

The Anglican Parish of
St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



**The Observance of Candlemas
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
4 February 2024**

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all as we move into the month of February. The time in the Southern Hemisphere when the life of the church begins to reawaken after the summer break. This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Candlemas, sometimes traditionally called The Purification of the Blessed Virgin (Greek Hypapante), Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. This Feast falls on 2nd February, forty days after the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have transferred it to this Sunday in order to celebrate it together. According to the Mosaic law a mother who had given birth to a male-child was considered unclean for seven days; moreover she was to remain at home for three and thirty days. When the time was over the mother was to make a sacrifice and be cleansed by the priest. (Leviticus 12:2-8)

Forty days after the birth of Christ, Mary complied with this precept of the law, she redeemed her first-born from the temple (Numbers 18:15), and was purified by the prayer of Simeon the just, in the presence of Anna the prophetess (Luke 2:22 sqq.). No doubt this event was in the earliest times celebrated in the Church of Jerusalem. We find it attested for the first half of the fourth century by the pilgrim of Bordeaux, Egeria or Silvia. The blessing of candles for use throughout the year is a reminder of Christ's light giving rise to the name 'Candlemas.' Among some traditions Candlemas is the conclusion of all the Christmas and Epiphany celebrations and marks the movement towards Lent. As we celebrate this Feast today may we be reminded of Christ's light with us particularly as we begin this new calendar year. Please also have a look at our notices about what is taking place this month as the church 'reawakens'.

Blessings

Fr Jordan



If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of the Sides People.

Parish Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

Online Services

facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch

Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass—this is a livestreamed service
(pews in front of the sound desk are not filmed)

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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Organ: Paul Ellis & Eric Apperley

Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist

Noel Rawsthorne

Organ Voluntary: Berceuse (F major), Op.77, No.3

Alexandre Guilmant

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.

(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Forty two days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognised Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy.

United by the Spirit, we gather now in the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord.

Here we shall recognise him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory.

The Blessing of the Candles

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon your light of revelation to the nations. Bless ✠ these candles and make them holy.

May we, who carry them to the praise of your glory, walk in the path of goodness and come to the light that shines for ever, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Whilst the candles are lit the choir sing:

The Nunc Dimittis

Carolus Andreas

Let us proceed in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candles are extinguished.

First Reading: *(sit)*

Malachi 3:1-4

Jenny Daniels

Thus says the Lord God: 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 24

R. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord, who is the king of glory.

Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle. **R.**

Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord, the Lord of hosts who is the king of glory. **R.**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2: 14–18

Joshua Wilson Black

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 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.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory to your people Israel. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**The Lord bless you
Praise and Glory to God**

Gospel: Luke 2: 22–40

Fr Peter Williams

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

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. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word: for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon: Deacon Simon Green



BAPTISM LITURGY

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ,

God is love, God gives us life. We love because God first loves us. In baptism God declares that love; in Christ God calls us to respond.

Parents of the child say:

I present Clement to be baptised and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptised so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life. On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call.'

How do you respond to this promise?

Parents / Godparents of the child say:

We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

Parents / Godparents of the child say:

I renounce all evil.

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom, and life?

Parents / Godparents of the child say:

In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life, as I care for this child.

May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
whose promise endures for ever.

We thank you God for your love in all creation,
especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel;
through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom in the promised land. In the waters
of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism.
He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.
It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life.

In the new covenant we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal
kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit, fulfil once more your promises in this water of rebirth, set
apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour,
power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

Clement, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We sign you with the cross,
the sign of Christ.

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.
let us welcome the newly baptised:

**God receives you by baptism
into the Church.**

**Child of God,
blessed in the Spirit,
welcome
to the family of Christ.**

**We sing
Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.
Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

The family receives certificates, etc.



Intercessions: Margaret Maclagan

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**
At the Peace all may exchange a greeting with those near them.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.
By one spirit we were baptised into one body.
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Joy Coulter, Mary Stevenson

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn: Where mountains rise to open skies

Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distill the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

May the offerings made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature.

For your co-eternal Son was presented on this day in the Temple and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and Light of the nations. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us our holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Rachel Watson, Peter Daniels

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all of the peoples.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Communion Motet: Light a candle of thanksgiving Martin Setchell

Communion Hymn: 44

Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.

This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

Christ, your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us your servants
our discharge in peace.

Prayer after Communion:

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

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

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

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

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn:

New Zealand National Anthem

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi Mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa.

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

Organ Voluntary: Dialogue de le Grand Jeux

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

7.00 pm

Evensong and Benediction

Ash Wednesday

Our journey through Lent begins with the service of Ash Wednesday. There will be two services to attend on Ash Wednesday, our usual 12.35pm daily Mass and our main service taking place at 7pm. Ash Wednesday this year is the 14 February.

Lenten Study 2024 - A Future of Hope

This year we offer the Lenten study A Future of Hope produced by Theology House. We are wanting to offer two study group times this year. Deacon Simon Green will run the study during the usual bible study time slot of Thursday 11am in the Parish Lounge. Father Jordan will offer another time at 5.30pm on the same day, Thursday. The study will begin on Thursday 15 February. Please note the time slot of 5.30pm will be dependent on interest. Please indicate to Father Jordan if you are planning to attend via email.

Lenten Daily Office

Father Jordan and Deacon Simon wish to offer the daily office as a Lenten discipline this year. This will consist of morning and evening prayer, Monday through to Friday using the New Zealand Prayer book daily services. This will take place at 8am and 5pm in the Lady Chapel, beginning on Wednesday 14 February. The services will be approximately 20 minutes. Prayer books provided. Please note on Thursdays that we will have evening prayer before the Lenten Study.

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

Needlework Group—Tuesday 7.00pm Ros's home. Contact Ros, 0272428282 for details.

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon, in the church.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11 February 2023

8:00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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Servers: **SD:** Jenny Daniels **MC:** Robert Calvert **Th:** Sung Bae

Cr: Hugh Munro **Ac:** Andrew Moreton, Jack Barrie

First Reading: Robert Maclagan 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Second Reading: Sue Shannons 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Gospel: Deacon Simon Green Mark 1: 40-45

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Eucharist Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Michael Graveston

Sides people: Jane Ellis, Toni Stewart

Intercessions: Marla Hughes

Offertory: Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows

Morning Tea: Vince Moreton, Judith McKaskell

Sacristan: Eyob Habte

Sacristy: Shirley Richards

Livestream: Joshua Wilson Black

Flowers: Sue Shannons

Evensong Server: Joshua Wilson Black

Evensong Readers: Therese Aitchison, Jane Ellis

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Jamie McDermott, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Kay Burgess, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Anthony & Chrissie Coulter.

Departed: Joy Green

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

This Sunday	The Observance of The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (4 February)
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	Solemn Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday	The Martyrs of Japan
12.35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Waitangi Day
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Feria
12.00 pm	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Feria
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.00 pm	Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm	Mass
Friday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
2.00 pm	Senior School
Saturday	Feria
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10.00 am	Solemn Mass
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