



Candlemas

(also known as The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Sunday 3 February 2025, 11.00am

President:

The Revd Dr John Barker

Preacher:

The Revd Nicol Kinrade

WELCOME

to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.

All Hallows is a member of Inclusive Church and we are delighted you have joined our worship today. Please ask one of our welcomers if you need any assistance during the service. If you are able, we'd love you to join us for refreshments when the service has finished.

For those with children you will find space in the south aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate

Thank you.



Security Notice

We advise you not to leave personal belongings unattended and to keep them in sight at all times. Do not leave bags on the floor by your feet, and make sure you take any valuables with you when you go up to receive Communion. For additional safety and security, 24 hour CCTV recording is in operation on these premises.

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Music Before the Service

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr' dahin BWV 616 – J S Bach

Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Please stand.

Hymn

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Irish c. 8th cent. Tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931) Versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935) Tune: Slane

Welcome and Introduction

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are
sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our

prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the
 Fa - - ther. A - - - - - men.

The Collect

Let us pray
 Almighty and ever-living God,
 clothed in majesty,
 whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
 in substance of our flesh:
 grant that we may be presented to you
 with pure and clean hearts,
 by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-5 read by David Ritchie

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for **The Psalm: 24.7-10**

sung by The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glo - ry.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’
‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’ **R/**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory?’
‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.’ **R/**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18 *read by Sarah Alder*

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and face the Gospel for the **Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

The Sermon

The Revd Nicol Kinrade

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

All **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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**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.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam*

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

At the end:

Merciful Father,

All **Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

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.' *(cf John 8.12)*

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light

and confess them in penitence and faith.

Let us confess our sins.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

**who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The 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. *cf Luke 1.78-79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **And also with you.**

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**Come and worship,
Christ, the new-born king.
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born king.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:**

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:**

**Though an infant now we view him,
he will fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:**

James Montgomery (1771-1854) from IRIS, 1816 and The Christmas Box, 1825 Tune: Iris

The Preparation of the Table

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

All: **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.

He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many,

he was lifted high upon the cross
 and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
 when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
 And now we rejoice and glorify your name
 that we, too, have seen your salvation
 and join with angels and archangels
 in their unending hymn of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
 in the high - - - est. Bles - sed is he who
 comes in the name — of the Lord, Ho -
 - san - na in the high - - - - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

Music During Communion

Herr Gott, nun schleuff den Himmel auf BWV 617 – J S Bach

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices

The Dismissal

Please stand.
The candles are lit during the hymn.

Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

**Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.**

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

Bernadette Farrell (b1957) Tune: Christ be our Light

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.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn

**Faithful vigil ended,
Watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant thy servant
His discharge in peace.**

**All thy Spirit promised,
All the Father willed;
Now these eyes behold it
Perfectly fulfilled.**

**This thy great deliverance
Sets your people free;
Christ, their light, uplifted
All the nations see.**

**Christ, thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting, cease:
Grant to us your servants
Our discharge in peace.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith b 1926 Tune: Pastor Pastorum

Candlemas procession around the church, ending at the back near the main door

The Final Responary

We stand together and listen to these words of blessing.

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**All: Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**All: Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**All: Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
To trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**All: Help us, who extinguish these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**All: Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**All: Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**All: Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Music after the Service

Jesu, meine Freude BWV 610 – J S Bach

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices

Looking Closer, Looking Deeper

Podcast episode 10 is now out! “Ring Out Wild Bells; The McConnell Chime”
To listen, go to www.spotify.com and search for ‘All Hallows by the Tower’ , or
use link: <https://rb.gy/lyqozty>

Collecting for Bow Foodbank and the Square Mile Hygiene Bank

You can donate to the Bow Foodbank and the Square Mile Hygiene Bank by using the collection boxes in church. The Bow Foodbank accepts non-perishable, in date, unopened and labelled food, and the Hygiene Bank accepts new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials; your donations can make a real difference to those in need in our local area.

Are you considering Licensed Lay Ministry?

If anyone is interested in exploring a vocation to lay or ordained ministry, you are warmly encouraged to speak to one of the clergy team who would be happy to discuss it with you.

The Diocese of London are offering on Zoom, a short session to explore licensed lay ministry. They will discuss what licensed lay ministry is, the discernment and training process, and provide an opportunity for questions and further information.

The meeting is on Tuesday 18 February at 7pm

Please speak to the clergy if you would like to know more.

The Week Ahead

Church Opening Times

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

Services at All Halls

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church.
Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on Zoom.

Monday 3 February

No services today

Tuesday 4 February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 5 February

8.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Taizé Prayers

Thursday 6 February

8.30am: Holy Communion

Friday 7 February

8.30m: Morning Prayer

Saturday 8 February

No services today

Sunday 9 February: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

11am Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

Next Taizé Prayer – Wednesday 5 February at 6pm

This service will take place **in church and online**. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection.

If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online, you can view the livestream at **ahbtt.org.uk/livestream**.

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