

TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE



THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 2 February 2013
6.15 pm

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong
sung by The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge*

*Please ensure that all electronic devices,
including cameras, are switched off*

The setting of the Mass is Walton's Missa Brevis

Please join in with all text in bold type

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Mit Fried' und Freud', BWV 616
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE GATHERING

The congregation gathers in the Ante-Chapel with candles

The candles are lit as the choir sings

Presentation of Christ in the temple

When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,
him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.
He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God, he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen
the Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Words: translated from the German by J. Troutbeck (1832–99)

Music: Johannes Eccard (1553–1611)

The choir light their candles

THE GREETING

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you
and also with you.

THE INTRODUCTION

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 recognised 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.

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,
in the midst of your temple.

Open to us the gates of righteousness,
that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

God is the Lord who has shown us light.
**Let us offer in his dwelling
an oblation with great gladness.**

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ.
Amen.

*The congregation follows the procession into the Chapel
and take their places in the stalls*

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

But Anna and Simeon recognize there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

Words: Elizabeth Cosnett (b. 1936)

Music: traditional French melody

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Remain standing

Rejoicing in the light of Christ made manifest in our world,
we join our praises with those of the heavenly host.

The choir sings the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill 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.

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, 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.

Remain standing for 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.

Candles are extinguished, and all sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of 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.

NRSV Hebrews 2: 14–end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION is sung



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 GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

NRSV Luke 2: 22-40

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

At the conclusion, all sing
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All sit

HOMILY

The Revd Christopher Stoltz, Chaplain and Acting Dean of Chapel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

All sit or kneel

The priest introduces brief biddings with all responding

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers conclude

Lord God,
you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange the peace

All remain standing as the OFFERTORY HYMN is sung

HYMN NEH 156 (t. 149 ii)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

**Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour
spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit,
in blessèd 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.**

**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 next 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,
thine be the glory. Amen.

Words: Latin, 9th century

Music: plainchant, harmonized Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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Remain standing

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.
Amen.

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 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:

The choir sings the SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth and 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.

All kneel or sit

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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 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.

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The choir sings the 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.

GIVING OF 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.**

The priest and the people receive communion.

Those who are baptised and who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion here. Those who do not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

During the communion, the choir sings the ANTHEM

Hail, gladdening light (2006)

Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.
Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum
tuum in pace: Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum.
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum.
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.

Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured,
Who is the Immortal Father, Heavenly, Blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesu Christ, our Lord.
Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Divine.
Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life alone;
Therefore in all the world thy glories Lord, they own. Amen.

*A light to lighten the gentiles: and the glory of thy people Israel.
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to
thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou
hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to
lighten the gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

Words: Greek, before 4th century

Music: David Bednall (b. 1979)

Let us pray.

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 stand for the HYMN
NEH 157

OLD 120TH

**Hail to the Lord who comes,
comes to his temple gate!
not with his angel host,
not in his kingly state;
no shouts proclaim him nigh,
no crowds his coming wait;**

**But borne upon the throne
of Mary's gentle breast,
watched by her duteous love,
in her fond arms at rest;
thus to his Father's house
He comes, heavenly guest.**

**There Joseph at her side
in reverent wonder stands;
and, filled with holy joy,
old Simeon in his hands
takes up the promised Child,
the glory of all lands.**

Hail to the great First-born
whose ransom-price they pay!
the Son before all worlds,
the Child of man to-day,
that he might ransom us
who still in bondage lay.

O light of all the earth,
thy children wait for thee!
come to thy temples here,
that we, from sin set free,
before thy Father's face
may all presented be!

Words: John Ellerton (1826–93)

Music: Este's 'Psalter' (1592) and Ravenscroft's 'Psalms' (1621)

Remain standing

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.
Amen.

Christ, the Sun or Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.
Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

All remain standing as the choir, clergy, and Fellows process out

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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