

**Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 31st January
2021 Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome!

All Saint is an English speaking international
Anglican Church,
*A church which is, at all times and in all seasons,
committed to being a church of
Up (worship & prayer),
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).*

Today, the Presentation of Christ we focuses on
events when Christ as a 40 day old baby is taken
to Jerusalem. This Anglican Festival – also known
as the Purification of Mary – marks the official
end of Epiphany. The Gospel serves as a bridge –
the infant Jesus, the recognition of who he was,
and so continuing the themes of Christmas and
Epiphany. But also the words to Mary of her
suffering and of what Jesus ministry would bring
to Israel, points us to Lent and especially Holy
Week...

*In the brief silence we settle into prayer,
we re-centre our scattered senses upon the
presence of the Living God.*

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.



God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
O praise the name of the Lord!

Opening Song: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me
shall never walk in darkness but shall have the
light of life." Let us therefore bring our sins into
his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

Silence

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent
Have mercy upon you,
Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
And keep you in life eternal;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

Gloria in Excelsis

**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.**

**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 night has passed,
and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 24 Of David.

7 Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty –
he is the King of glory

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

NT : Malachi 2:17- 3:5

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Song: Be Still for the Presence

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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A Song of Praise (Epiphany)

This Canticle is also known as Glory and Honour from Rev 4 & 5 We say together.

**1 You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.**

**2 For you have created all things,
and by your will they have their being.**

**3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.**

**4 You have made them to be a kingdom
and priests serving our God,
and they will reign with you on earth.**

Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10

**To the One who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sermon

Post Sermon Song: Show your power (He is the Lord)

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ
the Son of God,
the One sent by the Father
to be the Saviour of the World.

**All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.



Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring to you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

All Amen

Collects

Almighty and Ever living God,
Clothed in majesty,
Whose beloved Son was 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.

All Amen.

Father, help me
live this coming week to the full,
being true to You, in every way.
Jesus, help me give myself away to others,
being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost,
proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.

All Amen.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
taught us.

All 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.

Going out as God's People

Announcements

Alpha. Begin first week of March. Last for two months. Weekly. March and April.

Prayer walking your streets. Pray for your houses and flats once a week.

Charitable Giving.

Light for Revelation to the Gentiles. God's desire to bring blessing to his whole world. Our **charitable giving** this month goes towards the work of Open Doors Netherlands – which seeks to support persecuted believers not just in their personal growth but as they seek to bring the light of Christ to others in their nations, even in places of severe persecution.

Similarly the work of Illyricum Movement is focused on planting new churches among the unreached in Albania. That will be our charitable giving focus next month.

Invite you to support both.

Lent. It begins on Wednesday 17th February. It is often seen as a time to give up things. But what can you take on over those 6 weeks, to help you grow again, to move off a plateau, or to grow further in?

Final Hymn: At the Cross (Love ran Red)

Blessing

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Fill you with radiance
And scatter the darkness from your path

Christ the Sun of Righteousness
Gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Christ the Dayspring from on high,
Draw near to guide your feet into the way of
peace.

And the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

We finish with praying the grace together...

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all this day and evermore.
Amen.**

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