



CHRISTMAS I

27 December 2020

Dear Friends,

In our reading this morning from Luke's Gospel, our attention is focussed on Mary, Joseph and Jesus as they present the infant Christ in the Temple in order to fulfill the requirements of the Jewish law.



In our reflections, let us consider the concept of holiness; the process of growing into the likeness of God. Holiness is not about attaining 'perfection' but rather about our willingness to be open to God in our lives, as both Simeon and Anna demonstrate; and to grow in our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. We demonstrate our acceptance of being part of God's family, his adopted sons and daughters, by caring for each other, beginning with our own families and extending to caring for those around us.



Next Sunday, 3 January 2021, we will celebrate The Epiphany of Our Lord. Let us pray that the year ahead will be filled with hope, love and joy, as we praise God for his many blessings to us all, through good times and times of hardship. The Lord be with you all.

Fr Max

The Reverend Dr Max Wood,
Rector

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies

The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards

Northern Region: Parishes of Dee Why and Forestville

Local churches: Mosman Uniting Church

Missions 2020

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;

Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer, The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;

The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Immediate Prayer:

Jennifer

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

Alex Dimitric, John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Justin Reid, Heather, Bernie Walsh,

Keren Snell, Christine Hurford, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas,

Eileen Menzies, Mary Douglas, Liam Gorman, Rosemary Walsh, Anthony Bowra,

Barbara Fisher, Elke Kroeger-Radcliffe, Dallas Ford, David Park, Ann Neill

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Ruth Burleigh, Richard Lloyd, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth,

Elaine Porter, Helen Huby, Dorothy Bashford, Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks,

Denis Pearson

SERVICES DURING JANUARY

Please note that our Thursday Eucharist is in recess until 4 February 2021.

Our Sunday Eucharist continues each week at 9am, as normal. Please remember to

book if you plan to attend by calling the Parish Office on 9969 6910 or booking online.

A Prayer for the Day

Saving God,

Whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple

And was acclaimed the glory of Israel

And the light of the nations:

Grant that in him we may be presented to you

And in the world may reflect his glory;

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 61.10-62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Luke 2.22-40

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 turtledoves 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.

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