

CHICHESTER
CATHEDRAL



SUNG EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
(CANDLEMAS)

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

11.15AM

WELCOME

Welcome to Chichester Cathedral. We are delighted that you are joining our community in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life here or would like to become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to join us for coffee after this service and make yourself known to a member of the clergy.

This booklet contains all you will need to follow the service. Please ask a Steward if you would like a large-print copy.

The celebrant at this service is The Dean, The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler. The Gloria is from the *Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo* ("Little Organ Mass") by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), and the Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus are from the *Missa Brevis in B-flat K275* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

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ORDER OF SERVICE

From 11.10am, please maintain a prayerful silence in preparation for the service.

THE GATHERING

Please stand as the procession enters, and turn to face the West Doors.

THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

The congregation's candles are lit as the choir sings

Behold, our Lord will come with power,
to enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia.

THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

The president says

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.**

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 recognised 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.

THE BLESSING OF CANDLES

Please hold up your candle.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
+bless these candles,
and pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal city where you live and reign,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

The choir sings the Song of Simeon—the NUNC DIMITTIS—in which Simeon hails Jesus as ‘a light to lighten the gentiles’. It is because of this description that we have the custom of lighting candles on this day, and from this also that the name ‘Candlemas’ derives.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The president says

Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*verses 1 and 2 sung by the choir alone*)



Choir Of the Father's heart begotten,
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,
when the Maid the curse retrieved,
brought to birth mankind's salvation,
by the Holy Ghost conceived;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer
in her loving arms received,
evermore and evermore.

All **This is he, whom seer and sibyl
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealèd
in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry
*evermore and evermore!***

**Let the storm and summer sunshine,
gliding stream and sounding shore,
sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
day and night their Lord adore;
let creation join to laud thee
through the ages evermore,
*evermore and evermore.***

**Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises!
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
*evermore and evermore.***

*NEH 33
Prudentius (348-413)
tr. R. F. Davis (1866-1937)*

*Divinum Mysterium
Melody from Piaae Cantiones
Theoderici Petri Nylandensis (1582)*

The choir sings

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

*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.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

*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.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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. Amen.*

*Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo ("Little Organ Mass")
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

THE COLLECT

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 and extinguish your candles.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 2: 14-end

Please stand.

HYMN



**Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour
spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit,
in blessed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,
finds its fulfilment.**

**Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving,
bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,
now she presents him for a spotless offering
unto his Father.**

**In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
that One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
Jesus, Messiah.**

**Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,
in those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
may Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants
life everlasting.**

**Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer,
Giver of life, and Author of salvation,
thine be the glory.**

NEH 156
based on c. 9th-century Latin

Diva Servatrix
Bayeux Antiphoner (1739)

THE GOSPEL READING

Please remain standing. The choir leads the Gospel Acclamation:



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says

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.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Luke 2: 22-40

Please remain standing until the Sermon has been introduced.

SERMON

*The Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron
Treasurer*

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

All **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

Please sit or stand. These responses are used:

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

And at the end:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Please stand.

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 the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Dcn Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

When exchanging the Peace, please be mindful and respectful of others' personal boundaries.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

As we sing, the bread and wine are brought to the altar, and a collection is taken.

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**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.**

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

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.

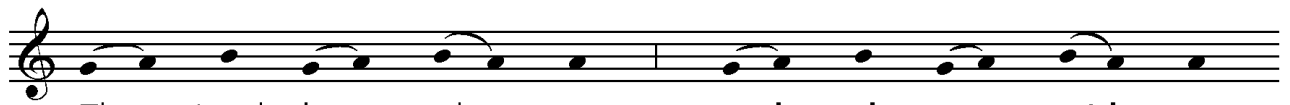
Hail to the great First-born,
whose ransom-price they pay!
The Son before all worlds,
the Child of man today,
that he might ransom us
who still in bondage lay.

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!

NEH 157
John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Old 120th
Este's Psalter (1592)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



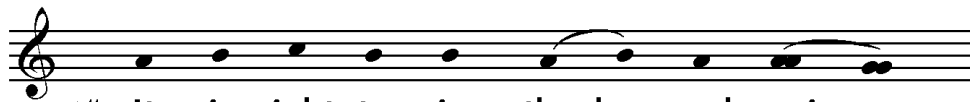
The_ Lord be_ with you *All* and_ al - so_ with you.



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:

The choir sings

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

The Eucharistic Prayer continues:

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.

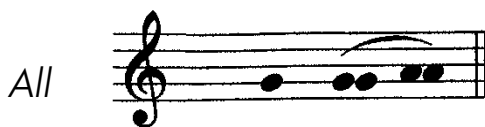
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Dcn Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.



A - men.

Please remain standing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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 one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Behold 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 president and people receive communion. Please sit until directed by the Stewards.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive communion if they wish. Please indicate if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the communion station and bow your head.

After you have received communion, please try to maintain a prayerful silence.

During communion the choir sings

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Please stand.

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.**

Please sit.

NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT

Please stand.

HYMN



At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

NEH 338
Caroline Noel (1817-1877)

Evelyns
W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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.**

Dcn Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

TOCCATA IN D MINOR 'THE DORIAN' BWV 538

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as the procession departs, and then sit for a period of quiet contemplation as the organ voluntary is played.

All are invited to join us for coffee in the South Transept after this service, where there will be the opportunity to meet our clergy and other members of our community.

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