



St Luke Jersey

29th January 2023

The Presentation of The Lord



Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4. The prophet Malachi raises a disturbing question for all who look for the coming of the Lord. Are you ready? Do you know what it means? Who can endure it?

Luke 2:22-40. The old man, Simeon, his heart filled with faith, saw and recognised the unfolding of God's redemption in the person of this tiny baby. He took Jesus in his arms and proclaimed him to be the 'light to lighten the Gentiles'; the one foretold by the prophets.

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The Order of Mass

All gather in the Hall.

In the Temple, Simeon and Anna encountered Jesus and recognised him as Lord. Today we celebrate this event, the feast which brings to a close the Christmas festival of light. Candles are blessed and we carry them in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people.

As the Choir, servers and Priest arrive in the Hall, hand candles are lit.

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 comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

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.

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

There follows an introductory address, which leads into the blessing of candles. Candles should be held up for the blessing and sprinkling with Holy Water.

Following the blessing of candles, the Choir will sing an anthem.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Processional Hymn (no 55 in the green hymn book) is now sung. The congregation follows the Priest and upon arrival in Church, all go to their places.

The Gloria

Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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*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.

Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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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.*

Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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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.

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Opening Prayer *(remain standing)*

The Priest says the prayer for the day

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.

The Reading *(sit)*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *(stand)*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
eternal word from heaven;
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
the Saviour of the world.

Ale-ale-luia,
through the ages long,
we sing your praise and glory,
ale-ale-luia! *(repeat)*

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you
and also with you
✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily *(sit)*

The Affirmation of Faith
(stand)

We believe, we believe, Lord, help our unbelief! (x2)

Prayer of Intercession

(kneel or sit)

The Priest introduces the intercession

After each petition will be said

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer for our Parish

God our Father, through your Holy Spirit you grow your Church as we proclaim the kingdom of your risen Son. Bless us with deepening faith and an increase in our community. Help us to be a beacon of your love to everyone we meet. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We ask for Mary's never-ending intercession and say

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Priest concludes the intercession

The Peace *(stand)*

The Priest introduces the Peace, and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

*The offertory hymn is sung as gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar.
The Priest then invites us to join in the offering of the Eucharist*

The Offertory Hymn follows, and gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar.

All praise be yours, for you, O King divine,
Your rightful glory freely did resign
That in our darkened hearts your grace might shine. Alleluia!

You came to us in lowliness of thought;
By you the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by your death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!

O Jesus, let your mind within us be,
For you were servant that we might be free
And humbly stooped to death on Calvary. Alleluia!

Therefore you are, by God's eternal vow,
Most high exalted o'er all creatures now
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!

Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord
In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord,
And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia!

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

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.

The Priest says the Prayer over the Gifts.

The Eucharistic Prayer *(remain standing)*

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts

we lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

At the end of the Preface we sing

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might.
Heav'n and earth are full;
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

We may kneel or remain standing for the second part of the prayer.

After the words of Jesus in the Last Supper, the Priest says

Christ is the bread of life

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, O living Saviour
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come in glory.

The Prayer ends in praise of the Father and we sing

...Amen, amen, amen;
through the ages long,
we sing your praise and glory. Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Of your charity, please pray for

Those who are sick

Mark, George, Annette, Susan, Reg, Zach, Simon, Richard, Ann, David, Ian, Maureen, Julie, Oisin, Christine, Michael, Ffion, Irene, Ocean, Marian, Robert

The recently departed

Adela Rees-Williams

Anniversaries of death this week

29 Audrey Brown, Harold Groom

Dates for your diary

Saturday 11 March at 1900

Quiz Night

Only £16. Sign-up (and pay!) and choose your food: fish, sausage, or vegetarian burger, all with chips. Bring your own liquid refreshment!

Sunday 14 May from 1400

Family Fun Day!

Pray for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

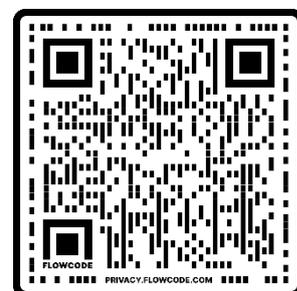
Amen

Notices for the Week

1. On **Sunday, 19 Feb**, following Mass there will be a **Congregational Meeting** to consider a number of Faculty applications related to our Restoration Project. It is a requirement of the Ecclesiastical Court that all such applications be supported by a vote at a congregational meeting and only after a Faculty has been granted, may an application for Planning Permission be lodged. Accordingly, this meeting will be an important part of the project, as without it, we can't do anything! So please try to stay for what will be a presentation of interest to everyone. It won't last more than an hour.
2. **As a reward (!)**, following the meeting, a booking has been made at Aha for Sunday lunch at 1300. £20.95 for 2 courses (Beef/lamb/vegetarian); children's menu available for £7.95.
Please sign-up today and preorder your main course.
3. **Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** The **Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham** will be from **Fri 6-Mon 9 October**. If you've not got your name down yet, Fr Nick has the forms ready for you to book your place! (And if you've got the form but haven't returned it, perhaps you might like to!) Places are filling-up nicely!
4. Fr Nick would like to be updated about all the people for whom we pray day by day in their time of sickness or need. If you've asked for a name to be included, please let him know how they're getting on.

Giving to St Luke's

Have you visited our Giving Page? Our new website has a dedicated page where you can learn about our current projects, set up a regular payment and find out about the new 'Jersey Gift Support' Scheme which allows us to receive an extra 25 pence for every £1 donated!



Service Times this Week

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

0830 Mass

1000 Family Mass *

TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY

St John Bosco, Pr

0730 Morning Prayer

0800 Mass *

Offered the Church's ministry in schools

1730 Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

0930 Morning Prayer

1000 Mass *

Offered for all involved in our Restoration Project

1730 Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Presentation of the Lord

0730 Morning Prayer

0800 Mass *

Offered for the Bishop of Oswestry

1730 Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Our Lady on Saturday

0930 Morning Prayer

1000 Mass *

Offered for our Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

0830 Mass

1000 Parish Mass with Holy Baptism *

Services marked * will be live streamed

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