

Welcome to
your Parish Church
in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

The Presentation of Christ Holy Communion Sunday 28th January 2024

We gather

If you are worshipping at home, have ready in an honoured place a portion of food and something to drink. It may be bread and wine or something else. Set your Bible alongside. You might light a candle.

Giving to All Saints: Please see the note at the end of this service sheet.

Music as we gather: [King of the ages, almighty God](#)

*King of the ages, almighty God, perfect love, ever just and true.
Who will not fear you and bring you praise?
All the nations will come to you.*

1. Your ways of love have won my heart, and brought me joy unending.
Your saving power at work in me, bringing peace and the hope of glory.
2. Your arms of love are reaching out to every soul that seeks you;
your light will shine in all the earth, bringing grace and a great salvation.
3. The day will come when you appear, and every eye shall see you.
Then we shall rise with hearts ablaze, with a song we will sing for ever.

(words & music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty, arr Andrew Wilson)

When the song ends we stand to sing:

1. A man there lived in Galilee like none who lived before,
for he alone from first to last our flesh unsullied wore;
a perfect life of perfect deeds once to the world was shown,
that people all might mark his steps and in them plant his own.

2. A man there died on Calvary above all others brave;
the human race he saved and blessed, himself he scorned to save.
No thought can gauge the weight of woe on him, the sinless, laid;
we only know that with his blood our ransom price was paid.

3. A man there reigns in glory now, divine, yet human still;
that human which is all divine death sought in vain to kill.
All pow'r is his; supreme he rules the realms of time and space;
yet still our human cares and needs find in his heart a place.

(words: Somerset Corry Lowry; music: Tyrolean melody, arr Richard Lloyd)

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

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

All: And also with you.

WELCOME, BANNS and NOTICES

We pray: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We seek forgiveness

CONFESSION

Deacon: Anticipating our Gospel reading, we confess our sins.

Silence

When our different nations and different generations do not listen
to each other, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

When in our earthly preoccupations we forget you are with us, and
do not listen out for to you, Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When sorrow turns to bitterness, so we no longer hear your
promises, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION *At home we pray for forgiveness. In church, the priest declares forgiveness for all, wherever we worship:*

Priest: *[May]* The God of love and power
who raised Jesus from the dead,
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Amen.

THE GLORIA

1. Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heavenly King;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

2. Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with him in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy;
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three in One!

We pray THE COLLECT for the Presentation of Christ

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 forever.
Amen.

BIBLE READINGS [Malachi 3:1-5](#) and [Hebrews 2:14-end](#)

HYMN

1. Faithful vigil ended, watching, waiting, cease;
Master, grant thy servant his discharge in peace.
2. All thy Spirit promised, all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it, perfectly fulfilled.
3. This thy great deliv'rance sets thy people free;
Christ, their light, uplifted all the nations see.

4. Christ, thy people's glory! watching, doubting, cease;
grant to us thy servants our discharge in peace.

(words & music: Timothy Dudley-Smith, based on Luke 2:29-32; music: Friedrich Silcher)

GOSPEL READING [Luke 2:22-40](#)

In church we stand and, when it is announced, we say:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *in Church is from David*

At home:

The name Simeon means "God has heard." It is striking how patience is demanded from such a figure as him. We can hear the relief and tiredness in his voice. He might have been asking 'If God has heard my longing for the "consolation of Israel," why am I waiting so long?'

The name Anna means "Gift." The description of her life, dominated by loss, may not seem to be a gift. Strikingly, Anna makes it a gift by defying loss and grief with determined thanksgiving and forward looking political vision, praying for her whole city.

From the grandeur of the Jerusalem Temple, where this little family honoured God for their first born, Mary and Joseph returned to the nondescript northern town of Nazareth. It was there that Jesus strength and wisdom grew, preparing him for ministry. We might give thanks for our Cathedral in the heart of the city and our local parish churches in every different neighbourhood, praying that we hold well both the grandeur and the ordinariness, the big picture and the local detail.

We affirm our faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We stand and at home, if able, we turn to look in the direction of Church, to affirm our faith:

Deacon: Remembering the holy family in the Temple, wanting to do the right thing, however odd the beginning of their journey had been, let us declare our Faith in God who came to affirm all our different shaped families:

**All: We believe in God the Father
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

(Cf Ephesians 3)

INTERCESSIONS *At home:*

*Pray that God will show us what Consolation might mean for the State of Israel today.
Pray that God will show the world what a blessing Israel could be for all nations.
After each petition you make, you might ask: "God, have you heard?"*

*Pray for any you know overshadowed by loss, bereavement or disappointment of any kind.
Pray for their spirits to be lifted; for them to find the company they need to help them look outwards and forwards. Give thanks for any you know whose grace in suffering or loss is an inspiration and blessing to you.*

Remember Nazareth was the place where Jesus' character and spirituality were nurtured and his working life was secretly spent for thirty years before his well documented ministry. Think of any neighbourhoods you think of as unpromising or dull. Pray for the nurture of vocations there and the flourishing of wisdom and strength of character. Pray for the church's continued provision of ministry and places of prayer in every kind of neighbourhood to be even-handed, as patient as Simeon and as hopeful as Anna.

Among those who are unwell, we remember Ros Deane, Kathy Farbrother, Tricia Howard and Adrian Koslowski.

Among those who have died, we remember Suzy Singh. Edna Freeman and Janet Tilley.

THE PEACE

Deacon: In the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. (cf Luke 1:78-9)
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN [Lord, the light of your love](#)

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

(words & music: Graham Kendrick)

The Table is prepared in Church. At home, now is the time to say the Lord's Prayer (below) and consume the food and drink you have prepared, first praying:

God, whose Spirit unites and inspires us, with this symbolic meal bind me into the fellowship of the world wide church, and assure me of my place in your heart. **Amen.**

We tell the story of God's faithfulness

In Church we stand, if able, for the Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: 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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. And now we give you thanks because, by appearing in the Temple, he comes near to us in judgement; the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the brightness of your splendour. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**All: 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ and, as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: As our Saviour taught us, so 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

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

All: Though we are many, we are one body.

For we all share in one bread.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you. Eat in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace. (x2)

We pause to remember all who pray at home, then share the bread and wine, now for us the body and blood of Christ.

CANTICLE *during Communion* Nunc dimittis

1. Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
2. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
3. 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.

(words: Luke 2:29-32; setting: Frederick A G Ouseley)

**We are sent out
Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with your Word
[and with the body and blood of Christ]. Strengthen us in
the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise
and glory. Amen.**

We give a wedding gift to Tariro and Brian.

THE BLESSING

*May Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill us with his grace to
trust his promises and obey his will and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and
remain with us always. Amen.*

HYMN [Love divine, all loves excelling](#)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore 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.

3. 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 heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

(words: Charles Wesley alt; music: William Penfro Rowlands)

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



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As we shall sing, all are welcome.

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