

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Candlemas – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

29th January 2023

HYMN 1: 198– Ye Holy Angels bright

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**

OLD TESTAMENT – Malachi 3:1-5 **Christine**

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 :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**

**NEW TESTAMENT – Hebrews 2: 14-18 -
Sylvia**

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 READING – 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 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 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 – Mathilde

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For those affected by strikes
- For Revd Peter and his family

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

Trudy's sister Sally, Christine C, Tracey Nash, Rev Peter's wife Jennifer, Brandon, Claudine, Billy's Uncle Richard, Barbara G, Margaret L, Janine H, Janet & John J, Stephen Mc, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Veronica F's friend, Matt, Tabitha's aunt, Brenda, Stephanie, Cyril, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, all at 44 Kimberley Road & Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Ernestine, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Adrian, Ron and all those we know and love

*✠ We pray for the souls of Rose's brother and Lorraine Cresswell
✠ May light perpetual shine upon them May they Rest in Peace*

And rise in glory

We pray for those who mourn

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For Revd Ada for her invaluable help during interregnum
- For our servers, SPAs and Reader James
- We give special thanks for Mo and his team who fixed our candle donation box back to its frame

Offertory Hymn: HHS 80 Give me joy in my heart

Communion Hymns.

**HHS 69– Spirit of God unseen
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.

Hymn 6 : HHS 95 – To God be the glory

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Please stay at home if you have cold or flu-like symptoms.

Today	10.00am-11.15am – Holy Communion Service – Candlemas. Revd Ada presiding, Reader James preaching + Sunday school Tea and coffee in the hall after the service
Tues 31 Jan	7.30pm-8.30pm – Zoom Night Prayer with mindfulness and meditation
Weds 1 Feb	10am-10.45am Midweek Service in church
Thurs 2 Feb	No Bible Study until further notice
Sat 4 Feb	10am-10.30am Prayer for Healing and Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
Sun 5 Feb	10am-11.15am – Third Sunday before Lent – Revd Ada presiding and preaching her last service in our interregnum

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day.”

— **A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh**

“A waiting person is a patient person. The word patience means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in the belief that something hidden there will manifest itself to us.”

— **Henri J.M. Nouwen**

“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**

Next Sunday's Readings – Third Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 58– vv 1-9a

1 Corinthians 2 vv 1-12

Matthew 5 – vv 13-20

Psalm 112 – vv 1-19

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