

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON
Candlemas / Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Sunday 30th January 2022

HYMN 1: 131 – Love divine, all loves

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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**

OT Reading – Malachi 3: 1-5 Craig

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. ² 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; ³ 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.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgment; 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.

Psalm 24 vv 1-10

Domini est terra

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

² For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

³ Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?

⁴ Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

⁵ He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ Who is the King of glory: it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

***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***

NT Reading – Hebrews 2: 14-18

Christine

¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hymn 2: 453 – Faithful Vigil ended

Gospel – Luke 2: 22-40

²² 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 ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy

Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon^[1] 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 ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna^[1] the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four.

She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

³⁸ 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

INTERCESSIONS –Sandra

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For schools trying to return to normal
- For priorities in politics
- For the people of Ukraine and peace in the West
- For women in Afghanistan suffering again under the Taliban
- For those struggling with living expenses

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:

Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Juliet, Veronica F's friend, Macknes family, Henry, Evonne, Matt, Tabitha's aunt, Brenda, Viv, Stephanie, Cyril & Janet, Minnie, Alexander, Trisha, Cousin Zen, all at 44 Kimberley Road & Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Ernestine, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Ina, Tony, Noel, Irene, Ron, Avril and all those we know and love

We lift to you Lord, the soul of Veronica's cousin Tashan 32. Please pray for his mother Sharon and his brother Kadeem +May light perpetual shine upon him, May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

– We pray for all who are mourning

We Give Thanks and Praise :

- For a careful approach to normality
- For those returning to their workplace
- For-Foodbanks across the world
- For those working with young people to avoid knife crime

Offertory – HHS 80– Give me joy

Communion Hymns.

HHS 69– Spirit of God

311– Virgin born we bow before Thee

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**

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith

Where there is despair, hope

Where there is darkness, light

Where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may not

so much seek to be consoled as to

console; to be understood as to

understand; to be loved as to love. For

it is in giving that we receive; it is in

pardoning that we are pardoned; and

it is in dying that we are born to

eternal life.

Final Hymn: 117 – Praise to the Holiest

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

- Today** **10.00am-11.30am – Candlemas + Sunday School**
- Tues 1 Feb** **7.30pm-8.30pm – Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation (Zoom)**
- Weds 2 Feb** **10am-10.45am Midweek service in church**
- Thurs 3 Feb** **7.30pm-8.30pm Bible Study, led by James**
- Sat 5 Feb** **10.00am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness**
10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings
- Sun 6 Feb** **10am-11.30am – 4th Sunday before Lent + Sunday School**
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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Patience, he thought. So much of this was patience - waiting, and thinking and doing things right. So much of all this, so much of all living was patience and thinking.”

— **Gary Paulsen, Hatchet**

“Wait on the Lord” is a constant refrain in the Psalms, and it is a necessary word, for God often keeps us waiting. He is not in such a hurry as we are, and it is not his way to give more light on the future than we need for action in the present, or to guide us more than one step at a time. When in doubt, do nothing, but continue to wait on God. When action is needed, light will come.”

— **J.I. Packer, [Knowing God](#)**

“The only way you're going to reach places you've never gone is if you trust God's direction to do things you've never done.”

— **Germany Kent**

Next Sunday's Readings – Fourth Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 6 – vv 1-8

1 Corinthians 15 – vv 1-11

Luke 5 – vv 1-11

Psalms 138 – vv 1-8

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