

Sunday 29 January      The Presentation of Christ in  
The Temple (Candlemas)

**Processional Hymn**

1. Angel-voices ever singing  
    round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
    rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
    and confess thee  
    Lord of might.
2. Thou who art beyond the farthest  
    mortal eye can see,  
can it be that thou regardest  
    our poor hymnody?  
Yes, we know that thou art near us  
    and wilt hear us  
    constantly.
3. Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
    o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
    for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
    for thy pleasure  
    all combine.
4. In thy house, great God, we offer  
    of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
    all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices,  
    in our choicest  
    psalmody.
5. Honour, glory, might and merit,  
    thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
    blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
    earth and heaven  
    render thee.

## Collect

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.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Malachi 3. 1 – 5 (OT p. 904)*

## Psalm 24. 7-end

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

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Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in;

'Who is the King of glory?'

The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord who is mighty in battle.

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**New Testament Reading** *Hebrews 2. 14 – end (NT p. 216)*

## Gradual Hymn

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| 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,<br>Christ, the true, the only light,<br>Sun of Righteousness arise,<br>triumph o'er the shades of night;<br>Dayspring from on high, be near;<br>Daystar, in my heart appear. | 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn<br>unaccompanied by thee;<br>joyless is the day's return,<br>till thy mercy's beams I see,<br>till they inward light impart,<br>glad my eyes, and warm my heart. |
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3. Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: RATISBON

### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 2. 22 – 40 (NT p. 56)

### **Offertory Hymn**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts! Shine through the darkness!  
Christ be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today!*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, still many thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

*Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)*

*During Communion the organist plays Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin BWV 616 (In peace and joy I now depart) by J S Bach, and the choir sings When Mary to the temple went by Eccard.*

## **Post Communion 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.**

## **Recessional Hymn.**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we gather,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.

*Words: Latin, tr. J.M Neale, adapted*

*Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY*

## **Organ Voluntary**

Toccata

*Mushel*

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