

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**Candlemas – Presentation of Christ in The Temple**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

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**Entrance Hymn: 224 – Lead Us Heavenly Father, Lead Us**

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 453 – Faithful Vigil Ended**

**Offertory Hymn: 459– Give Me Joy In My Heart**

**Communion Hymn(s): 131- Love Divine: 311 – Virgin Born, We Bow Before Thee**

**Final Hymn: 117– Praise To The Holiest**

***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**

**FIRST READING: – Malachi 3: 1-5 – Lilian**

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. <sup>2</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> 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**



- 1 The earth is the Lord's, and all that ' therein ' is: the compass of the world and ' they that ' dwell there'in.
- 2 For he hath founded it up'on the ' seas : and pre'pared it up'on 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 de'ceive his ' neighbour.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing ' from the ' Lord : and righteousness from the ' God of ' his sal'vation.
- 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 ever ' lasting ' doors : and the King of ' glory ' shall come ' in.
- 8 Who is the ' King of ' glory : (Unison) 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 ever ' lasting ' doors : and the King of ' glory ' shall come ' in.
- 10 Who is the ' King of ' glory : (Unison) even the Lord of hosts, ' he is the ' King of ' glory.

*We remain seated for the concluding doxology: **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. 'A'men***

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 2: 14-18– Christine**

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

**GOSPEL – Luke 2: 22-40 – Marie** <sup>22</sup> 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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” <sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### **INTERCESSIONS - Christine**

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

*Redva's niece Olivia, Sharon, Caroline Arthurscooke, Juana Vega, Chris Hubbucks, Julie Cornfield, Cherelle, Julie Johns, Lyn Johns, Paulina Larios, Sally and Katharine, Allen, Tracey and Ann Davis, David, Milton Findlay, Clifford, Finn, Tony, Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Sally, Jennifer, Brandon, Billy's Uncle Richard, Barbara G, Janine H, John J, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Vilma Morgan, Matt, Brenda, Stephanie, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, Christopher, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Ron, Cleveland, Britt and Barry, Veronica Vernon, Pauline Temiz, Brian Cresswell, The King, the Princess of Wales and Bishop Christopher*

#### **We pray for those who mourn**

**We pray for the souls** of Cavine Welsh and Lloyd McLeggan, and all those we have loved and lost.

May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

### **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.

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*For Baptisms (Christenings) and Weddings, please speak to or contact the Vicar*

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Today	10am – Candlemas –Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching;
Tues 4 Feb	Online Night Prayer and Bible Study (See below)
Wed 5 Feb	10 am Holy Communion
Sat 8 Feb	11 am – Holy Dusters 2pm – 4pm – Mix and Mingle – Fun and Games and New Friends
Sun 9 Feb	10am – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent –Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching; Preparation Class for Holy Communion children (parents to accompany children), and Refreshments after the service

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**Tues 28 Jan; 4 Feb; 11 Feb; 4 Mar; 11 Mar; 1 Apr**      **Online Night Prayer and Bible Study (Tuesdays 7.30pm – see dates below):** In the period between Epiphany and Lent we will be looking at the Gospel of Mark on the following dates: 28 Jan; 4 Feb; 11 Feb. Email the vicar for the Zoom link if you would like to join!

**Sun 23 Feb 2025**      **Children and Holy Communion:** If you have a primary school child who will be aged seven or older this academic year, and you would like them to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Vicar. There will be a series of short preparation classes after the Sunday Eucharist next month (**9 and 16 Feb**) followed by admission to Holy Communion at the Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 23 Feb 2025**.

**Adults and teenagers – Confirmation:** Do you have a growing sense that you would like to make a public commitment to your Christian Faith? In the Church of England this traditionally takes place at a Confirmation Service presided over by the Bishop. If you have not already been Confirmed, and are interested in doing so, please speak to or email the Vicar

**Sunday School** runs on the last Sunday of the month and on extra dates throughout the year. Keep an eye out for our emails and notices for more details! If your child is under four, we ask that you accompany them to Sunday School. Parents of older children are welcome to join their children in Sunday School or to remain in church. Copies of our safeguarding policies can be found at <https://holysaviourcroydon.co.uk/safeguarding/>

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