

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,



Candlemas
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5 February 2023

Letter from Fr Peter Williams

Dear Friends,

It is good to be gathered here again, as schools return, workplaces reopen for the year, and routines are re-established. I hope that those of you who have had holidays have been refreshed, and those of you who haven't, will still have a break at some time.

Today we celebrate Candlemas, the fortieth day after Christmas, when according to the Gospel story, Joseph and Mary take their first-born son to be presented in the Temple, and Simeon recognises him as "the light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of God's people Israel." The light theme, which is so pervasive in the celebration of Christmas and its associated festivals, is undoubtedly more telling at this time in the Northern Hemisphere. But of course, the light is a universal symbol of all that challenges the darkness of much human experience, and speaks of the hope that there is in Jesus Christ and the Gospel he embodies and proclaims. It is that good news and hope that, with God's help, we proclaim and embody in the Liturgy, Sunday by Sunday, and in our lives the rest of the time.

The country celebrates Waitangi Day tomorrow. We are fortunate in Aotearoa-New Zealand that some people had the wisdom to frame and promote a Treaty between the indigenous peoples and the new European settlers, so early in our story. It gives us some bearings today when we have to face what we have become, and the chequered history that has brought us here. And we can be proud that it was the Christian leaders of the day who largely brokered the Treaty. Whatever the political issues of the Treaty are today, we can all honour it on our national day, as expressing a mutual intention of respect and justice towards each other.

May God bless you all,

Peter Williams

INDUCTION SERVICE FOR FATHER JORDAN GREATBATCH

The Wardens are pleased to announce that the Induction service for our new vicar, Father Jordan Greatbatch, will be held at S. Michael & All Angels Church, Christchurch on Tuesday 28 February at 7.00 pm. This will be followed by a light supper in the hall.

Online Services

facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch

Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

Parish Covid Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Peter Williams

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Organ: Eric Apperley and Paul Ellis

Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist

Noel Rawsthorne

Organ Voluntary: Vater unser im Himmelreich

JS Bach

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.

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

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth 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, we gather now in the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord. Here we shall recognise him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory.

The Blessing of the Candles

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon your light of revelation to the nations. Bless ✠ these candles and make them holy.

May we, who carry them to the praise of your glory, walk in the path of goodness and come to the light that shines for ever, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Whilst the candles are sprinkled the choir sing The Nunc Dimittis.

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.

The candles are lit.

Let us proceed in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: 55

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Gracious God, Christ your Son became human for us, and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin, and bring us into your presence. We ask this through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The candles are extinguished.

First Reading: (sit) Malachi 3:1-4

Robert Maclagan

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 24

R. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord, he is the king of glory.

1. Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is the king of glory?
It is the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle. **R.**
2. Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is the king of glory?
It is the Lord, the Lord of hosts who is the king of glory. **R.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14–18 Joshua Wilson Black

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.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The light to enlighten the Gentiles, and give glory to Israel, your people. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**The Lord bless you
Praise and Glory to God**

Gospel: Luke 2: 22–40 Simon Green

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon:

Fr Peter Williams

Affirmation of Faith:

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 fully human (*all genuflect or bow*). 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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 of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions:

Barbara Moreton

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**
At the Peace all may exchange a greeting with those near them.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory:

Brenda Withell and Mary Stevenson

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn:

Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distill the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

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

**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.**

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that Jesus, the sun of righteousness, may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask you in his name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son.

Today your Son, who shares your eternal splendour, was presented as a little child in the temple, and by your Holy Spirit he was revealed to your servants as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it;

this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;

your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen!

Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest. Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be. Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Daniels and Simon Green

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

**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 your peace.**

We too have seen your salvation.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Communion Motet: Light a candle of thanksgiving

Martin Setchell

Communion Hymn: 44

Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his 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.

Prayer after Communion:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die until he had been privileged to welcome the Messiah. May this communion prepare us to meet Christ, as he comes to bring us into everlasting life, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing: *The Priest gives the blessing.*

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn: New Zealand National Anthem

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi Mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa.

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple start
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

Organ Voluntary: Dialogue de le Grand Jeux

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

FROM THE WARDENS

Vergers Required—we are in need of new Vergers for weddings and events. This is a paid position. Please contact the either Jane Evans or Michael Graveston for information.

Parking- If coming into church during the week please use the Oxford Tce drop off Zone or the Parish parks in the Durham St carpark which are the one hard against our eastern church wall. Please ensure you have a parish parking permit displayed in your vehicle. To obtain one contact our parish administrator.

Property Committee—We are currently looking for volunteers to sit on our newly formed Property Committee. If you have administrative or maintenance knowledge in this area this would be helpful.

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

Needlework Group - Tuesday 7.00 pm at Joy Coulter's home. Contact: Ros Calvert 027 242 8282 for details.

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon everyone is invited to meditate for 20 minutes at home in a virtual group. Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

12 February 2023

8:00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr. Peter Williams
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Servers: **SD:** Rachel Watson **MC:** Robert Calvert **Th:** Lawrence Watson
Cr: Joshua Wilson **Black Ac:** Liam Moore, Simon Green
First Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20 Brenda Withell
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Sue Shannons
Gospel: Matthew 5: 31-37
Sermon: Fr. Peter Williams
Eucharist Ministers: Rachel Watson, Michael Graveston
Sides people: Tim Cranston, Vince Moreton
Intercessions: Jenny Daniels
Offertory: Jenny and Peter Daniels
Morning Tea: Carol Fraser, Judith McKaskell
Sacristan: Lawrence Watson
Sacristy: Shirley Richards
Flowers: Brenda Withell (in Memoriam Edward Moyle)
Evensong Readers: Fr. Ron Smith, Ros Calvert

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

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