



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 30th January 2022

Candlemas

*Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed- as we come to worship God in our midst. **Please wear a face mask at all times during worship.** For the time being we have also decided to suspend refreshments after the service. Please let us respect the needs of each other at this challenging time. **All the words you need will be on the screens at the front, but service sheets and hymn books are available if you prefer.***

Today we mark the end of our Christmas celebration as the baby Jesus is taken by his parents and presented in the temple. Mary presented Jesus to God at the Temple in Jerusalem after observing the traditional 40-day period of purification (of mothers) following the birth of a new baby. We start our service facing the crib, during the service we will move with our candles as we turn our focus from the crib to the cross.



The President welcomes us and we stand to sing our opening hymn 39—Angels from the Realms of Glory as the bell is rung.

In the name of the + Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit, **Amen**

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The President will introduce the service.

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. In joyful expectation we sing

***Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God,
 Glory to God in the highest.***

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we
worship You we give You thanks,
we praise You for your glory. *Refrain:***

**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. *Refrain:***

**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. *Refrain.***

The Collect

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings a prayer
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.

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

Our first reading comes from Malachi 3:1-5 . Malachi is thought to be the last of the prophets. We know little about Malachi but the book describes a time of restless waiting in the history of the people of Judah. Today Malachi describes the patience and endurance that faith requires.

A reading from the prophet 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.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews which uses a collage of images to show who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. Once it becomes clear who Jesus is the early church needs to come to understand the cost and the benefits of this faith.

A reading from the letter to Hebrews 2: 14-end

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.

We remain seated as we sing our next hymn— **179 – Father welcomes all his children**

The Gospel is announced. (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.

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 to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon after which we keep a period of silence to reflect.

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the (+) resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

We kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

During prayers we use the response:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We draw our prayers to a close:

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**

We offer our confession

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.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith

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.

We sing together.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

We receive assurance of God's forgiveness

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and (+) cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

The Priest will introduce 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 each other the sign of peace.

*We sing the offertory **Hymn 66 – Be thou my vision***

The Priest will offer a prayer of the gifts. We respond with the words:

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 Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The preface continues until we sing.

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.

After the Consecration

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing **Amen.***

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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

We sing the Agnus Dei.

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant
us Your peace**

We are invited to receive 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**

All who are baptised are welcome to receive. We currently receive in one kind only. That means we receive the bread only. The Priest receives the wine on our behalf. Once all have received the bread and returned to our seat we consume together with the words

The body of Christ **Amen**

During Communion we listen to David play.

You may also like to light a candle during this time as a symbol of your prayers rising toward God.

At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a short 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**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

We sing the first verse of hymn 223 as we light our candles

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

The priest and people will turn to the font

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.**

The Nunc Dimitis is read

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace : according to you word. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; Which You have prepared : before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen

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, who extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.

(all candles are extinguished)

Here we 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 Christ's birth to his passion.

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

Here we bless one another in your name.

Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world.

Thanks be to God. 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 peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We sing the remainder of hymn 223 as the clergy depart.

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary



New Bishop of Willesden

The Right Rev'd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy was consecrated as Bishop of Willesden last Tuesday. We are very excited that he is going to be based at St Anne's over the next few months while the renovations continue at his house.

Changes in Covid restrictions

As you will be well aware Plan B restrictions ended on Thursday 27th January. In this transition period we are returning to the November Guidance. We would ask, that if you **can please wear a face mask** until you are upstairs and seated in your chair. It is then your choice if you remove your mask, but please do respect those close to you or keep a distance from them.

Also, we now have more traditional rows in church, please do continue to sit with gaps, but the we are quite used to doing that now. There are 'give space'signs that can be placed of seats if needed. Windows will still be open for ventilation, so continue to wrap up. We are not going to start refreshments for a few weeks, but you are welcome to stay and chat after church

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present just shy of our target each month. If you are new to St Anne's, or have not previously thought about it, please consider setting up a Standing Order to manage your giving. Forms and information are available in the entrance, or you can speak with Michael or a member of the PCC.

Laurence's Larder

You can still leave your donations, tinned fish or any non perishable food in the basket at the top of the stairs. You can see updates on this work at www.laurenceslarder.org.uk

The season of Christmas and Epiphany

From the 6th January till the 2nd February we observe the season of Epiphany. We take down our Christmas trees, but our crib remains until the Feast of Candlemas on the 2nd February .

Used Christmas Cards and Wreaths

Lesley would love any old Christmas cards to make into new Christmas cards for next year. Rhona would love any used Christmas wreaths as the base of each wreath can be used again. Please bring either in for collection here!

Willesden Area Training Event

Thinking about getting an electric car but got range anxiety?
Wondering if electric cars really are better for the environment or not? Did you know that Bishop Sarah drives an electric car?
Come to this free seminar when Richard Waller, a senior lecturer in geography, will help us find out the facts beyond the hype.
Organised by Willesden Training and Creation Care Team for the London Diocese All are welcome. Tues 22nd Feb 7.25pm for a 7.30pm start. Register

at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/240154056247>



For our prayers— Neil, Tristan, Maureen, Bob, Piers, Michael, Mavis, Hada, June, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Fr Robert, Jean, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Charles Gabe, Bellina Gabe, Anne Crawford, Ralph Keckwick, Ferry Hillman, Geoffrey Killick ,

Fr Derek New and Ian Cox.

Services during the week 30th January 2022

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| Monday | <i>No contemplation today (Mo C on retreat)</i> |
| Tuesday | <i>No Morning Prayer today (Mo C on retreat)</i> |
| Thursday | 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom |
| Friday | 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom 9.30am My Move 2pm Tea and Chat |
| Sunday 6th Feb | 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom |
| 4th before | 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School |
| Lent | <i>Thought for the day at some point on Facebook</i> 5pm Zoom Service of the Day |

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