

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple *Candlemas*



Sunday 2nd February 2025

10:30 am



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Processional Hymn (NHWS 54)

Please stand

Father, Lord of all Creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is ev'ry hour's existence,
sov'reign Lord of time and space.

2 Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your children, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.

3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.



The Greeting

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

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Introduction

The priest introduces the service

Prayer of Penitence

As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask for our Father's forgiveness.
God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
Lord we have sinned against you and against our neighbour.

All: Lord have mercy

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

All: And grant us your salvation

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal you and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life.

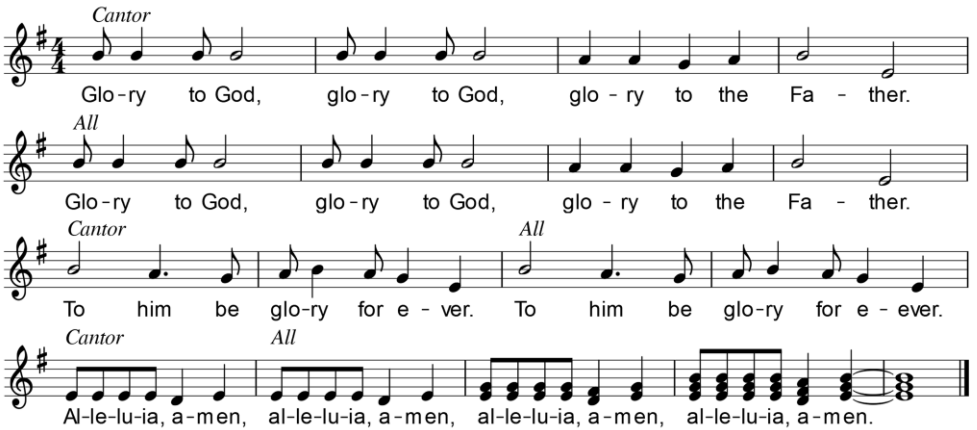
All: Amen.

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forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal us and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life.

All: Amen.



Gloria



Cantor
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Fa-ther.

All
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Fa-ther.

Cantor *All*
To him be glo-ry for e-ver. To him be glo-ry for e-ver.

Cantor *All*
Al-le-lu-ia, a-men, al-le-lu-ia, a-men, al-le-lu-ia, a-men, al-le-lu-ia, a-men.

2. Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen, **alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen.**

3. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen, **alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen.**

Collect

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.

Scripture Reading

Please be seated

Malachi 3: 1-5

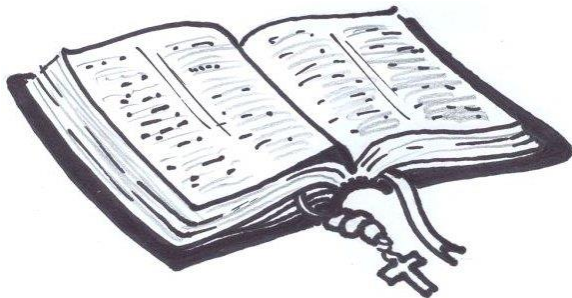
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

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.

⁵Then 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 Gradual Hymn (NHWS 12)

Please stand

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind but now I see

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
his will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

- 5 When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

The Gospel Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2: 22-40

²²When 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.'

²⁵Now 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.

²⁷Guided 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.'

³³And 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.'

³⁶There 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.

³⁹When 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.

The Sermon

Please be seated

The Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God
**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ
let us make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us

All: Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound

We remember by name:

Anil Ameer Subryan, Anna Morison, Arlen, Ashraf Jafari, Fr Barry Wright, Beryl, Catherine Dalgliesh, Chandralakha and Scott Singh, Christine, Christopher Brown, Chris Robins. Colin Izzard, Colin Power, Claire, Clifford Brown, Crystal, Daniel Ejelonu, Daniel Whittard, David Mulloy, Fr David Sharpe, Fr Desmond Tillyer, Devon White, Edd Heimrich, Edna McGregor, Edward, Evelyn Semlyen, Gail Sparrow, Helen Cloke, Janet B, Jenny Wardle, John, Johnny, Jordan, Judi Bryant, Julian, Katherine Barker, Lauren Reeves, Lisa Sweet, Logan, Mark, Mary Akpieyi, Mandy, Mina and Reginald Apiafi, Muriel Doris Bloch, Nicola, Nicole, Oliver Donald, Pamela Ashcroft, Pavol Husar, Rachel, Rahema Charles, Ray, Rella Persaud, Remi Babatunde, Robert Winston, Saffron Leigh, Sandra, Sarah, Sebastian, Susan and Vanessa Husarov, Susan Paterson, Taiwo Odebode, Thelma Martin, Valerie Snowden, Victoria.

We remember those who have recently departed this life:

Liz Lightbown, Sam Theodore and Fr Hugh Moore.

and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Neil Burton, Andrew Bevans and Elsie Forder.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace

All: And rise in glory.

Merciful Father,

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your son
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

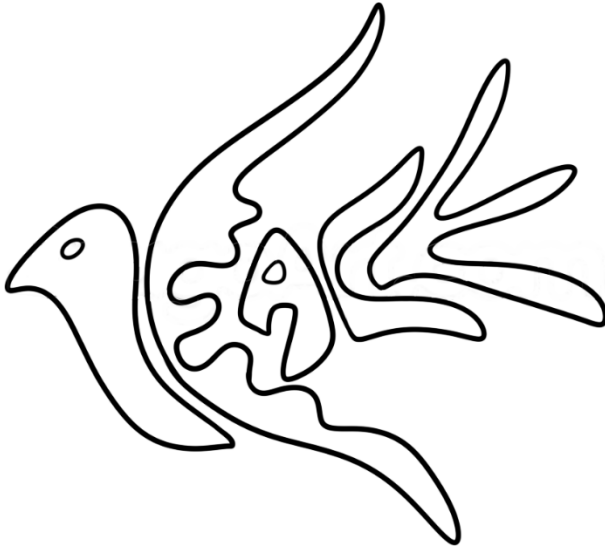
The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.



The Offertory Hymn (NHWS 85)

God of grace and God of glory,
on Thy people pour thy pow'r;
now fulfil thy Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail His ways;
from the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure Thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
as we set your people free.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
that we fail not man nor thee.

The Preparation of the Altar

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

All: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God forever.

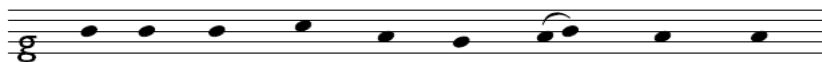
The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



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



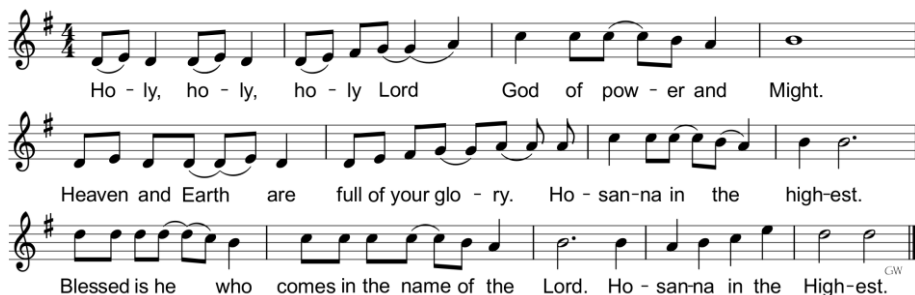
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. 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:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and Might.
Heaven and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High-est. ^{GW}

Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer

Father of all, we give you thanks,
For every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
He touched untouchables with love and washed
the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All: This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
Yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
He came to table with his friends
To celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All: This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
He took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
For the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
On which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
And is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with open eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for
ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us, so we pray:



Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion; but de-li-ver us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry, for e-ver and e-ver. A-men...

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace. CW

The Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The Communion

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are warmly
welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

Any member of the congregation may receive a blessing.

*Those wishing to receive a blessing should please bring this
order of service with them.*

The Communion Hymns (NHWS 23)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here;
come bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with Holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

(NHWS 103)

Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let each his friendly aid afford,
and feel another's care.

2 Up into thee, our living head,
let us in all things grow,
and by thy sacrifice be led
the fruits of love to show.

3 Touched by the magnet of thy love
let all our hearts agree;
and ever t'wards each other move,
and ever move t'wards thee.

4 This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity.
O let us still, we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.

The Post Communion Prayer

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.

All: 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.**

Notices

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

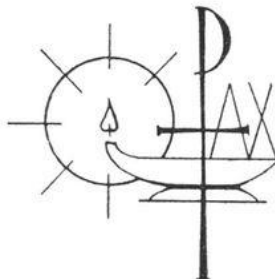
The Blessing

Please stand

The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.



The Recessional Hymn (NHWS 166)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

[Refrain]

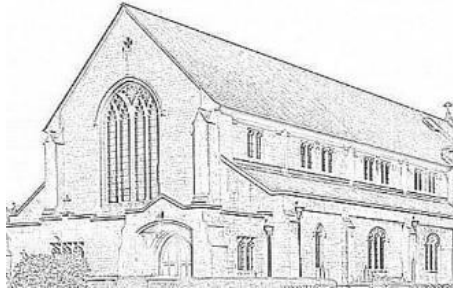
3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me

[Refrain]

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.



Services and events this week

- **Morning Prayer – Monday, Thursday and Friday on Zoom only**
- ***There will be no weekday Masses this week***
- **Sunday 9th February – fourth Sunday before Lent**
8:00am said Mass
10:30am Parish Mass in the church
(NOT streaming on Zoom)

Thought for the Week

Simeon saw that in Jesus a new light had dawned upon the world, which would bring a new light of revelation to all people. It took the old man Simeon, and, in her own way, the elderly Anna to see Jesus in his true light.

That is often one of the most important gifts older people have: to see things in their true light.

This true light is often born out of years of experience.

Make sure we see the lights that are there.

Positive as opposed to the negative

See the good rather than just the bad.

If we live as lights then we see the light.

Canon David Pickering