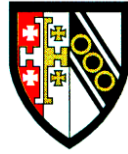


Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION 'CANDLEMAS'



Choral Eucharist with Procession and Blessing of Candles

Sunday 29 January 2023 at 6.00pm

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where it will remain available to view after the service:

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The choral setting for the Eucharist is Jonathan Dove's *Missa brevis*.

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)

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THE GATHERING

Please stand as the Choir and Clergy enter the Chapel:

INTROIT Ave maris stella

music: Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

words: Anonymous Medieval hymn

Ave, maris stella,
Dei mater alma,
atque semper virgo,
Felix cæli porta.

*Hail, star of the sea,
Nurturing Mother of God,
And ever Virgin
Happy gate of Heaven*

Solve vincla reis,
profer lumen cæcis,
mala nostra pelle,
bona cuncta posce.

*Loosen the chains of the guilty,
Send forth light to the blind,
Our evil do thou dispel,
Entreat (for us) all good things.*

Vitam præsta puram,
iter para tutum,
ut videntes Jesum
semper collætémur.

*Bestow a pure life,
Prepare a safe way:
That seeing Jesus,
We may ever rejoice.*

Sit laus Deo Patri,
summo Christo decus,
Spiritu Sancto
tribus honor unus. Amen.

*Praise be to God the Father,
To the Most High Christ be glory,
To the Holy Spirit
Be honour, to the Three equally. Amen.*

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.
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.

*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.
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3: 1-5

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 judgment; 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.

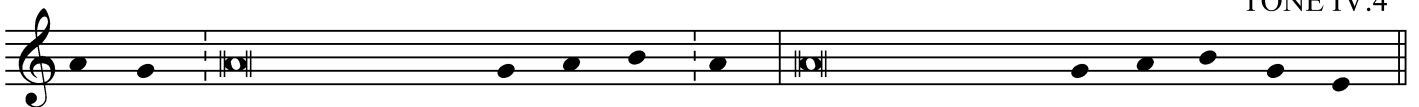
Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

PSALM 132: 1-11 *Memento, Domine*

TONE IV.4



Cantor 1 (---) Lord re-mem-ber Da-vid:
(---) and all his trouble;

Full 2 How he sware un-to the Lord (---):
and vowed a vow unto the Almigh-ty God of Ja-cob;

Cantor 3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house (---):
nor climb up in-to my bed;


Full 4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep nor mine eye-lids to slum-ber:
neither the temples of my head to take a-ny rest;

- Cantor* 5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord (---):
an habitation for the migh-ty God of Ja-cob.
- Full* 6 Lo we heard of the same at Eph-ra[^]ta:
(---) and found it in the[^]wood.
- Cantor* 7 We will go in-to his ta-ber[^]na[^]cle:
and fall low on our knees be-fore his foot-stool.
- Full* 8 Arise O Lord in-to thy rest-ing[^]place:
thou and the ark of thy strength.
- Cantor* 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righ-teous[^]ness:
and let thy saints sing with joy-ful[^]ness.
- Full* 10 For thy servant Da-vid's sake (---):
turn not away the presence of thine A-noin-ted.
- Cantor* 11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath un-to Da-vid:
and he shall not shrink from it;
- Full* Glory be to the Father and to the Son (---):
(---) and to the Ho-ly[^]Ghost.
- Cantor* As it was in the beginning is now and e-ver shall be:
world with-out end A-men.

Please stand.

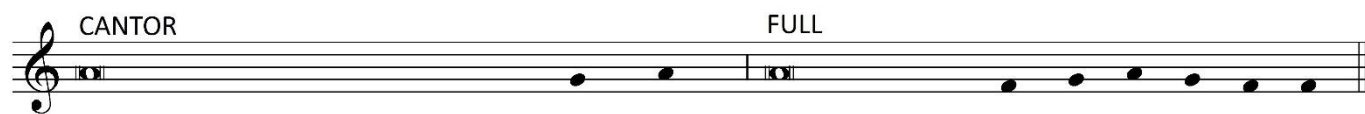
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

SERMON Rev'd Anna Matthews
Rector of St Bene't's, Cambridge

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, **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, **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, **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, **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, **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. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 Sing we of the blessed mother (NEH 185)



1
Sing we of the blessèd Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that Child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

2
Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

3
 Sing again the joys of Mary
 When she saw the risen Lord,
 And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
 Waited on his promised word:
 From on high the blazing glory
 Of the Spirit's presence came,
 Heavenly breath of God's own being,
 Manifest through wind and flame.

4
 Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
 When on earth her work was done,
 And the Lord of all creation
 Brought her to His heavenly home:
 Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
 Raised on high and crowned with grace,
 May your Son, the world's Redeemer,
 Grant us all to see his face.

words: G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

descant by Adrian Lucas (b. 1962)

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



The__ Lord be__ with__ you: and__ with thy__ spi - rit.



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.

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

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.

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

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

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 Lux aurumque

words: Charles Anthony Silvestri (b. 1965)

music: Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Lux,

Calida gravisque

pura velut aurum

Et canunt angeli molliter

modo natum.

Light,

Warm and heavy

as pure gold

And the angels sing softly

to the new-born babe

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

music: Amy Beach (1867-1944)

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.

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)

Ev - er - more, and ev - er - more.

- 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.**

Minister 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.**

Minister 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.**

Minister 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.

Minister 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.**

Minister 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.**

Minister 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 Mandorla – Judith Bingham (b. 1952)
(from *Altartavla*, a meditation on the Annunciation)

*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.*