

Sunday January 31 2016

Candlemas – St Michael's Cornhill

Preacher: Fr Bill Wilson

the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

Music for the Eucharist:

Mass in C – Leopold Mozart

ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN A TIME OF STILLNESS AND
QUIET before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the
Eucharist.

Please join in the hymns and in the sections in **bold** type.

PLEASE STAND and turn to face the font as the priest and other ministers enter.

+ *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast 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, may we now go to the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord. There we shall recognise him in the breaking of bread until he comes in glory.

THE PEOPLE'S CANDLES ARE LIT whilst all sing:

HYMN 33 (omit *)

Let us pray. Lord God, the source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of thy faithful people the brilliance of thine eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to thy glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before thee in that eternal temple where thou livest and reignest, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

The choir sings Hymn 506 (*Nunc Dimittis*), whilst the priest and other ministers move

to the altar.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart
in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;*

*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.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.*

When *Nunc Dimittis* is ended PLEASE PUT OUT YOUR CANDLES. Then:

When the priest sits PLEASE SIT for:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus
te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine
Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater
omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu
Christe, Dominus Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui
sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere
nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu
Christe, cum sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei
Patris. Amen.*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace,
good will towards men. We praise thee, we
bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O
Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the
right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art
the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen

Let us pray.

After a pause for silent prayer the priest sings the COLLECT:

*Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and
acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we
may be presented to thee and in the world may reflect his glory; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with thee in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

Amen.

PLEASE SIT

FIRST READING Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND to sing:

HYMN 182

PLEASE SIT

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit.

The holy Gospel is written...

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

PLEASE PUT OUT YOUR CANDLE, then SIT for the sermon. At the end silence will be kept. Then PLEASE STAND with the priest for the NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The priest introduces THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Then PLEASE JOIN IN:

HYMN 157 (There will be a collection. If you are a UK tax payer, please use the Gift Aid envelope provided)

The altar is prepared and the bread and wine are brought to the altar.. The offerings of the people are presented.

At the end of the hymn PLEASE SIT OR KNEEL

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.

The Lord be with you

and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

THE PRIEST continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRIEST asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and cup. The priest continues, joining our offering with Christ's offering of himself.

At the end of the prayer:

...by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

*As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, in 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever.
Amen.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy upon us. O
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world: grant us thy peace.

The priest addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:

*Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was
given for you, and his blood which was shed for you, and feed on him in your
hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

Those who wish to receive Holy Communion approach the altar. Those who are not
communicants are invited to come to the altar for a blessing. Please fold your arms or
hold a book if you wish to receive a blessing.

During the Communion: *When to the temple Mary went Eccard*

WHEN ALL HAVE RECEIVED HOLY COMMUNION there will be a time of silent
prayer. At the end:

Let us pray.

*Lord, thou fulfilledst 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.

PLEASE SIT for the notices. Then PLEASE STAND for the blessing:

*The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.*

*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 Ghost, be
amongst you and remain with you always.*

HYMN 500

Organ voluntary: *Holsworthy Church Bells - Wesley*