

ST ANNE'S, SOHO

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

2ND FEBRUARY 2025



The Eucharist

You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you.

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant is:
The Revd Simon Buckley
Rector of St Anne's, Soho

The Preacher is:
The Revd Canon Giles Goddard
Vicar of St John's, Waterloo

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Soloist
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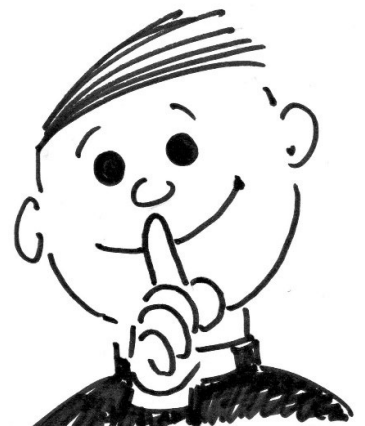
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

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Worshipping in church we gather with strangers and friends, and from home we join virtually with those we see and hear on screen. But wherever we are, we join with the church throughout the world, and all the saints in Heaven, as children of God and disciples of Christ.

We invite everyone to:

- **Join us in keeping a time of quiet before the service begins.**
- Switch off your mobile phone for this hour and avoid other distractions.
- Support St Anne's via contactless giving, the collection taken during the service, or by direct debit.
- Keep this booklet for your reflection in the coming week.
- **If you are in church please save the chatter until the organ voluntary has concluded at the end of the service.**



We pray this time together will be a blessing for all who share in it, and strengthen us to serve others in the week ahead.

Welcome

We meet in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Opening Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

Introduction & Invitation to Confession

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we also 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. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In a moment of silence, let us present our ourselves to God, and confess our sins and shortcomings so that he might purify our hearts.

Silence for reflection

**All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen**

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We sing the song of the Angels at Jesus' birth

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The 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.

All: Amen.

☞ The Liturgy of the Word ☛

First reading: Malachi 3:1-5

A reading from the book of Malachi.

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. 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; 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; 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.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24 1-10

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 '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;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

Gospel Reading

♩ = 104

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Al - le - lu - ia)

Cantor: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

We sing the alleluias again.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2: 22-40

At the end of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

We sing the alleluias again.

Sermon

Anthem

Nunc Dimittis in B for solo Soprano and Organ

Tyler Versluis (2020)

The Creed

All: 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.

The Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

*To the words 'Lord in your mercy' we respond
'hear our prayer'.*

And at the end

All: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

✠ The Liturgy of the Sacrament ✠

Licensing of Administrants at Communion

*Under the permission of the Bishop members of St Anne's are licensed
to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion.*

The Peace

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 the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

*Please greet one another, and
then be seated as the altar is prepared
and the collection taken.*

Offertory Hymn

First Verse Solo: 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.
Refrain: Christ, be our light...**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Refrain: Christ be our light...**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Refrain: Christ be our light...**

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Refrain: Christ be our light...**

Offertory Prayer

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: we lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: it is right to give thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in_ the high - est.
 Bless - èd_ is he who comes in the name of the Lord._
 Ho-san - na in_ the high - est, ho-san - na in_ the high - est.

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.
 Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

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 Blessed Virgin Mary, St Anne 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.



The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

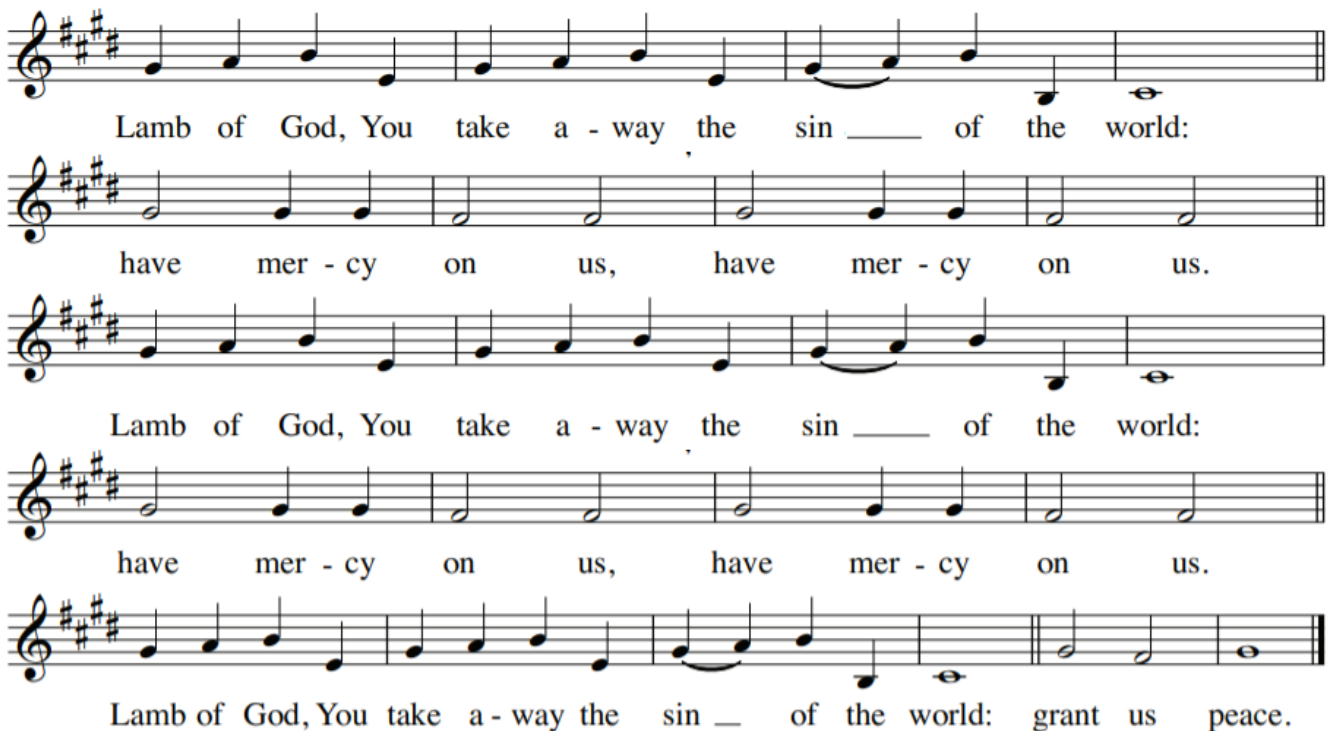
Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin ____ of the world:
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin ____ of the world:
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin _ of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people

**All: Jesus Christ is holy
Jesus Christ is lord
To the glory of God the Father.**

*All are welcome to gather round the altar as directed
to receive communion or a blessing.*

During Communion Christine will sing

*In His Temple Now Behold Him
&
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.*

Prayer after Communion

**All: 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.**

Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

(Refrain twice to end)

Notices

The Blessing of Candles

Heavenly father as we hail your Son Jesus Christ as the light of the world and hope of all nations, by your Holy Spirit bless these candles that they may be signs of his presence.

Bring your peace into the homes where they will burn, and into the hearts of those who receive them: may Christ be the light in their darkness.

Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.

All: Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

All: Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

All: Amen.

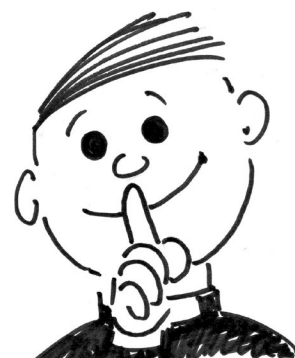
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please sit quietly after the clergy have departed and enable those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary to do so. There's plenty of time to chat over coffee.



NOTICES

- **As usual refreshments** are served after this service, to which everyone is warmly invited.
- **The latest edition of our newsletter** is out today- please do pick up a free copy.
- **Everyone will receive a special candle** to take home today, If you would like to purchase additional candles, they are available at £2 each.
- **Grief Café** is this afternoon in the Community Hall, and a simple service of **Holy Communion** will be said at 5pm today.
- **Tuesday Tea** is this week from 3pm-4.30pm in the Community Hall.
- **Next Sunday** there will be children's group during the service and lunch afterwards, for those who fancy lunch at Bistro1 with other members of the congregation.
- **Please note Fr Simon** is on leave from 5-15th February, so please contact Revd Martha for all pastoral matters.
- **'A Little Guide For The Curious'** is a new leaflet we have just produced, particularly to encourage those who use our coffee shop Sacred Grounds to think about faith, Jesus and this church. Do take one and pass it on.
- **Sign up for Faith and Food** with the Revd David Peebles, a priest and psychotherapist, in the Rectory on Tuesday 25th February from 7pm.



We remember those who've died recently,
along with all whose anniversaries fall in the week ahead, amongst them:

**David Kindersley, Vera Bullows, Michael Henderson
Charlie Cossert, Esther Marie Harvath and Brenda Thompson**



REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S, SOHO

Sunday	11am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	5pm	Holy Communion (<i>first Sunday of the month</i>)
Tuesday	1:05pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday	8:30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	4:30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	8:30am	Morning Prayer

The church is open for private prayer
Monday – Friday 9am – 5:30pm (often until 8pm)

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