in.
10 ‘Who is this King of glo-ry?’ •
‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glo-ry.

Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (2.14–end)

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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 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. 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.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.**

Gradual Hymn

**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 Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.**

Gospel Reading

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2.22–40)

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 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), 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.’

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. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 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. 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 so 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, 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. 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.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Written and read by Sue

These or other responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy (or) **Lord, hear us.**

hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end

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

❖ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

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 in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**The peace of God be with you
and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We turn to people to wish them God's Peace.

Offertory Hymn

**God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**3 Here our children find a
welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are
taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.**

**4 Lord of all, of Church and
Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe.**

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) CP 301

Preparation of the Table

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the offering of your Church and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread,
he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
*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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Please sit

**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

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.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

If you are a visitor, and receive communion in another church, whether it is in the Church of England or not, please feel welcome to receive communion at this service. If you prefer, please come to receive a blessing instead, and bring this booklet as a sign to the priest.

During the distribution of communion organ music will be played and the choir sing the Nunc Dimittis.

*Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
According to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
Which thou hast openly prepared before the face of all peoples
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
And a glory for thy people Israel.*

Text: Luke 2:29-32

Music: Amy Beach 1867-1944

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.**

Notices of our life together are shared.

❖ The Dismissal

Dismissal Hymn

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
behold the King of glory waits,
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Saviour of the world is here.**

**2 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ as Ruler is confessed;
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes.**

**3. Come then, O Saviour, and abide,
our hearts to thee be open wide;
may all thy inward presence feel,
to all thy grace and love reveal.**

George Weissel 1590-1635 tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and Editors CP 40

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and all whom you love and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Lumen ad revelationem

Alexandre Guilmant 1837-1911

*Please listen to the voluntary and then stay to greet old and new friends over coffee,
today served by Jackie & Jo*

Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday

10am Eucharist with Ashing

7.30pm Team Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (at St Mary Magdalene)

Sunday 22 February

**6:30pm – Installation of Rev'd Robert Stanier as Team
Rector and Vicar of St Mary's**