

Sunday 2 February 2025

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

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Today's services

8am Said Eucharist		9.15am Joyful Noise Eucharist	
Celebrant	Fr Pete Hopkins	Celebrant	Fr Pete Hopkins
Preacher	Fr Pete Hopkins	Preacher	Fr Pete Hopkins
Fr Daniel is covering the 8am Eucharist at St Andrew, Enfield, today.		<i>Texts for this service are on the screen</i>	

10.30am Blessing of Candles, Procession and Sung Eucharist	
Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham
Preacher	Fr Pete Hopkins
<i>We gather outside the church with our lit candles:</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
<i>All</i>	Amen.
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you
<i>All</i>	and also with you.
<i>The celebrant introduces the celebration. The candles are blessed:</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	... one God, now and for ever. <i>All</i> Amen.
<i>The celebrant sprinkles the candles with holy water.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go in peace to meet the Lord. <i>All</i> Thanks be to God.
<i>We enter church singing the Entrance Hymn, and the Eucharist continues with the Gloria on p4.</i>	
Entrance hymn	113 When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
Offertory hymn	110 Hail to the Lord who comes
Anthem	The peace of God - John Rutter
Communion hymn	396 Faithful vigil ended 42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Recessional hymn	719 Lord, the light of your love is shining
Piano postlude	Finale, Presto from Sonata in G, Hob. 27 - Haydn.

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Today's readings

Joyful Noise

Luke 2.22, 25-32 The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the law of Moses taught about being made pure. A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. He was a good man and very religious. He was waiting for the time when God would help Israel. The Holy Spirit was in him. The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Christ promised by the Lord. The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to do what the law said they must do. Then Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God:

“Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace as you said. I have seen your Salvation with my own eyes. You prepared him before all people. He is a light for the non-Jewish people to see. He will bring honour to your people, the Israelites.”

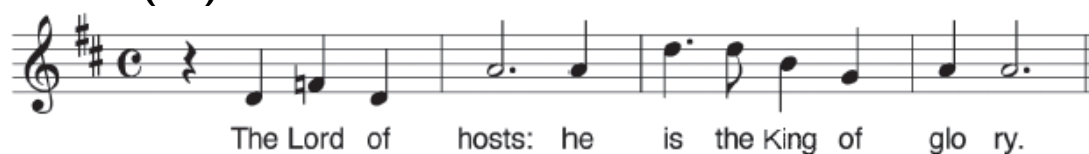
Said and Sung Eucharists

Malachi 3.1-5 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.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Psalm 24:(1-6)7-end



The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

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The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell
therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?”

‘Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,

nor sworn an oath to a lie;

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

“They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.”
Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

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 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.

Notices

HELP WITH TREES AND CRIB We need some help after Sunday's Sung Eucharist taking down the Christmas trees and putting away the crib figures. Many hands make light work!

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT This will take place in the church hall on Friday 28 February at 7.30 pm. Two course meal with vegetarian option. Bring your own drinks. There is an order form at the back of church or you can buy tickets after our main Sunday services. Ticket prices: Adults £15, Children (under 12) £10, Family (2 adults and 2 children) £40. All proceeds will go to our annual charity, The Children’s Society.

CONFIRMATION 2025 The Bishop of Edmonton will be with us on Sunday 15 June to baptise, confirm and receive candidates into the communion of the Church of England. Adults: Classes run on Thursdays during term-time at 8pm, starting on Thursday 6 March. Children in Year 5 and above: Classes are also on Thursdays, at 6.30pm, starting on Thursday 27 March. There are more details on our website. Please email the Parish Office to register your interest.

EVENSONG Our next Choral Evensong will be on Sunday 9 February at 6pm, celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. We look forward to welcoming the Revd Mitzi James from Clay Hill as our preacher. Wine and nibbles follow.

SIGNING IN FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS From Sunday 19 January, parents with children who will begin Reception in September 2027 need to be signing in when attending Sunday services using the QR code as you leave church, if they are hoping to apply to a school which requires two years' attendance as part of its admissions policy.

LENT We hope to publish full details of Lent very soon, but for now get these dates in your diaries:

- Wednesday 5 March (ASH WEDNESDAY): Eucharist with imposition of ashes, 12.30pm and 8pm
- Tuesday 11 March: Devotional trip to the National Gallery, 2pm
- Sunday 23 March: Liturgy of Healing and Reconciliation, 6pm – Guest preacher: The Revd Laura Darrall
- Saturday 29 March: Quiet Day

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER Our network of Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park has a regular prayer meeting on Zoom to pray for the needs of our churches and local area. The next one is on Tuesday 4 February at 10.30am, lasting 40 minutes. Email Fr Daniel if you would like the link to join.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL We had a wonderful celebration last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who contributed to it. May we continue to be inspired by the example of St Paul as we seek to grow God's kingdom in this place!

2025 We're being super-organised this year, and have already got lots of dates in the diary to share with you. Head to the church website or see the January issue of the Parish magazine to find out more.

This week's diary

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are usually said publicly in church Monday-Thursday at 9.10am and 5pm. Everyone is welcome. The church is normally open every day for prayer, reflection and visitors.

Day		Observance	Time	Service/event	Prayer intention
Sunday	2	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Candlemas ceremonies and Sung Eucharist with children's groups	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
Monday	3	St Blaise			<i>Those suffering from diseases of the throat</i>
Tuesday	4				<i>Kate and Bambos, our MPs</i>
Wednesday	5		12.30pm 1.30pm	Eucharist Toddler Group	<i>The bereaved</i>
Thursday	6				<i>Church hall building project</i>
Friday	7		7.30pm	Choir practice	<i>Our neighbours</i>
Saturday	8		12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Victims of global warming</i>
Sunday	9	FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm 6pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist with children's groups Holy Baptism Choral Evensong	<i>Our parish and its people</i>