

All Saints Margaret Street

MASS PROPERS

Candlemas 2021

SETTING OF THE MASS

Plainchant

This service is live streamed on [YouTube](#).

The mass setting is in Latin. English translations are provided.

ANGELUS (*Memorial of the Incarnation*) is sung:

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ENTRANCE CHANT

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, in the city of our God, upon his holy mountain.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, in the midst of your temple.

That you may tell a future generation that such is our God, our God forever and ever, it is he who will lead us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Nunc Dimittis

Hymn 506

KYRIE ELEISON *is sung by the choir.*

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *is sung by the choir.*

Glory be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ:

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
we humbly beseech thy majesty,
that, as thy only-begotten Son
 was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh,
so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts,
by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3.1-5

A reading from the book of Malachi

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.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from St Paul's 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

GOSPEL: *Luke 2.22-40*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, 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.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Arcadelt (1505-68)

Hodie beata virgo Maria puerum Jesum presentavit in templo
et Simeon repletus spiritu sancto accepit eum in vulnas,
et benedixit Deum, dicens:

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum
in pace.

*Today the blessed Virgin Mary presented the boy Jesus in the temple
and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, took him on his arms, and
blessed God, saying:*

Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

Pray, my brothers and sisters,

that this, our sacrifice,

may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands

for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,
for you willed that your Only Begotten Son
be offered to you for the life of the world
as the Lamb without blemish.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *are sung by the choir:*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

... O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI is sung by the choir.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

During the Agnus Dei, the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

COMMUNION HYMN: 187 *Virgin born, we bow before thee*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord,
who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna
that they might live to greet the coming of the Messiah:
grant that we, who have received these inexpressible gifts,
may be prepared to meet Christ Jesus when he shall come
to bring us to eternal life;
for he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY:

Mit Fried' und Freud' fahr' ich dahin BWV 616

Bach (1685-1750)

