

✚ ST GILES'

CHURCH, OXFORD

29 JANUARY 2023 | CANDLEMAS

BCP: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Welcome to St Giles', especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay behind for refreshments after the 10:30 service. The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

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TODAY'S SERVICES

8:00 am HOLY COMMUNION

(BCP, said)

President: Revd Daniel Walters

Epistle: Romans 13:1-7

The Gospel: Matthew 8:23-34

10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION

(SG Girls' Choir)(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher:

Revd Daniel Walters

Readings, music and prayers for this service can be found overleaf. (The words of the anthem are on the back page.)

This service is livestreamed on the Internet. Please speak to our welcome team if you have any concerns.

6:30 pm EVENSONG

(SG Boys' Choir)

(BCP, sung)

Officiant: Revd Daniel Walters

Canticles: Sumsion in G

Responses: Ayleward

Anthem: *So God loved the world* –

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Opening hymn: 205 –

Christ is made the sure foundation

Psalm: 132 (p. 252)

First reading: Haggai 2:1-9

Second reading: John 2:18-22

Final hymn: 387 –

Jesus, good above all other

PRAYERS & READINGS

for the Presentation of Christ

Opening hymn: 157 -

Hail to the Lord who comes

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
we humbly beseech thy majesty,
that as thy only-begotten Son
 was this day presented
 in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh,
so we may be presented unto thee
with pure and clean hearts,
by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament *Malachi 3.1-5*

3 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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then 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 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.

Psalm 24 (p. 58)

New Testament *Hebrews 2.14-end*

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

Anthem *Nunc Dimittis* from

Walmisley in D

(Words: p. 21 of the Psalter.)

Gospel *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'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.* ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon* 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. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so 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 for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

³⁸At 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.

Offertory hymn: 393 -

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Distribution of Communion

At the distribution, please note that we are now offering consecrated wine from the common cup. There is no expectation that you should do so; if you prefer to receive in one kind (bread only), please do so. Out of consideration to others, please **do not** intinct (dip) your bread in the chalice.

Communion anthem

O Nata Lux – Thomas Tallis (c 1505-85)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu, redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum, laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi, dignatus es pro perditis, nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis. (O Light born from Light, Jesus Redeemer of the World, in your mercy deign to listen to the praises and prayers of your suppliants. You, who once deigned to clothe yourself in flesh for the sake of lost mankind, grant that we may become parts of your blessed body.)

Post Communion

O Lord,

who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna

that they might live to greet the coming of the Messiah:

grant that we, who have received these inexpressible gifts,

may be prepared to meet Christ Jesus when he shall come to bring us to eternal life;

for he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

Final hymn: 44 - Faithful vigil ended

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick:

Sue Street, George Pulford,
Yvonne White, William Goldsmith,
Melanie Florence, Alison Bickmore.

RIP:

Betsy Livingstone (1/1/2023)

Year's Mind:

30th - Bruce Mitchell (2010)

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Evening Prayer

Monday–Saturday, 5.30pm

Next Sunday (5th February)

3rd before Lent / Septuagesima
Holy Communion (BCP), 8.00am
Holy Communion (CW), 10:30am
Choral recital (*see below*), 12:00pm
Evensong (BCP), 6:30pm

NOTICES

◆ Betsy Livingstone's funeral will take place on **Thursday 2nd February** at 2:30pm in **Christ Church Cathedral**.

◆ Open Study Day at **St Theosevia House**, 2 Canterbury Rd: *Life, Worship & Architecture: Churches in Oxford Diocese 1000-1900*. Speakers: Dr David Boswell; Revd Prof William Whyte. **Sat 4th Feb**, 10:30am-4pm. There are leaflets in church with further details.

◆ **Choral Recital at St Giles'** – Freddy Chelsom. Featuring music by Bach, Schubert and Fauré. **Sunday 5th February** at 12 noon. Retiring collection in aid of a new organ for the church and St Giles' Music Academy.

◆ Hosted here at **St Giles'**, Interfaith Forum and Deus Ex Musica present ***Awake, My Soul!*** - a unique event combining performances of new sacred music with interfaith discussion. **Monday 6th February**, 6:30-8:00 pm. For more details and to register, visit bit.ly/3WUGbeD

◆ Church Cleaning: **Saturday 11th February** from 10:00am-12 noon). Coffee and cake will be provided, and an ample supply of cleaning materials! Please join us!

◆ Piano Recital at St Giles': Benjamin Grønlie, **Sunday 19th February** at 4:30pm. Further details to follow.

◆ **St Giles' Choirs: 2023 Tour**. The choirs will visit Trento (northern Italy) for their annual tour. Please speak to Nicholas Prozzillo for further details.

◆ The latest issue of **Pathways**, the Diocese of Oxford's magazine, features an article by our very own **Revd Dr Anne Holmes** on how to be resilient in an ever-changing world. You can pick up a physical copy from church, or download an electronic version from the Diocese of Oxford's website: bit.ly/3RdGMpM

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