



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield
Loved as you are



Sunday 30th January 2022
The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple
Candlemas

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and they will come to you.*

Due to the Coronavirus please make your responses in a quiet voice in order to minimise the risk of infection

THE GATHERING

As we gather together:

Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend *Johann Gottfried Walthier 1684-1748*
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now

We stand at the entrance of the clergy:

Prelude

Gustav Merkel 1827-1885

Opening Hymn

**Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of all things that are and have been
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.**

**By his word was all created,
He commanded; it was done.
Heaven and earth and depth of ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that grows beneath the shining
Of the light of moon and sun:
Evermore and evermore.**

**He, by prophets sung, is here now,
Promised since the world began,
Now on earth in flesh descended
To atone for sins of man.
All creation praise its Master,
See fulfilment of his plan:
Evermore and evermore.**

**Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Persons three, yet Godhead one.
Glory be from all creation
While eternal ages run:
Evermore and evermore.**

*Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348-413
tr. John Mason Neale 1818-1866*

THE GREETING

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

All Amen.

Celebrant Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE GLORIA

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Cantor 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. *R*

Cantor 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*

Cantor 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. *R*

THE COLLECT

Celebrant 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.

Please sit for the readings:

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-5

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-29

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

We stand for

THE NICENE CREED

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he
rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each
petition the following response is used:*

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

and at the end of the prayers

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Celebrant Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace by looking at those around you and greeting them with a warm smile.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the Preparation of the Table

**Almighty Father, Lord Most High,
Who madest all, who fillest all,
Thy name we praise and magnify,
For all our needs on thee we call.**

**We offer to thee of thine own,
Ourselves and all that we can bring,
In bread and cup before thee shown,
Our universal offering.**

**All that we have we bring to thee,
Yet all is naught when all is done,
Save that in it thy love can see
The sacrifice of thy dear Son.**

**By this command in bread and cup,
His Body and his Blood we plead.
What on the cross he offered up
Is here our sacrifice indeed.**

**For all thy gifts of life and grace,
Here we thy servants humbly pray
That thou would'st look upon the face
Of thine anointed Son today.**

Revd. Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles 1845-1929

Celebrant Heavenly Father accept these prayers, left this past week, on the fishing net. We pray that you will meet these people at their point of need.

All Amen.

Celebrant Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We sit or stand for:

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

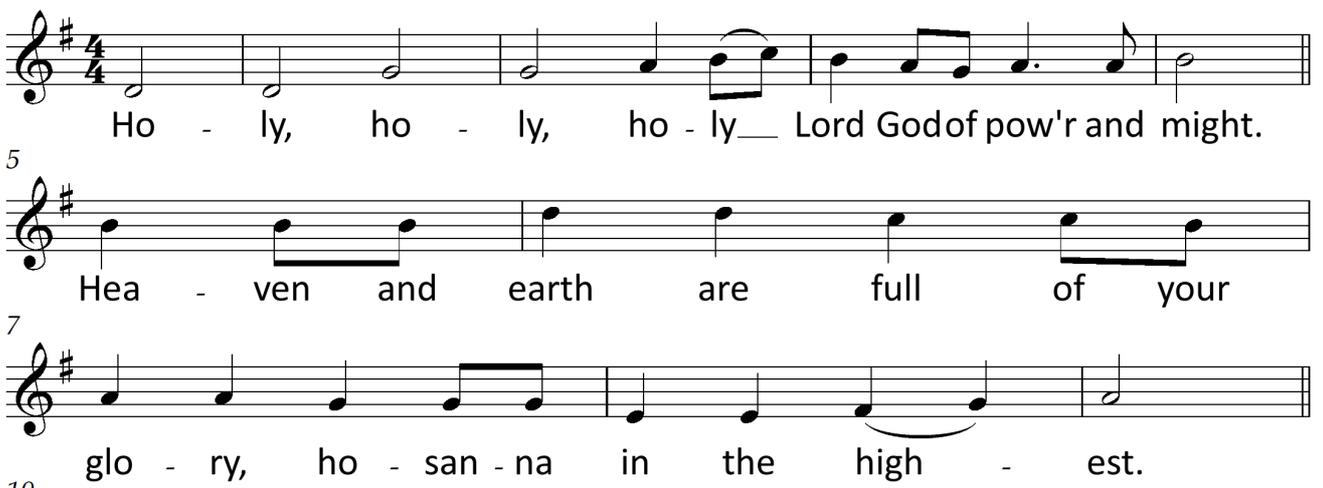
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and say our joyful hymn of praise:

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

5 Hea - ven and earth are full of your

7 glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

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Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All

Lord, by your cross and re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

5 You are the Sav - iour, you are the Sav - iour of the world.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text, starting with a measure rest marked '5'.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Margaret and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

A - - - men. A - - - men.

The musical notation shows a single staff in G minor (two flats) and common time. It features a half rest followed by a melodic phrase for the word 'Amen'.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

Celebrant Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you any right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

All

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople who will guide you to receive your Communion.

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds but by intinction. As the priest offers you the host with the words **'The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ'** please respond: **Amen.***

During the distribution of Communion

**Andantino
Reflection**

Vincenzo Antonio Petrali 1832-1889

**Faithful vigil ended, watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant his discharge in peace.**

**All the Spirit promised, all the Father willed,
Now these eyes behold it perfectly fulfilled.**

**This your great deliverance sets your people free;
Christ their plight uplifted all the nations see.**

**Christ, your people's glory! Watching, doubting cease,
Grant to us your servants our discharge in peace.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith b. 1926

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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 **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's Body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your**

**children shall be free, and the whole earth live to
praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his
glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of
his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**Forth in the Peace of Christ we go,
Christ to the world with joy we bring,
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**

**King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings,
Kingship with him his servants gain,
With Christ, the servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**Priests of the world, Christ send us forth
The world of time to consecrate,
The world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.**

**Prophets of Christ, we hear his word,
He claims our minds, to search his ways,
He claims our lips, to speak his truth,
He claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**

**We are the Church, Christ makes us one,
Here is one hearth for all to find,
Here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,
Here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

James Quinn 1919-2010

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott

A mighty Fortress is our God

Michael Fischer 1773-1829

This is one of the best-known hymns by Martin Luther. The words speak of God's protection against all evil. This arrangement for organ was composed by M.G. Fischer. He was born in Erfurt, Germany and studied with Bach's pupil, Kittel.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Service next Sunday:
Epiphany 3

Sung Eucharist Service (11.00 am)
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