



## St Luke's Mosman

# The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)



5 February 2023
Sung Eucharist
10am

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### Our Diocese, Northern Region, our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel

The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards

Northern Region: Clergy and people of the parishes of St Clement's and

St Luke's, Mosman; and Naremburn/Cammeray

Local Churches: Clergy and people of Sydney Harbour North Parish

(Sacred Heart, Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's)

#### **Our 2023 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

#### **Immediate Sick:**

Michael Ford, Adrienne Miles

#### **Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:**

Irina Dimitric, Heather Chisholm, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Robert Alexander, Jenny Willis, Don Menzies, Dallas Ford, Anna Tarrant, Margaret Bool, Rosemary Bradford, Denise Thomas

#### People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Helen Huby, Jean Barton, Nancy Lovitt, Nan Oliver, Dorothy Bashford

#### **OFFERTORY**

Offertory to support the ministry of the church may be given in the vestibule on entering or leaving. Please use the Donation Tap Point or place your gift into the Offertory Basket. Offertory envelopes are available in the vestibule, if you would like to take a set for regular giving.

#### 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.

#### **Gathering of God's People**

Please stand for the Procession

**Entrance Hymn Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness** (Tune: Was Lebet)

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness, high on his heart he will bear it for you, comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness, guiding your steps in the way best for you.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth you would reckon to own: truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is dear, mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

#### 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.

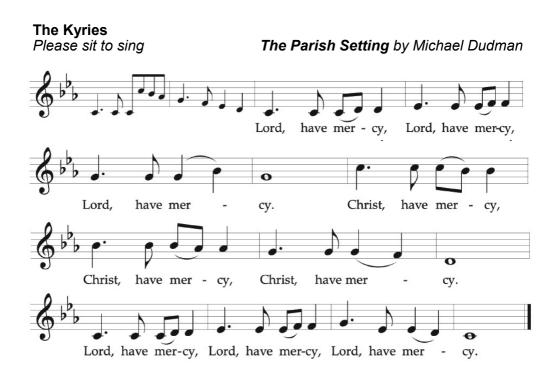
#### Sentence

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

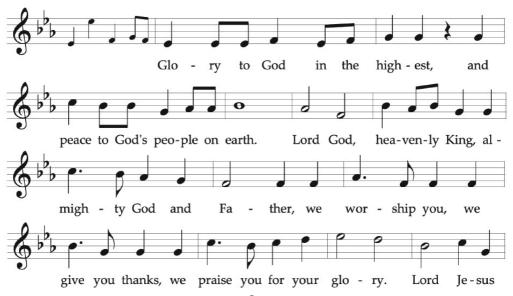
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

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:

\*\*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 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

Gwenda Brook

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** 

Please remain seated to listen to the choir sing the Psalm

Psalm 24 (Joseph Galineau)

Seek ye the Lord, and yearn for him.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? Those with clean hands and pure heart, who desire not worthless things.

They shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves them. These are the ones who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the King of glory. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the King of glory.

Who is the King of glory? he, the Lord of armies, he is the King of glory.

Seek the face of the Lord, and yearn for him.

## 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.

Please remain standing
The Gospel Reading
Choir first, followed by the congregation



Light of the world, refiner's fire: Make us pure and holy before you.

All sing together



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 22<sup>nd</sup> verse.

**<b>▼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 seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped 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.** 

**Sermon - The Reverend Philip Bradford** 

#### 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: Lumen ad revelationem gentium (Plainchant)

**R:** Lumen ad revelationem gentium: et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

**R:** To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart

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

gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

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.

in peace: according to thy word.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. 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.

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

Margaret Whight

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 is his word, love is his way (Tune: Cresswell)

Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with friends, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again, love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast, Christ at his table, host to the twelve, love, only love, is his mark.

Refrain

Love is his name, love is his law. Hear his command, all who are his: 'love one another, I have loved you.' Love, only love, is his law. Refrain

Love is his law, love is his word: Love of the Lord, Father and Word, Love of the Spirit, God ever one. Love, only love, is his word. Refrain

#### 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.

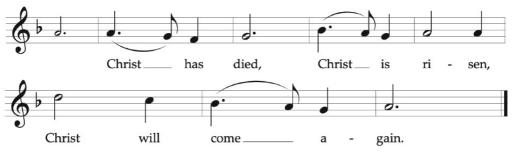
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

\*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.'

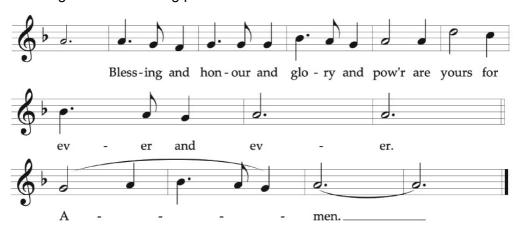
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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 form two lines

#### **Communion Anthem**

Please remain seated while the choir sings Nunc Dimittis (Geoffrey Burgon)

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 gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. 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 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 Lord, take my hand and lead me (Tune: So Nimm Denn)

- Lord, take my hand and lead me along life's way; protect and guide and feed me from day to day. Without your care and favour I go astray; so take my hand, O Saviour, and lead the way.
- 2. Lord, take my heart and hide it within your grace; through pain and pleasure guide it to be at peace.
  Hold close your child, dear Saviour, and stay with me, and help me trust whenever I cannot see.
- 3. For when it seems you're hiding your saving might, still you are safely guiding me through the night. So take my hand and lead me along life's way; protect and guide and feed me to endless day.

#### 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 ষblessing 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** Prelude in D minor (Anton Bruckner)

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

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#### What's On This Week 5/2/23

**Today** 9am The

Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Eucharist Church

Presentation of

**Thu** 10.30am Study Group

Lower Hall

11.30am Holy Eucharist

Chapel

12noon Lunch Café Jam

#### Next Sunday 12/2/23

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.

