

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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HIGH MASS

Sunday, 2nd February, 2025

11 am

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary full of grace.

Blessèd were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessèd was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessèd far the Mother
She who bare him in her womb. *Hail Mary...*

Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same. *Hail Mary...*

INTRODUCTION & GREETING

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

Dear brothers and sisters, forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.

Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law, but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple. Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, encounter Christ in this house of God. There we shall find him and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

§ *The people hold their lit candles aloft, and the celebrant blesses them.*

O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing ☩ these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, true light, who create light eternal, spreading it far and wide, pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful the brilliance of perpetual light, so that all who are brightened in your holy temple by the splendour of these candles may happily reach the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

§ *The altar party processes to the sanctuary, as the hymn resumes.*

Let us weave our supplications,
She with us, and we with her,
LFor the advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary full of grace.

For the sick and for the aged,
For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret,
All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us,
May the holy Virgin pray. *Hail Mary...*

In his Temple, now he enters
Prophesied by Malachi;
Simeon and Anna greet him
Precious Son of God most high.
Turtle doves his parents' offering
Which his Mother purify. *Hail Mary...*

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One. *Hail Mary...*

V.S. Stuckey Coles, 1845-1929

DAILY, DAILY

Melody 'from a French Paroissien'

THE INTROIT Suscepimus Deus

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

MISSA SANCTAE MARGARETAE

Gabriel Jackson, b.1962

THE 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

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 24.7-10

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

LWho 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.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 2.14-18

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.

§ *All stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY 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 SERMON

Fr Alan Rimmer, *The Assistant Priest*

§ *All stand.*

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, of all things visible and invisible: **A**nd in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heav'n, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heav'n, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

**And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art
thou amongst 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.**

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

THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs
of the promise of the Spirit of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE OFFERTORY

THE MOTET

Videte miraculum matris Domini:

Concepit virgo virilis ignara consortii,

stans onerata nobili onere Maria;

et matrem se laetam cognosci, quae se nescit uxorem.

Haec speciosum forma prae filiis hominum castis concepit visceribus,
et benedicta in aeternum Deum nobis protulit et hominem.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

*Behold the miracle of the mother of the Lord:
a virgin has conceived though she knows not a man,
Mary, who stands laden with her heavy burden;
knowing not that she is a wife, she rejoices to be a mother.
She has conceived in her chaste womb one who is beautiful beyond the sons of
men, and, blessed for ever, she has brought forth God and man for us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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.**

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

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

§ *The canon concludes:*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

AGNUS DEI

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.

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people, saying:*

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

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

§ *All respond:*

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

COMMUNION CHANT *Viderunt oculi mei*

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. It is distributed at the High Altar, and at the Lady Altar in the North Aisle. Gluten-free Hosts are available at the latter, which also involves no steps.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Virgin-born, we bow before thee:
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her Child.
Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;
Blessèd was the hand that led thee;
Blessèd was the parent's eye
That watched thy slumbering infancy.

Blessèd she by all creation,
Who brought forth the world's salvation,
And blessèd they - for ever blest,
Who love thee most and serve thee best.
Virgin-born we bow before thee:
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her Child.

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

MON DIEU, PRÊTE MOI L'OREILLE

Melody contributed by L. Bourgeois, c.1510-1561
to the *French Psalter* 1542 (Psalm 86)
Harm. R.V. Williams, 1886-1958

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *All respond: Amen.*

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure, we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came;
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

Caroline Noel, 1817-1877

CAMBERWELL

Michael Brierley, b.1932

THE ANGELUS

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.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fiat Lux

C.F.T. Dubois, 1837-1924

Welcome to All Saints'. Please join us for coffee after the Mass.

The Parish Bar will be open for an hour from 12.30pm.



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