

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, February 2nd 2025

*The Presentation of
Christ in the Temple*

- Candlemas

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains
all you need to join in the service.*

*Words **in bold print** are
spoken or sung by all.*

Hymns are not announced.

For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available..

*It is our tradition be as still and quiet
as possible before the service as we prepare
together to celebrate the Eucharist.*

When the bell rings, please stand to join in:

**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, the heav'nly 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.**

**Then Anna, steeped in prayer and holy constancy,
tells all who wait for God to bring their liberty,
with true prophetic power, "This child will set you free."**

**Hail to the great First-born whose ransom-price they pay!
The Son before all worlds, the human child today,
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!**

John Ellerton 1808-63

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The president introduces the liturgy:

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 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.

Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. They who follow me shall not walk in darkness but will
have the light of life." Let us then bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence
and faith.

A time of silent prayer follows.

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice
in the sight of all people: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Refrain: Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo !

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

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **R/**

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. Amen. Amen.

THE COLLECT: the prayer for this festival

Let us pray.

After a time of silent prayer the president says the collect.

At the end: Amen.

Please SIT for the Ministry of the Word.

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.

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join in:

**Like a candle flame, flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light shines through infant eyes.**

***God is with us, alleluia, God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia, Come to save us alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Stars and angels sing, yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark set a world on fire?**

**Yet his light shall shine from our lives, Spirit blazing
As we touch the flame of his holy fire.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14-end

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND to sing the Gospel Acclamation and Responsory for Candlemas:

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

Search the scriptures as Christ

told us in the Gospels//

Born as a child and

laid in a manger//

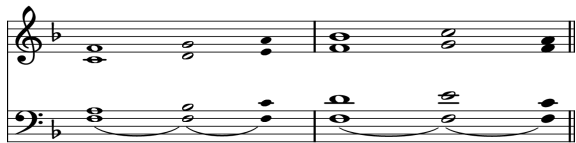
Presented in the temple and

carried by Simeon //

In truth he has appeared in the world//

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We find him born in our midst



GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-40.

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.

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please SIT for the sermon. After the sermon, there will be a time of silence.
Then please stand for the Profession of Faith.*

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ:

We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God is both divine and human.

God, of one being with the Father: the only son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world.

Fully God and fully human; one human person with mind and body.

As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father.

Although he is both divine and human he is not two beings but one Christ.

One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God.

Truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,

but by being one person.

For as mind and body form one human being,

so the one Christ is both divine and human.

The Word became flesh and lived among us;

we have seen his glory,

the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Prayer of the Faithful follows. After each section:

Lord, in your mercy :

Hear our prayer.

At the end:

Lord God, you kept faith with Anna and Simeon 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.

The president introduces THE PEACE:

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high has broken upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in 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.

All exchange a sign of peace. Then please join in:

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,

Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:

Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,

And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:

With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood day by day like us he grew,

He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew:

And he feelth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

**And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall we see him: but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned, everlasting praises sound.**

The bread and wine are brought to the altar.

The president says a prayer over the gifts to which we all respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.

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.

The president continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:

..... and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

("Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra, hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Patris. Hosanna in excelsis.")

The president asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and cup.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life; Lord Jesus come in glory.

The president continues, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself.

At the end of the prayer the president says:

.....all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever: **Amen.**

The President introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say together:

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.

بر زمین نیز کرده ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است،
و ما را و قرض های ما را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.
زیرا در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.
ملکوت وقوت و جلالنا ابدالابد از آن تو است، آمی

We SIT or KNEEL as the president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy 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.

Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, and communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion, please join in the hymn on the back cover. When all have received Holy Communion there will be a time of stillness and quiet, then please stand with the President:

Let us pray: *After a moment of silent 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 with you, world without end. Amen.

Please join in:



When Mary brought her treasure unto the holy place,

no human eye could measure the joy upon her face.

he was but six weeks old: her dearest joy and pleasure, her silver and her gold.

And she, all sorrow scorning, rejoiced in Jesus' fame.

The child her arms adorning shone softly like a flame

that burns the long night through,

and keeps from dusk till morning its vigil clear and true.

As by the sun in splendour the flags of night are furled,

so darkness shall surrender to Christ who lights the world:

to Christ the star of day, who once was small and tender, a candle's gentle ray.

Jan Struther 1901-53

*Please sit for brief announcements. The candles are lit.
Please stand with the president.*

Lord God, the 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 temple where you live and reign,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The procession moves to the font while a version of the Nunc Dimittis is sung by the choir.

Please move to gather round the font or turn towards it.

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

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.

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

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

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.

Help us never to forsake the light of Christ.

Here we now stand near the place of baptism.

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

Here we turn from Christmas to look towards Easter

Help us to live a blessed, thoughtful and prayerful Lent

Here we bless one another in your name.

Help us to shine with your light in the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

The president and other ministers depart. Please put out your candle carefully.

This week:

MONDAY 3rd

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY 6th

1200 Eucharist

SATURDAY 8th

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 9th February

1000 Sung Eucharist

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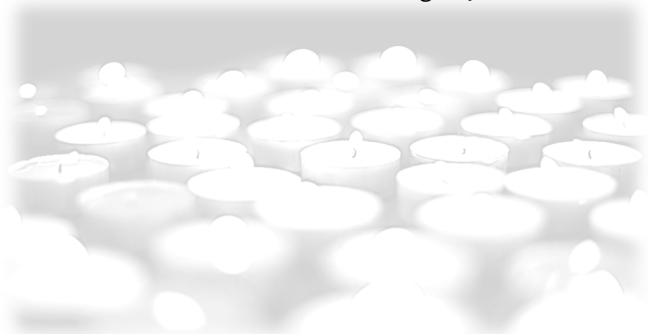
When Christ was born in Bethlehem town,
Hear how the angels sing!
Hear heaven's choir call out to the world -
So let our voices ring:

*Sing out for joy, sing out for joy.
Worshipping Mary's child
Sing and rejoice, both heaven and earth
Worshipping Mary's child.*

Magi on camels, shepherds with sheep,
Travelled to see the sight
Promised by angels, signalled by stars,
Darkness now chased by light.

What can we give of value or worth
Here as we look and see?
The cradle's treasure, Jesus our Lord
Born here to set us free.

Strengthened for service, still here to work,
Here we can learn and pray
Here we are fed and nourished in faith -
Fit for the coming day!



The music for the Eucharist today is the setting "Marie Mere de l'Eglise with words in Latin and English.