

## Preparation of the Altar

The Eucharistic Prayer A CW 184

The Lord's Prayer CW 178

*In whichever language suits you.*

Breaking of the Bread CW 179

Giving of Communion CW 181

*All baptised Christians are invited to participate in the Communion, everyone else is welcome to receive a Blessing.*

Hymn #80 *during which candles lit.....* CP

*When Candles are Lighted on Candlemas Day*

## Final Responsory

*for which we remain gathered around the font.....*

## The Dismissal

### The Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude *Please remain seated*

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*The congregation and all guests are warmly invited to gather for Refreshments following the service at the Anglican Centre (children go across accompanied by an adult)*

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**Chaplain:** Revd Kara K Werner

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# Order of Service

*Candlemas*



## St. Catherine's Anglican Church

**3 Febuary 2019**

**11.15**

**Celebrant:** Revd Kara K Werner  
**Preacher:** Revd Wolfgang Siebenpfeiffer  
**Organist:** Stephen Brown

→ CP = Common Praise (*hymn book*)  
→ CW = Common Worship (*prayer book*)

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**Ringing of the Bells**  
**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn** CP #2  
*Christ whose glory fills the skies*

**The Gathering**

**The Greeting and Introduction** CW 167  
**The Gloria** CW: inside front cover  
**The Collect**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading:** The Coming Messenger *Please sit*  
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 living Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 24** R: *create in me a pure heart*

**Celtic Acclamation** *Please stand*

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature.

**Alleluia**  
Today the Blessed Virgin comes to be purified in accordance with the law.

**Alleluia**  
Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

**Alleluia. Praise to Christ the light of the world.**

**Gospel Reading:** Jesus is Presented at the Temple  
Luke 2.22-40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St 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.**

**Sermon**

*Sermon may be followed by a short period of silent reflection*

**Creed** *Please stand* CW 173

**Prayers of Intercession**

R: Lord have mercy : **Christ have mercy.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

*Chaplain to lead....*

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**The Peace** *Please stand*

*All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn

CP

#94

*Hail to the Lord who comes*

### Hymn: Candlemas

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.

*A glory dawns.....*

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

*A glory dawns.....*

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

*A glory dawns.....*

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

*A glory dawns.....*

The light is increasing and spring's in the air.  
Look back with thanksgiving ! Look forward with awe !

*A glory dawns.....*

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

*A glory dawns.....*

### Final Responsory

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 gifts.**

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 bear these candles  
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

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.**

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