

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)



Sung Eucharist 7 February 2021 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Regional Bishop: Northern Region: Local churches: The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies The Rt Revd Chris Edwards Parishes of Northbridge and Roseville East; Shore School Scots Kirk Mosman; the Revd Brett Graham and people

Missions 2021

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

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

Alex Dimitric, John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Justin Reid, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Christine Hurford, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas, Eileen Menzies, Mary Douglas, Liam Gorman, Rosemary Walsh, Steve Walker

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

NOTICES

CANDLEMAS - 7 FEBRUARY

A sincere thank you to the Revd Dr Ivan Head, former Warden of St Paul's College, Sydney University, for being our Guest Preacher for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) today.

THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST AND LUNCH

Our Thursday Holy Eucharist service is held weekly in the Lower Hall at 11am. Please register if you plan to attend. Following the service, at 11.45am, there will be lunch at Café Jam in Bridgepoint for those who wish to continue a time of informal fellowship. Please book with Helen on 9969 6910 or by email: office@stlukesmosman.org

Gathering of God's People

Please remain seated throughout the service. Congregational singing and chanting is not permitted.

Introit: Lumen ad revelationem gentium (Plainchant)

R: Lumen ad revelationem gentium: et gloriam plebis tua Israel.

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace. Lumen ...

Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum. Lumen ...

Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum. Lumen ...

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Lumen ...

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in specula saeculorum. Amen.

TRANSLATION:

R: A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

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: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Welcome

Greeting

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

Sentence

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. [Luke 2.30-32]

Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyries

Setting: The Newcastle Mass (Peter Guy, b. 1981)

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord have mercy. Christ, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Invitation to Confession and Absolution

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.'

Silence.

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: Pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heav'nly 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 on us: you are seated at the right hand of the Father; 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, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading A reading from the book of Malachi

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?

Callum Close

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.

[*Malachi 3.1-4*]

For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 84 (Chant: C. Hubert H. Parry)

How lovely is your dwelling place: O Lord God of hosts! *My* soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. *The sparrow has found her a home.* and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even your altar. O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you: in whose heart are the highways to Zion; Who, going through the valley of dryness, find there a spring from which to drink: till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings. They go from strength to strength: they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Behold, O God, him who reigns over us: and look upon the face of your anointed. One day in your courts is better than a thousand: I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness. For the Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord gives favour and honour: and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence. O Lord, God of hosts: blessed are those who put their trust in you.

The Second Reading A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

[Hebrews 2.14-18]

For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Today the Lord is presented in the temple: as the Light of the Nations and Glory of Israel. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, Chapter 2, beginning at the 22nd verse. **♥Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they 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 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.

[Luke 2.22-40]

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon - The Revd Dr Ivan Head

The Candlemas Liturgy

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you. And also with you.

The congregation now switches on their individual candles

Iste Confessor: Mode ii 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 long 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. Amen.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. You make our darkness to be light. For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, 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. **Amen.**

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of your temple.

Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

God is the Lord who has shown us light. Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.

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.**

Please turn off your candle.

The Prayers of the Community

Helen Bell

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Response after each segment of prayers

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

After the last petition

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Greeting of 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 the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Please do not physically exchange the peace

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. ♥Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. ☎Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

■Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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 Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

The Presider breaks the bread and says

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ: We who are many are one body **For we all share in the one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

Communion will now be administered to the congregation by the Presider and assistants. Please remain seated.

Anthem: Nunc Dimittis from Evening Service in C Minor (George Dyson)

R: *A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.*

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: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Sending Out of God's People

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth. Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path. Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart. Christ, the Dayspring from on high, guide your feet into the way of peace. And the **S**blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

At the conclusion of the service please leave by the front door.

Postlude

Prayer Op. 47 No. 4 (Alexandre Guilmant)

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NOTICES

SHROVE TUESDAY - 16 FEBRUARY

Our customary buffet-style Pancake Night in the Lower Hall and Courtyard on Shrove Tuesday is not possible due to continuing COVID-19 safety requirements. Instead, let us join together for an informal dinner at 6pm on Shrove Tuesday at the Lower Duck. Bookings essential - through the Parish Office on 9969 6910.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note in your diaries, St Luke's AGM will be held in the church on Sunday 14 March 2021, directly after our Lent 4 Said Eucharist.

SAFETY IN MINISTRY

St Luke's is committed to the principles of Safety in Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Copies of our Child-Safe, Child-Friendly policy are available in the porch and on the parish website. If you have any queries, please contact Dr Jocelyn Chey, tel: 9967 5136 or the Rector, tel: 9969 6910.

NOTICES

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE'S

St Luke's is a vibrant community of faith and offers a spiritual home to many. As we continue to navigate the effects of the pandemic, your offertory plays an essential role in our ongoing work.

I encourage you to consider a weekly offering via Direct Deposit into the Parish's account. This assists us in planning and ministering with certainty. Account Name: St Luke's Church Mosman BSB: 032-291

<u>Account #: 810105</u>

St Luke's has been the beneficiary of incredible generosity through planned giving. Those that have left the parish a Bequest in their Will have allowed us to undertake transformative projects and ensure our parish endures for generations to come. If you are considering remembering St Luke's in your legacy, please speak to your legal advisor or contact the Wardens or myself for a confidential conversation. *The Rector*

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN - FEBRUARY 2021

In order for us to continue to comply with the requirements of our COVID-19 Safety Plan as required by the NSW Government, it is necessary to remind you of the following:

- If you are feeling unwell, please don't attend services or the Parish Office.
- Everyone attending the Church or Parish Office must on arrival have their temperature checked, hand sanitise and provide contact tracing details (if not already provided). If you are someone who uses a smartphone, please also utilise the Service NSW QR code to 'check in' as you arrive.
- It continues to be of great assistance if you preregister your intention to attend a service. An Eventbrite link is emailed each week or you can contact Helen in the Parish Office on 9969 6910 or email: office@stlukesmosman.org
- It is <u>mandatory to wear a facemask</u> at all times in all places of worship, including here on our Parish site, in accordance with NSW government regulations.
- You must avoid crowding together and maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres.
- In Church, please only sit on the designated "green square" areas on the pews or on the soft padded seats at the front.
- There is to be no congregational singing or chanting.
- Please disperse quickly at the end of services.

Your assistance in observing these requirements makes it safer for all of us and helps us to comply with State Government regulations. The Rector

Please send any notices for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to the office no later than 4.30pm Tuesday.



9am

Thu 11/02 11am Holy Eucharist

Sat 13/02 11am Baptism:

Next Sunday 14/02/2021

11.45am Lunch

Sun 07/02

What's On This Week 07/02/2021

Sung Eucharist

Presentation of

Christ in the Temple

(Candlemas)

Lower Hall

Café Jam

Kai and Finn, and

Cole Thompson

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St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.