



St Luke's Mosman

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)



6 February 2022 Sung Eucharist 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel

The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards

Northern Region: Parishes of Newport and Seaforth

Local Churches: Mosman Uniting Church; clergy and people

Our 2022 Parish Missions

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:

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather Chisholm, Bernie Walsh, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Tim Bolot, Robb Crawford, Robert Alexander, Jenny Willis, Lynda Walker, Robin LaForest, Ian Fitzpatrick

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby, Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson, Nancy Lovitt, Dorothy Bashford, Nan Oliver

Gathering of God's People

Please stand for the Procession

Entrance Hymn
Praise to the living God (Tune: Leoni)

Praise to the living God, all praise be to his name, who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same: the one eternal God before what now appears, the First, the Last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness; holy, no holiness of earth can his express.
Behold the Lord of all: creation speaks his praise, and everywhere, above, below, his will obeys.

God's Spirit freely flows, high surging where it will: in prophet's word he spoke of old, is speaking still. Established is God's law and changeless it shall stand, deep written on the human heart, on sea, on land.

God has eternal life implanted in the soul; his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll. Praise to the living God, all praise be to his name, who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same!

Greeting

■Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

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.



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

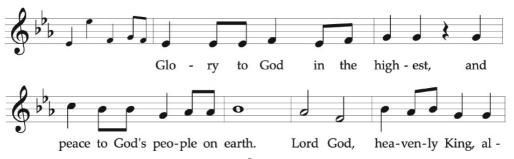
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

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:

Expanding 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 Please stand





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

Please be seated

The First Reading A reading from the book of Malachi

Don Menzies

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?

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

gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Please remain seated to listen to the Psalm Nunc Dimitis Tone V.i (Thomas Morley)

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et

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.

Gloria patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. 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 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**

Gradual Hymn
Please stand
Lord, bid your servant go in peace (Tune: Land of Rest)

Lord, bid your servant go in peace, your word is now fulfilled. These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.

This is the Saviour of the world, the Gentiles' promised light, God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

This child shall see in Israel so many rise and fall; God's sign raised high for all to see, which yet shall be denied.

His mother's soul a sword shall pierce of sorrow keen and deep. From many hearts their secret thoughts through him shall be revealed.

Blessed be the Father, who has given his Son to be our Lord, blessed too that Son, and with them both the Spirit of their love.

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! 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.'

Mary's Gift

For long months I pondered my child within me, the line of its nose, the turn of its face. I pondered in pain how the lurking shadow of God had shaped form or deformity within my womb.

Then we were two, Jesus and I, facing each other with shocks of wonder, touching each other's eyes with lingering questions.

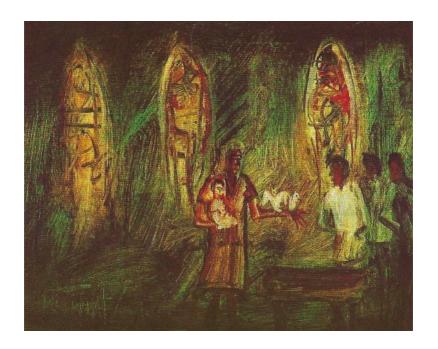
He lay in my open palms, so small, oh so small, as if the pressure of my fingers would count as cruelty.

There in the earth of my hands
I saw life itself,
life like silent breath
emerging from the sands of death,
life like a stark red flower
crying amid the white limestone fields,
life like a single blue wren
skating across black granite boulders,
life so precious
the pain of holding it was unbearable.

In that child I saw
the flesh of every child,
warm flesh that bleeds,
enfolds, and quivers at the hope
of being man or woman,
yet true to that same flesh
as sun and wind and Outback dust
toughen skin and soul alike.

This child was my flesh, my flower, my son, mine. I was ready to defy God and make that child mine against all thieves who sought to possess him.

Later, in the house of God, I gave my child back to God and with my flesh I gave two birds to celebrate the day, two birds to fly, two birds to die and redeem my child for life.



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.'

Simeon's Farewell

Being a prophet is rough and extremely lonely at times. A prophet has no mates, only a hard-headed desert God who sends us out as hunters forever on unfriendly roads with nothing but worries, God's worries in our sack.

We are called to shock peple into seeing the cold truth, the ugly selfish ways they live, knocking others to boost themselves, grabbing power by crushing hopes. And we get no thanks telling people truths like that... only more flamin' worries.

I had a wild bush fantasy once that I would see an Outback Christ come riding into town as king. Then I would leave to die in peace bequeathing all my worries to him. How I longed for that great hour.

When Mary brought young Jesus into God's house for a blessing, I knew this was the Outback Boy, the promised king of the bush who would take my swag of burdens. I could see myself fly back to God, deep in a wilderness gorge where brolgas dance in desert shade to welcome souls for death.

So with the Baby Jesus before me I exploded with one more oracle:

Now let me die in peace, Lord, and go to the great Never Never, for this is the kid God promised, the bushman sent from above to be our Outback Saviour.
No worries now, Lord.
No worries, ever!



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.

Anna's Song

I am a very old woman.
I have been old
almost as long as I can remember,
old like the grey rocks
grinning with wisdom on the hillside
where they wait and wait.

The day Mary came to worship with Jesus her child, I could wait no longer. I was young again. I had an urge to let go, wild like a child fresh out of school chasing her dream down the road to nowhere.

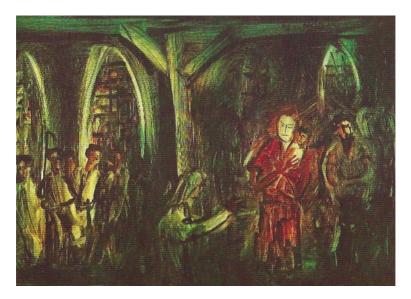
When I saw the babe Jesus I just adored him and the words of my song fell everywhere like rain on the dry dust:

Lift this child to the sun, raise this child to the sky, God has come from above, come to earth from on high. Lay this child on the ground, one with us, one with earth: let God know in his Son human clay, human birth.

Place this child in the shade, hang this child 'neath a tree; with his hand on the wood may this child set us free.

Give this child to the world, let him be common folk; God has come to be born as an ordin'ry bloke.

Send this child down the road, let him ride hard the track; to be king of the bush and the harsh world out back. Lift this child to the night, to the Silence of God; let this child cry for us and the Silence be heard.



Poetry by Dr Norman Habel, Australian Lutheran Biblical Scholar

Reflection - Archdeacon Frank Hetherington

The Candlemas Liturgy

Please stand as the Presider presents the Pascal candle

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 as the choir sings the Nunc Dimitus (Faux Bourdon) Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

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.

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 be seated and turn off your candle.

The Prayers of the Community

Ann Jobson

Please be seated

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.

Offertory Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling (Tune: Hyfrydol)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave: thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be, let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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

Please remain standing

The Sursum Corda We sing together

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.

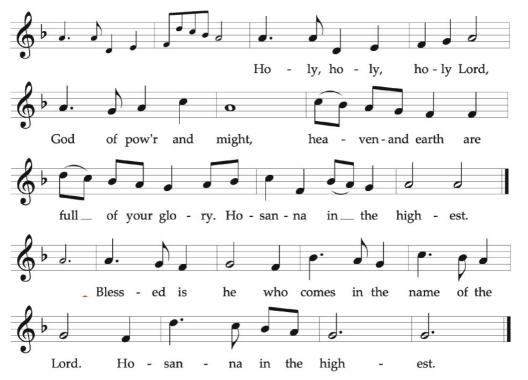
The Presider continues

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.

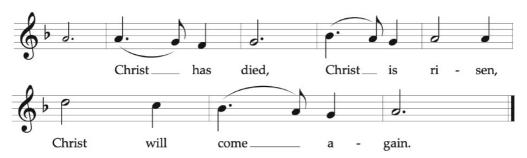
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

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.

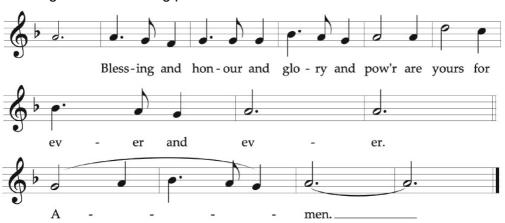
*Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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:



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.

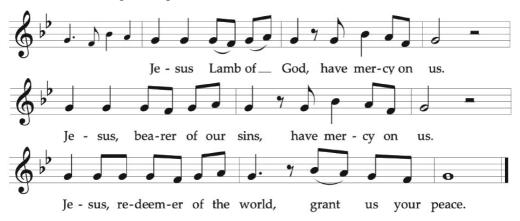
The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

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.

Please sit to sing the Agnus Dei:



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 be administered at the Chancel Steps. Please wait to be invited to come forward and remember to socially distance as much as possible.

Communion Anthem

Please remain seated while the choir sings Lumen ad revelationem gentitum (Plainchant)

The Sending Out of God's People

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 kindling flames have lit 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.**

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.

Notices

Final Hymn
Sing Praise to the Lord (Tune: Laudate Dominum)

Sing praise to the Lord! praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, you angels of light; all heaven adore him by whom you were made, and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord sing praise for new birth; praise him who has brought you his grace from above, praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

Sing praise to the Lord! all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what he has done.

Sing praise to the Lord! thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along; for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!

The Blessing and Dismissal

The congregation again switches on their individual candles for the final 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 ≇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.

Postlude Festive Tuba Tune David German (b. 1954)

When departing, please place candles in the basket in the porch.

OFFERTORY

Offertory to support the ministry of the church may be given in the vestibule on entering or leaving. This may be done by using the Donation Tap Point or by placing your gift into the Offertory Basket. Offertory envelopes are available in the vestibule, if you would like to take a set.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note in your diaries, St Luke's AGM will be held in the church on Sunday 20 March 2022, directly after our Lent 3 Eucharist. If you ordinarily prepare a report for inclusion in the business papers, please provide them to the Parish Office by end of day Monday 28 February.

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 either Dr Jocelyn Chey, tel: 9967 5136 or the Rector, tel: 9969 6910.

Please send any notices for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to the office by 4.30pm Tuesday.



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What's On This Week 6/2/22

Today 9am The Presentation

of Christ in the

Temple

(Candlemas) Eucharist Church

Tue 2.30pm Wardens' Meeting

Rector's Office

Thu 10.30am Study Group

Lower Hall

11.30am Holy Eucharist

Chapel

12noon Lunch

Café Jam

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Next Sunday 13/2/22

9am Epiphany 6

Eucharist Church

12noon Pub Lunch

Lower Duck



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.

