

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL FESTAL SUNG EUCHARIST WITH PROCESSION

**THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE
Candlemas**

TE TAPAENGA O TE KARAITI I TE TEMEPARA

2 February 2025, 10.00 AM



Presider

The Very Reverend Anne Mills, *Dean of Auckland*

Preacher

The Reverend Ivica Gregurec, *Cathedral Precentor*

Liturgist

Jeremy Hema

Readers

Kara Chalmers

Andrew Simpson

Cantor

Matthew Spooner

Organist

Peter Watts

Setting

Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne

Welcome to the Cathedral Eucharist. At the entrance, you will receive the candle, that will be blessed during the Eucharist. Please take it home after the service and use for your own home devotions.

Please stand, when the Bell is rung. At any time in the service when we invite you to stand, you are welcome to remain seated if you prefer.

Processional Hymn

1

Let Sion's bridal room be clothed:
he comes, her Lord and her Betrothed.
Let bride and bridegroom, by faith's light,
a vigil keep throughout the night.

2

Saint Simeon, go forth in joy,
exult to see the baby Boy:
make known to all
this Light divine
who soon upon all lands shall shine.

3

His parents to the temple bring
the Temple as an offering.
The righteousness of law he chose
though to the law he nothing owes.

4

So, Mary, bring this little one,
yours and the Father's only Son,
through whom our offering is made
by whom our ransom price is paid.

5

And forward, royal Virgin, go
and let rejoicing overflow,
with gifts bring forth
your newborn Son
who comes to rescue everyone.

6

Lord Jesus Christ, the Glory bright
who guides the nations into light;
be praised, and for eternity
be glorified, O Trinity. Amen.

Text: P. Abelardus

Tune: Puer nobis nascitur, AM 32

The Gathering of the Community

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table;
welcome to you, for we are Christ's body,
Christ's work in the world.

Welcome to you whose baptism makes you
salt of the earth and light to the world.

Rejoice and be glad.

Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph as they bring their baby to the Temple and present him before God. We recall Simeon's deep recognition as he holds Jesus in his arms. Simeon understands that this baby will grow to become a light to our world. Today we seek to encounter you with that same deep knowing. We gather here this morning, breaking bread and sharing wine together, as we celebrate, with Simeon and Anna, Christ's coming amongst us and sing of God's presence and glory with us.

Please sit.

The Confession

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

Kyrie is sung by the cantor and congregation.

mf
(Organ) Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

f
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

mf
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Absolution

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together.

**Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.**

Please stand.

Gloria - repeat after cantor at beginning and as indicated.

ff
(Organ) Glo-ry to God, Glor-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

Gloria

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence.

Everliving God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented as a child in the temple to be the hope of your people; grant us pure hearts and minds that we may be transformed into his likeness, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 84

The congregation repeats the response R. after the Cantor, and between each verse.



My soul has a desire and longing
to enter the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh
rejoice in the living God. **R.**

The sparrow finds for herself a house:
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young.
They have their home at your altars:
my king and my God. **R.**

O Lord God of hosts:
blessèd are those who dwell in your house.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you:
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. **R.**

For the Lord God is a defence and shield,
the Lord will give grace and honour:
and no good thing will be withheld
from those who live a blameless life. *R.*

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

1
Long-awaited Holy One,
Simeon hailed you as God's Son.
Anna welcomed you with praise,
glad fulfilment of her days.

2
Light of all the nations, shine!
Show, to those who wait, a sign:
God on earth, our host and guest,
in our flesh made manifest.

3
Radiance of God's holy face,
shine your love in ev'ry place.
Splendour of God's glory bright,
lead us to eternal light!

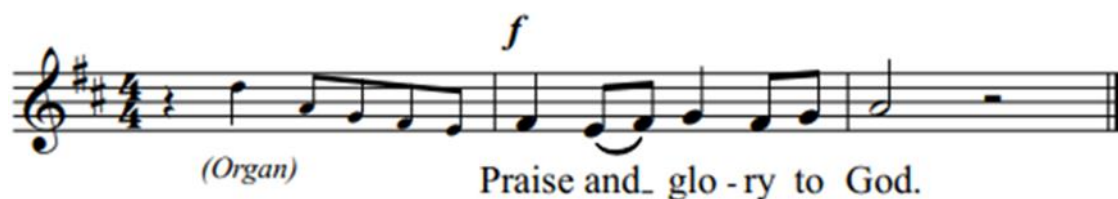
Text: D. Dufner OSB

Tune: Nottingham, AM 787i

Gospel Acclamation – *all repeat after the cantor.*

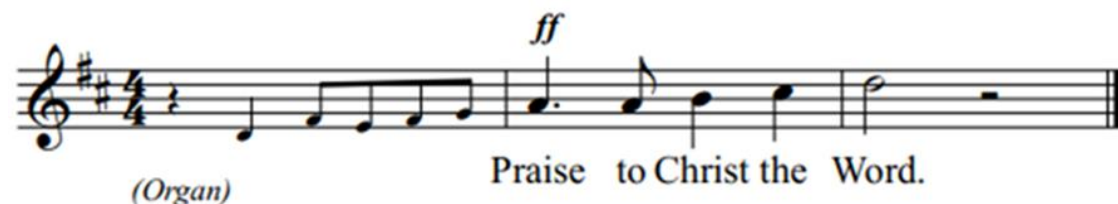


The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



The Gospel Luke 2:22-40

This is the Gospel of Christ.



The Sermon Fr Ivica Gregurec

Following the Sermon, we pause to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and together affirm our faith.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the World, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Please sit.

To the bidding: Lord, have mercy.
all respond: Christ, have mercy.

The Prayers conclude with the following Collect prayed by all.

**God of all peoples, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all
our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for
their fulfilment, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Please stand.

The Peace

**Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.
The peace of God be always with you.
Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.**

*Please turn and acknowledge those around you by offering a greeting of Peace.
During the Offertory Hymn, the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist.
A Collection is taken at this stage.*

Offertory Hymn

2

4

5

You have created us to hear your Word,
to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love.
You sent your Son to be for us
the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.
Today Christ, who shares your eternal splendour,
was presented in the temple,
and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples.
You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.
Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for our creation and our calling,
with loving and with joyful hearts as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus are sung by the cantor and congregation.

mf
(Organ) Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, hea-ven and earth are
f
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.
mf
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
ff
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son;
on that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.
Therefore with this bread and wine
we recall your goodness to us.
God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.
And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Send your Holy Spirit,
 that we who receive Christ's body
 may indeed be the body of Christ,
 and we who share his cup
 draw strength from the one true vine.
 Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite.
 Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.
 For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
 you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first,
 to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.



Silence may be kept.

The Communion

As Christ teaches us we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.

The bread is broken in silence.

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
 Christ is the bread of life.
 Christ's blood was shed for our forgiveness.
 Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Agnus Dei is sung by the cantor and congregation.

(Organ) *mp* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

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

mp world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

p sin of the world, grant us peace.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you feel uncertain sharing a common cup, receiving the bread alone is to receive a full Communion. For health reasons, we request you do not dip the bread in the wine (intinction).

Please indicate to the administrant if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please fold your arms across your chest.

As you wait to receive and after returning to your seat, please observe silence and pray for those around you. The Presider will distribute communion at the seats of any who have reduced mobility.

The cantor will sing during the Communion.

The Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Loving God, 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 eternal life.

We thank you, God, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION TO THE BAPTISMAL FONT

All sing while the Altar party distribute light to the congregation, before processing to the Baptismal Font.

1

When candles are lighted
on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us
and Christ'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. *R.*

3

They go to the temple,
obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons,
the gift of the poor. *R.*

4

But Anna and Simeon
recognise there
the Christ-child who came at
the turn of the year. *R.*

Text: E. J. Cosnett (adapt. v. 1)

Tune: Lourdes, AM 113

Blessing of the Candles

Loving God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, and ✠bless these candles, that we, who by their 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, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

God, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels: may Christ be born in our hearts today.

Praise to Christ our light.

We share in the joy of Simeon and Anna; help us, like them, to trust your word.

Praise to Christ our light.

We greet Jesus, the light of the world; may we be filled with the light of your love.

Praise to Christ our light.

The congregation are sprinkled with water from the Baptismal Font as a remembrance of baptism, all singing:

5

They gaze at God's wonderful
answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and
the Gentiles' desire.

Refrain.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

6

They see before Mary
a heart-piercing grief,
but trust is complete at
the end of their life. *R.*

7

For Mary will follow,
with tears in her eyes,
her Saviour and Son to
the foot of the cross. *R.*

8

O Spirit of God, with
like courage inspire
your everyday saints
who face up to despair. *R.*

9

Like Anna, like Simeon,
may we all have trust,
the eyes to see Jesus,
and peace at the last. *R.*

10

The candles invite us
to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter
on Candlemas day. *R.*

Text: E. J. Cosnett (adapt. v. 10)

Tune: Lourdes, AM 113

We stand near the place of new birth.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We prepare to turn from the crib to the cross.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We go to carry Christ's light.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with divine grace to trust God's promises and obey God's will; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and for ever.

Amen.

The Dismissal of the Community

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Sortie *played by the Organist.*

*Please stand while the Altar party leaves.
You are warmly invited to remain for the Sortie and beyond,
to pray and reflect.
You are also welcome to take your candles home with you.*

Please join us for refreshments in the Bishop Monteith Visitors' Centre.

*If you would like to make a donation to the Cathedral and its ministry,
this would be greatly appreciated.*

A 'tap and go' machine is located at the rear of the Cathedral.

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**Loving God, the source of all life, as we worship you and
rejoice at your presence in our midst;
open our hearts that we may always be a welcoming
and nourishing community; empowering each other to
be active in your service, through Jesus Christ,
Redeemer of the world. Amen.**

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