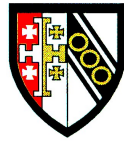


Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION 'CANDLEMAS'



Choral Eucharist with Procession
and Blessing of Candles

Sunday 28 January 2024 at 6pm

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The choral setting for the Eucharist is
Missa Bell 'amfitrit' altera by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

The candles which you light reveal to you the intelligible light. Just as the church, that house of great beauty, is full of light from many candles, so the house of your soul, which is more precious than that church, should be illumined and full of light in a noetic sense – that is to say, that within you all the spiritual virtues should burn with divine fire... The multitude of burning lamps signify the illumined thoughts which should shine within you like lamps, so that there should be no dark thought in the house of your soul, but that all should be aflame and shining with the light of the Holy spirit.

Simeon, the New Theologian (949-1022)

Cover image:

Historiated initial 'S' opening the Introit to the Mass for the Purification of the Virgin (Candlemas), '*Suscepimus, Deus, misericordiam in medio templi tui*', from a Gradual made for the Monastery of Santa Maria degli Angeli, Florence, c. 1370-75; Fitzwilliam Museum

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THE GATHERING

Please stand as the Choir and Clergy enter the Chapel:

¶ INTROIT **Maria waltz um Heiligtum**
music: Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)
words: Luke 2: 28-31

Maria wallt zum Heilig tum
und bringt ihr Kindlein dar,
das schaut der greise Simeon,
wie ihm verheißen war.
Da nimmt er Jesum in den Arm
und singt im Geiste froh:
Nun fahr' ich hin mit Freud,
dich, Heiland, sah ich heut,
du Trost von Israel, das Licht der Welt.

*Mary went to the temple
and brought her beloved child there,
who was seen by the aged Simeon,
as the prophets had foretold.
He took Jesus in his arms,
and joyfully sang:
Now I go forth with joy,
for today I have seen the Saviour,
comfort of Israel, light of the World.*

¶ OPENING SENTENCE AND GREETING

Minister Open me the gates of righteousness,
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. *Psalm 118:19*

Minister In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Minister The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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 recognised 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.

¶ PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Minister Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world.
He who follows me shall not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.'

Let us then bring our secret sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Minister 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.

Please remain standing.

¶ GLORIA (sung by the Choir)

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.*

Domine Fili Unigenite,
Jesu Christe, Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram
Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*O Lord, the only begotten Son,
Jesu Christ: O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord,
thou only art the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen*

¶ COLLECT

Minister Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ:

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ
was presented in the Temple
and acclaimed the glory of Israel
and the light of the nations:
grant that in him we may be presented to you
and in the world may reflect his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

Cantor 5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord (---):
and righteousness from the God of his sal-va-tion.

Full 6 This is the generation of them that seek him:
even of them that seek thy face O Ja-cob.

Cantor 7 Lift up your heads O ye gates, *
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors (---):
and the King of glo-ry shall come^in.

Full 8 Who is the King of glo-ry:
it is the Lord strong and mighty, * even the Lord migh-ty in bat-tle.

Cantor 9 Lift up your heads O ye gates, *
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors (---):
and the King of glo-ry shall come^in.

Full 10 Who is the King of glo-ry:
even the Lord of hosts, * he is the King of glo-ry.


Cantor Glory be to the Father and to the Son (---):
and to the Ho-ly^Ghost.

Full As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
world with-out end A-men.

Please stand.


¶ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cantor
2 Full



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Full



This child is the light to enlighten the na-tions: and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Repeat Alleluia Full

Please remain standing, and turn to face the gospeller.

¶ **THE GOSPEL** Luke 2:22-40

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 turtledoves 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 seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped 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.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit after the Gospel procession has returned to the sanctuary.

¶ NICENE CREED

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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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 of the world to come.
Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

¶ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader Let us pray to the Father through Christ
 who is our Light and Life.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
Look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy,

All Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world:
Look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.

Lord, have mercy,

All Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:
Look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

Lord, have mercy,

All Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:
Look in mercy on the departed, who see your salvation.

Lord, have mercy,

All Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:
Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy,

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna
and showed them the infant King.

Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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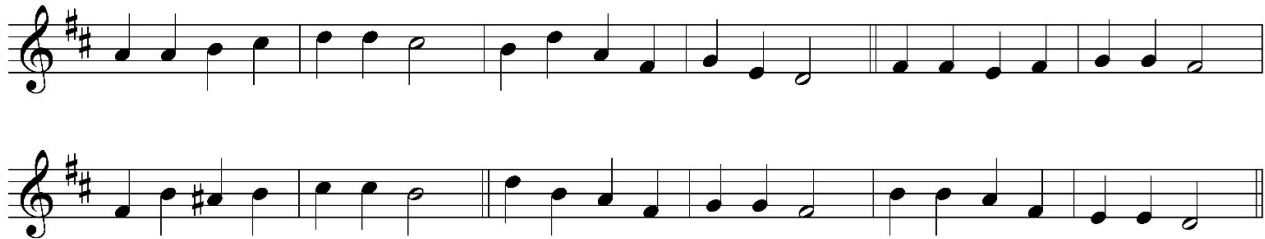
Please stand.

¶ THE PEACE

Minister In the tender mercy of our God
the dayspring 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.

All **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

¶ OFFERTORY HYMN Christ, whose glory fills the skies (NEH 234)



1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.	2 Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
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3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.


words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
music: RATISBON (1815)

¶ OFFERTORY PRAYERS

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

All **Amen.**


¶ THE PREFACE




V: The_ Lord be_ with you: R: And_ al - so_ with you.



V: Lift_ up your hearts._ R: We lift them to_ the Lord._



V: Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God.



R: It is right to give thanks and praise._

Minister Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son,
 Jesus Christ, your living Word,
 through whom you have created all things;
 who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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:

¶ **SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS** (sung by the Choir)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>God of power and might,</i>
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua:	<i>heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Benedictus,	<i>Blessed is he</i>
qui venit in nomine Domini:	<i>who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Please sit or kneel.

¶ **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Minister Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

¶ LORD'S PRAYER

Minister 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.

¶ THE FRACTION

Minister We break the bread of life,
 and that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
 bring us to light and life.**

¶ AGNUS DEI (sung by the Choir)

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. (x2)

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. (x2)*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

¶ THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

The Choir receives Communion first, followed by the congregation.

All Christians who have been baptised, who normally receive Holy Communion in their own Church and wish to do so here, are welcome to take Communion in Selwyn Chapel.

Please come forward to the altar rail to receive communion, which you are welcome to receive in one kind (bread only) or in both kinds (bread and wine). Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Anyone who does not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, is also asked to bring their service sheet to indicate their intention.

*To the words of distribution, the Communicant replies **Amen.***

¶ **MOTET** **Hodie Beata Virgo** (sung by the Choir during Communion)
music: Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)
words: Luke 2: 28-31

Hodie beata Virgo Maria
Puerum Jesum praesentavit in templo
et Simeon, repletus Spiritu Sancto,
accepit eum in ulnas suas,
et benedixit Deum, et dixit:
Nunc dimitis servum tuum in pace.

*Today the Blessed Virgin Mary
presented the child Jesus in the Temple;
and Simeon, full of the Holy Spirit,
took Him in his arms,
and blessed God, and said:
Now let your servant depart in peace*

¶ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Please stand.

Minister Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Please remain standing.

THE BLESSING OF CANDLES AND PROCESSION

The candles we will process with tonight, candles to be used in chapel over the course of the coming year, and battery candles for us to take back to our college rooms, are gathered in baskets at the altar to be blessed.

Minister Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
and sanctify + these candles by your grace
that we, who by their enkindled flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal temple where you live and reign,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Candles are distributed and lit as the choir sing the Nunc Dimittis, Simeon's song upon seeing the baby Jesus.

¶ THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung by the Choir)

words: Luke 2:29-32 (translation likely by the composer)

music: Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

Lord, let thy servant now depart in peace: according to thy promise.
For mine eyes have seen the Saviour sent from thee
Whom thou hast prepared: before the face of thy people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles: to be the glory of thy people of Israel.
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning and is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Always so be it, so be it.

During the singing of the next hymn, the ministers and acolytes lead the choir and congregation in procession round Old Court and back through the West Door. When we return to the chapel, we gather in the antechapel round the bowl used as the chapel font, which standing here symbolises our entrance into the life of Christ through baptism. (The choir will move back into the chapel to make room)

HYMN Of the Father's heart begotten (NEH 33)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music, all in treble clef and G major (indicated by three sharps: F#, C#, G#). The first four staves contain the main melody, and the fifth staff contains the final line of the melody with the lyrics 'Ev - er - more, and ev - er - more.' written below it. The music is written in a simple, clear style with notes and rests.

- 1 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.

- 2 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.

- 3 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.

- 4 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.
- 5 This is he, whom seer and sybil
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.
- 6 Let the storm and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord alone;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore.
- 7 Sing, ye heights of heav'n, 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.

words: Prudentius (348-413), tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)
music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM; melody from *Piae Caniones*, 1582;
verse 7 arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Standing round the font with candles lit, we join together in the final responsory.

¶ FINAL RESPONSORY

Minister Father, here we bring to an end
our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**All Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**All Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**All Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the Light of the world.

**All Help us, who now extinguish these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

All now extinguish their candles.

Here we now stand near the place of baptism.

**All Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**All Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**All Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

ORGAN Fuga sopra il Magnificat (BWV 733) – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please take a battery candle for your college room, and do join us for drinks
in the Old SCR after the service. Chapel Supper follows for those who have signed in.*