



St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church

*A Welcoming, Open and Inclusive Community
in the Heart of the City of Adelaide*

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

**2 February 2020
at 10.30 am**

When the bell rings, all stand, and the presider and ministers enter.

Behold, our Lord will come with power,
to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia.

The presider, facing the people, says:

✠ 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.

Dear brothers and sisters,
forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast
of the Nativity of the Lord.

Today is the blessed day
when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.
Outwardly he was fulfilling the law,
but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people.
Prompted by the Holy Spirit,
Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.
Enlightened by the same Spirit,
they recognised the Lord
and confessed him with exultation.

So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit,
proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ.
There we shall find him
and recognise him in the breaking of the bread,
until he comes again, revealed in glory.

All hold up their candles, which the presider blesses, saying:

Let us pray.

O God, source and origin of all light,
who on this day showed to Simeon
the Light for revelation to the Gentiles,
we humbly ask that,
in answer to your people's prayers,
you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing ✠ these candles,
which we are eager to carry in praise of your name,
so that, treading the path of virtue,
we may reach that light which never fails.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The presider sprinkles the candles with holy water without saying anything.
Then the candles are lit, while the choir sings the Antiphon.*

Antiphon. Luke 2, 32. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

The Antiphon may be repeated after each verse of the following Canticle:

Luke 2, 29–31. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. V̄. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation. V̄. Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people. V̄. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. V̄. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. V̄. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

These being ended, may be sung:

Antiphon. Ps. 44, 26. O Lord, arise, help us: and deliver us, for thy Name's sake. Ps. ibid. O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have declared unto us. V̄. Glory be. Then is repeated: O Lord, arise.

The presider puts incense into the thurible for the procession. Then the presider, or deacon, sings:

V̄. Let us go forth in peace.

R̄. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All carry lighted candles. As the procession moves forward, the hymn is sung.

**Hail to the Lord who comes,
comes to his temple gate!
Not with his angel host,
not in his kingly state;
no shouts proclaim him nigh,
no crowds his coming wait;**

**But, borne upon the throne
of Mary's gentle breast,
watched by her duteous love,
in her fond arms at rest;
thus to his Father's house
he comes, the heav'nly Guest.**

**There Joseph at her side
in reverent wonder stands,
and, filled with holy joy,
old Simeon in his hands
takes up the promised Child,
the glory of all lands.**

**Hail to the great First-born
whose ransom-price they pay!
The Son before all worlds,
the Child of man today,
that he might ransom us
who still in bondage lay.**

**O Light of all the earth,
thy children wait for thee!
come to thy temples here,
that we, from sin set free,
before thy Father's face
may all presented be!**

John Ellerton 1826-93

The Procession being ended, Gloria in excelsis is sung.

Hymn of Praise

**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.**

Collect

Let us pray.

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,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

From the Pew Sheet

Psalm Response



Homily

Profession of Faith

All stand.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn, during which a collection will be taken.

**New light has dawned, the Son of God is here,
A holy light no earthly light outshines;
The light has dawned, the light that casts out fear,
The light that evil dreads and love defines.**

**The light of glory shines to angels' song,
The shepherds run to where a baby lies;
A servant of the Lord, who waited long,
Acclaims the light to lighten Gentile eyes.**

**And priestly men sit listening to a boy,
They see the dawning light within his face.
Such words they hear those Christ-child lips employ!
Amazing words of wisdom, truth and grace.**

**O Christ, the light who came to us on earth,
Shine through the shadow cast by human sin;
Renew the faith you gave at our new birth,
Destroy the dark, and let your light come in.**

Paul Wigmore 1925-2014

When all is ready, the presider says

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.
**May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God,
accept the joyful offering of your Church,
and grant that your Son may shine in us
as the light that lightens every nation.
We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

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.

And so, we, too, go forth, rejoicing to encounter your Salvation,
and with the Angels and Saints
praise you, as without end we acclaim:

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.

You are indeed holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed

and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my body
which will be given up for you.
In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the cup
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial
of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.
Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Geoffrey our Bishop
and all those whose lives bring hope to this world.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your presence.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God,

Mary Magdalene and all the Saints
who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may be worthy to stand in your presence
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, and with whom, and in whom,
to you, O God, Father almighty,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
is all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The presider breaks the bread –

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

Then the anthem Agnus Dei is sung.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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

The presider invites the people to Holy Communion –

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

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

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait,
you fulfilled the hope of Simeon,
who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah.
Complete in us your perfect will,
that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn

**Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servants
their discharge in peace.**

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

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

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

Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The presider, deacon or another minister sings,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The presider and ministers depart.