

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL
Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846



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**CANDLE CEREMONIES, PROCESSION
& HIGH MASS**

2 FEBRUARY 2024

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.

Mass setting: William Byrd (1540-1623) *Mass for four voices*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

During singing of the Entrance Antiphon the Sacred Ministers proceed to the Chancel step.

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 friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age, Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The candles are then blessed

Let us pray.

O God, source and origin of all light,
who on this day showed to the just man 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 light 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 candles are then distributed to the people. Please come forward to the chancel step to receive your candle from the celebrant or the deacon and then light it from one of the large candles on either side of the nave. Once you have received your candle please return to your place and remain standing and keep your candle alight until the end of the Collect. It will be re-lit for the Gospel.

ANTIPHON: *Ecce Dominus noster*

Behold, our Lord will come with power,
To enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia, alleluia.
O God, give judgement to the king,
And your justice to the king's son.
He shall govern your people with justice,
And your afflicted ones with judgement.
And all kings of the earth shall adore him,
All nations shall serve him.

NUNC DIMITTIS *sung by the choir – Orlando Gibbons (1853-1625) from the Short Service*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Once everyone's candles are lit the Procession begins

Processional Hymn: NEH 33 Of the Father's heart begotten

**Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.**

By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

He assumed this mortal body,
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,
That the race from dust created
Might not perish utterly,
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced
In the depths of hell to lie,
Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy Ghost conceived;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
In her loving arms received,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealèd
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Let the storm and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Latin. Prudentius 348-413 tr R.F. Davis 1866-1937

Collect at the Station:

God of light, your Son shared our flesh and blood and built us into a living temple where you might dwell. Like Simeon and Anna, our eyes behold your salvation. Guide us by the Spirit to welcome your Christ as the Gentiles' light and Israel's glory, by whose sacrifice we are presented before you to be the people of your covenant. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Mass will then continue with the censuring of the Altar.

The Prayers of Penitence are omitted.

The Kyries are sung by the choir.

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy**

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

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.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Malachi 3.1-5

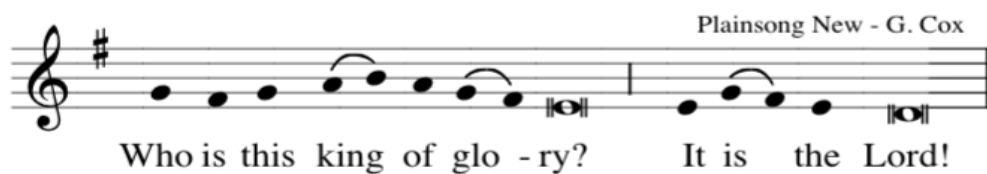
A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

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. 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24



Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
‘Who is this King of glory?’
‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.’ **R.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
‘Who is he, this King of glory?’
‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.’ **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



This is a light of revelation to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 2.22-40**

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 (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. Then 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

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, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At 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.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light ✕ perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [*Sung by the choir*]

Grace is poured out upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you for ever and ever.

Offertory hymn NEH 157 Hail to the Lord who comes

**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 heavenly 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 to-day,
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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, Lord God..... **Blessed be God forever.**

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

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

*The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with **Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

The choir sings the Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

All

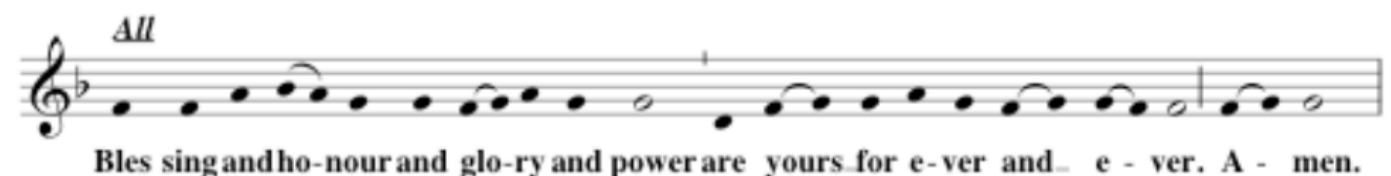


Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

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The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:

All



Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and e - ver. A - men.

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Celebrant

As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,
 Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
 as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
 from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.
For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

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 peace.

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin 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.**

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament.
All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

COMMUNION MOTET *Sung by the choir.*

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611) Maria wallt zum Heiligtum

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 187 Virgin born, we bow before thee

**Virgin born, we bow before thee:
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee:
Mary, Mother meek and mild.
Blessèd was she in her Child.
Blessèd was the breast that fed thee:
Blessèd was the hand that led thee;
Blessèd was the parent's eye
That watched thy slumbering infancy.**

**Blessèd she by all creation.
Who brought forth the world's salvation.
And blessèd they for ever blest.
Who love thee most and serve thee best.
Virgin born we bow before thee:
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee:
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her Child.**

Reginald Heber 1783-1826

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703) Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays)

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday
(Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday – 12noon
Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

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