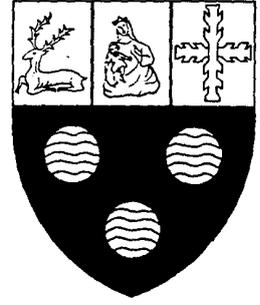




**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



SUNG EUCHARIST

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

Wednesday 2 February 2022
7.00pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.

The President of the Eucharist is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Deacon is the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

The preacher is the Revd Paul Rattigan, *Canon Missioner*.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

Please note that, in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we are continuing for the moment to ask that members of the congregation, and visitors to the Minster, wear face coverings at all times, unless they have a valid medical reason for not doing so. We also ask all those visiting the Cathedral to check in using the NHS Covid-19 app on entry if possible, and to continue to observe some social distancing in the building. Please be mindful of the needs of others who may be vulnerable to the virus.

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The Minster Chorale is directed by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The organ is played by Michael D'Avanzo, *Organ Scholar*.

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Missa brevis* by William Mathias (1934-94).

Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) brings to an end the celebration of the birth and manifestation of Jesus, which began at Christmas. The child who had been revealed to the magi at his birth is now recognised by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. As well as looking back for the last time to Christmas, today we also begin to look forward to Lent, as we hear the words of Simeon to Mary: 'and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' One of the traditions of Candlemas is that all the candles that are to be used in church throughout the coming year are blessed.

Communion

Communion will be received in one kind only (bread); the Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please make use of the hand sanitiser dispenser provided as you approach. Please keep your face covering in place until you have received the host in your hand, and replace it after consuming the host. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a Churchwarden or vergers before the service (if possible) to request one.

Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout this booklet, you will find various references to posture. We stand to praise or sing together; sit to listen and to receive (for example, during Bible readings – except the Gospel – and the sermon), and we may kneel for personal prayer. Adopting the same posture is a way of showing that we are worshipping God together, as his people. However, please always feel free to adopt a different posture if you need to. For example, if standing for long periods is difficult, you may wish to sit during the Gospel and the Eucharistic Prayer.

No collection is taken at this service, but donations as you leave in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral are very welcome. Envelopes and cash may be deposited in the donation box, or preferably use the contactless donation station. Alternatively, you can give online at www.southwellminster.org.uk/donate. Please give generously.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation is invited to collect a candle and to gather near the Font.

GREETING

President 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.

INTRODUCTION

President 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.

BLESSING OF CANDLES

The President invites the congregation to hold up their candles and blesses them:

Let us pray.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
bless these candles, and 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 President sprinkles and censes the candles.

ANTIPHON AND NUNC DIMITTIS

sung by the choir, during which the congregation's candles are lit

A light to lighten the Gentiles;
and the glory of thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy 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.

A light to lighten the Gentiles;
and the glory of thy people Israel.

Words: Luke 2: 29-32

Music: Mode viii

INVITATION TO PROCESSION

Cantor 
Let us go forth in peace:

All 
In the name of Christ. A-men.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *during which all are invited to follow the procession finishing in the Quire*



**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 recognised 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...***

**They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
The joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.
*A glory dawns...***

**They see before Mary a heart-piercing grief,
But trust is complete at the end of their life.
*A glory dawns...***

**For Mary will follow, with tears in her eyes,
Her Saviour and Son to the foot of the cross.**

A glory dawns...

**They pass through temptation, through failure, through death.
When darkness descends they plod onward in faith.**

A glory dawns...

**Like Anna, like Simeon, may they have trust,
The eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last.**

A glory dawns...

**The candles invite us to praise and to pray
When Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.**

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

Words: Elizabeth Cosnett (b. 1936)

*Tune: LOURDES A&M 113
French traditional*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung by the choir*

Glory be to God on high
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Joan Broughton*

Hebrews 2: 14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.



The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glo - ry.

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

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

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

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

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

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

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.'
Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

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

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, — al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 22-40

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



Glo-ry 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.

As the Gospel procession returns to the Sanctuary please extinguish your candle.

Please sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON *given by the Canon Missioner*

Please stand

CREED

President Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

Please sit or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION LED BY THE PRESIDENT

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

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:

look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ in the Temple brings judgement on the world:

look in mercy on the nations who long for his justice.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:

look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:

look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:

look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

President 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 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the altar is censed, the table is prepared*



1. Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

2. By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

3. He assumed this mortal body,
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,
That the race from dust created
Might not perish utterly,
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced
In the depths of hell to lie,
Evermore and evermore.

4. O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy Ghost conceived;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
In her loving arms received,
Evermore and evermore.

5. This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealèd
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

6. Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Words: Latin, Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413)
trans. Roby Furley Davis (1866-1937)

Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM NEH 33
from Piaae Cantiones Theoderici Petri Nylandensis, 1592
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the offering of your Church
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be__ with_ you and_ al - so__ 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.__

President It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.

For on this day he appeared in the temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.

He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *sung by the choir*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

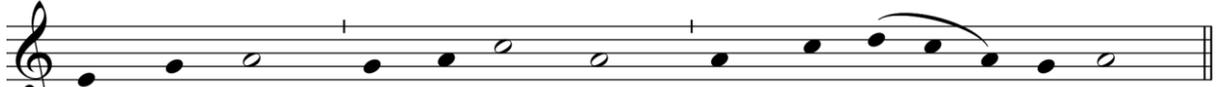
President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All



Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come__ a-gain.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All



A - men.__

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion. Communion is received in one kind only (bread) on this occasion due to Covid-19; the Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine.

Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Please leave your face covering in place as you come up for Communion until you have received the host wafer in your hand, then remove your face covering to consume the host, then replace it before returning to your seat via the side aisles.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

AGNUS DEI sung by the choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.

MOTET sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy 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.

Words: Luke 2: 29-32

*Music: NUNC DIMITTIS from EVENING SERVICE IN F
George Dyson (1883-1964)*

Please remain seated

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President 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 eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

BLESSING

President Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
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



1. 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.

2. 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 heavenly guest.

3. 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.

4. Hail to the great First-born
Whose ransom-price they pay!
The Son before all worlds,
The Child of man to-day,
That he might ransom us
Who still in bondage lay.

5. 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!

Words: John Ellerton (1826-93)

Tune: OLD 120TH NEH 157
Thomas Este (1540-1608)
arr. Thomas Ravenscroft (1582-1633)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nativité (from *Symphonie-Passion*)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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