



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

*The Feast of the Presentation
of Christ in the Temple*
commonly called
Candlemass Day



9am EUCHARIST
4th February 2018

*The Community of Christ Church St Kilda acknowledges the
Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung People
traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.*

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Scriptures – The Jerusalem Bible

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Valerie Lion & Geoffrey Court (sidespersons)

(The people gather at the west end)

The Entrance Rite

In the Name of the ✕ Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Within your Temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God.
As your Name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with justice.

(The people's candles are then lit)

The Blessing of the Candles

Forty days ago, we celebrated
the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
At this time,
we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the Temple,
fulfilling the Law of Moses
and at the same time going to meet his faithful People.
Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple,
recognised Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy.
United by the Spirit,
may we now welcome Christ the Lord in this House of God.
Here we shall recognise him in the Breaking of the Bread
until he comes again in glory.

(The congregation's candles are held up)

God our Father, source of eternal light,
fill the hearts of all believers with the light of faith.
Bless ✕ these candles and make them holy.
May we who carry them in your church
come with joy to the light of glory.

*(The celebrant sprinkles the people with holy water
as a sign of our common Baptism)*

See 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.

Organ Processional

In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
that One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
Jesus, Messiah.

Where now his Mother by 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,
yours be the glory.

Words – Latin c 9th NEH Editors; tune 'Iste Confessor' (TiS 61)

The Penitential Rite

In order to celebrate these Holy Mysteries well,
let us call to mind our sins:

For the dullness of our blinded sight,
(Cantor) Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

For our lack of faith,
Christ, have mercy **Christ, have mercy**

For our failures to proclaim your Gospel,
Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

Absolution

May the God of love and power ✠ forgive you and free you from your
sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria. Gloria, alleluia, alleluia
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his People on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Etc

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.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! etc

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

All-powerful God,
Christ your Son became Man for us
and was presented in the temple.

May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi

Look,

I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me.
And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple;
and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for,
yes, he is coming, says Yahweh Sabaoth.

Who will be able to resist the day of his coming?

Who will remain standing when he appears?

For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali.

He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi
and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering
to Yahweh as it should be made.

The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by Yahweh
as in former days, as in the years of old. ·

Malachi 3.1-4

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122



I rejoiced when I heard them say: "let us go to God's house."
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**
Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house David. **R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!" **R**

For the love of my brethren and friends I say: "peace upon you!"

For the love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R**

The Gelineau Gradual

New Testament Reading

A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, he too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.

For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins.

That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Hebrews 2.14-18

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We stand for the Hymn before the Gospel

Hymn

'Virgin-born, we bow before thee'

**Virgin-born, we bow before thee;
blessed was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
blessed was she in her Child.**

**Blessed she by all creation,
who brought forth the world's salvation,
and blessed they, for ever blest,
who love thee most and serve thee best.**

words – Reginald Heber; music – 'Quem pastores', German traditional (TiS 297)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory ✧ to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And when the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses,
they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord-
observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord:
Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord"-
also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord,
a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.!

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon.
He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward
to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him.
It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death
until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord Prompted by the Spirit he came to the
Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the
Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

"Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised ;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel."

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were
being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "You see
this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to
be a sign that is rejected- and a sword will pierce your own soul too-so that the
secret thoughts of many may be laid bare."

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.
She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven
years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left
the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer.
She came by just at that moment and began to praise God;
And she spoke of the child to all who looked forward
to the deliverance of Jerusalem."

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required,
they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom;
and God's favour was with him.

Luke 2.22-40

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

The congregants candles are now extinguished

Sermon

Nicene Creed Let us stand and together affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Thanksgivings & intercessions



Greeting of peace

We are the Body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Here, while the cherubim within the veil
adore the blest, life-giving Trinity,
we, in earth's worship, echoing their part,
hymn the Thrice-Holy in their company.**

**So let all earthly cares be cast aside,
that we may welcome him who now draws near,
the King of Glory entering his courts,
with endless love that drives away our fear.**

**And so we come, obedient to Christ's word,
to feed upon the Gift of heav'nly Bread;
and then to go rejoicing on our way,
to live the life of Christ our Lord and Head.**

Text – Greek, tr. 1950 C.S. Phillips, Music – 'Eventide' (TiS 586)

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is not only right, it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give thanks to you,
Father almighty and everliving God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Today your Son, who shares your eternal splendour,
was presented in the Temple,
and revealed by the Spirit
as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blest ✕ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.

We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit that they may
be for your People the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at whose
command we celebrate this Eucharist. **(Bell)**

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 and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.' **3 Bells**

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.' **3 Bells**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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:

**Blessing and 3 Bells 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 forever.
Amen.

The breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

(Proulx)

**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 invitation

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God

*Those who are baptised in the Name of the Trinity,
and are communicant members of their own Churches,
are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar.*

Communion *'When to the temple Mary went', Johann Eccard*

Post Communion Antiphon and Prayer

With my own eyes,
I have seen the salvation which you have prepared
in the sight of all nations.

Let us pray.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon
who did not die
until he had been privileged to welcome the Messiah.
May this Holy Communion perfect your grace in us
and prepare us to meet Christ
when he comes to bring us to everlasting life. **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.**

Hymn *'Of the Father's love begotten'*

**Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!**

**O that birth for ever blessèd, when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!**

This is he whom seers and sages sang of old with one accord;
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now
he shines, the long expected, let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing,
all dominions bow before him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert
sing evermore and evermore!

Words – Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, Music – 'Corde natus', (TiS 290)

The Solemn Blessing

When he came to dwell among us,
the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world,
and filled this holy time with his glory.
May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin
and brighten your hearts with holiness.

Amen.

God allowed Simeon to see the Child
who is Light from Light.
May he fill you with joy
and help you proclaim that Light to all the nations.

Amen.

When the Word became Man,
earth was joined to heaven.
May he give you his peace and goodwill
& fellowship with all the heavenly host.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you:
the Father ✕ the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Elegy, George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Intercession

For the Church: In the Anglican Communion
we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi
(Abp Martin Nyaboho), the clergy and people.

In this Diocese we pray for Philip our Archbishop,
Genieve our Regional Bishop and Archdeacon Craig D'Alton.

We pray for this Parish of St. Kilda -

for Fr. Turi, Fr. Eddie, Fr. Ken and our congregation.

For the World: For peace and justice and for all who long for freedom.

For the Community: For the neglected and rejected in our community.

For the poor. For the downcast and the frightened.

For our welcome of refugees and asylum seekers.

For the young and for all who are seeking work.

For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre (Michele, Elaine, Jim,
Barbara & Liz, volunteers & Management Committee).

We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities
in which we live & work.

We celebrate with Betty her birthday yesterday.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other,
our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbours,
our friends and those travelling or away from us at this time.

For the Sick: The terminally ill and for their carers and for
John, Poli, Alan Baldwin, Bev Baldwin, Joe,
Uriah Smith, Byron, Ruaumoko, Robert, Charles,
Harley, Alice Hanley, Clementine, Beatrice, Andre,
Andrew, Jill, Kathryn and Danny Allan.
and for all who have asked us to pray for them.

For The Bereaved: We remember those who grieve.

For the Departed: We commend the departed to God -
those who have died recently,

and those dear to us or with Year's Minds at this time -

Vivienne Joy Lucas - 8th February 2003

For the Communion of Saints: With the universal Church this week
we honour and invoke The Martyrs of Japan and Saint Scholastica.

4 SUNDAY SEXAGESIMA/ORDINARY SUNDAY 5 G

III BCP

Job 7.1-7	Isa 55.6-9	Ps 73	Pss [137]; 146
or 1-4, 6-7	Ps 139.1-11	2 Ki 5.1-14(-end)	Zeph 3.14-end
Ps 147.1-11	2 Cor 11.16-32	Mk 7.24-end	Mk 5.1-20
(146)	(BCP) 19-32		
1 Cor 9.16-23	Lk 8:4-15		
or 16-19, 22-23			
Mk 1.29-39			

5 Monday G

James 3.13-18	Pss 82; 89.1-18	Ps 89.19-53
Ps 19.7-10	Hos 8	Jer 5.1-19
Mk 9.14-29	2 Cor 6.1-13	Jn 3.16-21

**6 Tuesday G; The Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki, 1597
[Coll. of Martyrs R]**

Jas 4.1-10	Pss 90; 91	Pss 92; 97
Ps 55.24-28	Hos 9.1-9	Jer 5.20-end
Mk 9.30-37	2 Cor 6.14-7.1	Jn 3.22-end

7 Wednesday G

Jas 4.13-17	Ps 94	Pss 98; 99
Ps 49.1-4, 10-12	Hos 9.10-end	Jer 6.9-21
Mk 9.38-40	2 Cor 7.2-end	Jn 4.1-26

8 Thursday G

Jas 5.1-6	Ps 102	#Ps 50
Ps 49.17-21	Hos 10.1-8	Prov 8.1-21
Mk 9.41-50	2 Cor 8.1-15	Matt 11.25-30

9 Friday G

Jas 5.9-12	Ps 104.1-25	Pss 104.26-37; 101
Ps 103.6-14	Hos 10.9-end	Jer 7.1-15
Mk 10.1-12	2 Cor 8.16-9.5	Jn 4.43-end

10 Saturday G; at EP: Quinquagesima/OS 6

Jas 5.19-20	Ps 105	Ps 119.81-96
Ps 141	Hos 11.1-11	Jer 7.21-28
Mk 10.13-16	2 Cor 9.6-end	Jn 5.1-18