

The Anglican Parish of St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

Candlemas
1 February 2025

Celebrant:	Fr Peter Williams	Organ:	Paul Ellis
Organ:	Trio in c minor		JS Bach
Introit:	O taste and see		Ralph Vaughan Williams
Preces & Responses :	John Sanders		

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm: 122 Chant: CHH Parry

1. I was glad when they said unto me: 'We will go into the house of the Lord'.
2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.
4. For thither the tribes go up even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
5. For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David.
6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and companions sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.
9. Yea because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

First Reading: Haggai 2:1-9 Sue Patterson

Office Hymn: 427 (*Green Hymnal*)

Magnificat: Stanford in Bb

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And this mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

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.

Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in Bb

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.

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; ✠ the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness. And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people. And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but
only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Day**Collects for the Evening:**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give
unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be
set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear
of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus
Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Anthem: O thou the central orb Charles Wood

Sermon or Reading: Fr Peter Williams

Hymn: 252 (*Green Hymnal*)

Benediction

As the hymn ends, the wakahuia is lowered. All kneel and remain kneeling throughout. The Sacrament is placed on the altar and the bell is rung.

**O Saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to us below,
our foes press hard on every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
All praise and thanks to thee ascend for evermore, blest one in three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
in our true native land with thee. Amen.**

The celebrant leads the people in prayer, ending with the Grace.

Benediction: Tantum Ergo Deodat Severac

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui.
Præstet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.

Genitori genitoque
laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio
Procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Thou gavest them bread from heaven: **Containing in itself all sweetness.**

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy saving cross and passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

The bell is rung again as the celebrant gives the blessing with the Sacrament.

The Divine Praises:

**Blessed be God.
Blessed be God's holy name.
Blessed be God, holy and glorious Trinity.
Blessed be God, Creator of all.**

Blessed be Jesus Christ, Word made flesh.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, truly human and divine.
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, in us the hope of glory.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.

Blessed be the holy and life-giving Spirit.
 Blessed be the Spirit, Sanctifier of all.
 Blessed be the Mother of God, Mary most holy.
 Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.
 Blessed be God.

The Sacrament is returned to the wakahuia and the bell is rung.

Nunc Dimittis: *Sung by the Choir*

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Organ: Introduction and Fugue JV Peters
(Dr Jack Peters was organist at St Luke's Church and assisted at St Michael's from time to time. He was a brilliant organist and improviser. This piece is dedicated to C Foster-Browne).

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