



Parish Eucharist

for the feast of Candlemas

2 February 2025

10am



ST MARGARET'S
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's, Putney

St Margaret's is a diverse and friendly community in leafy West Putney. A space to meet God, to connect with others, celebrate life and find support when we need it most. We are building a vibrant community and making a positive change, through prayer, friendship, charity and care of the environment.

Our services and music are rooted in the traditions of the Church of England. We want church to be inclusive, thought-provoking and fun, and we strive to make God's Word relevant and connected to everyday life. People of all ages fully participate in Sunday Mornings and activities throughout the week.

Whether you want to be part of something bigger or need a quiet moment to yourself, there's a warm welcome waiting for you here at the heart of your community.

St Margaret's Putney. Reflect. Connect. Grow.

Welcome to St Margaret's. The church operates a hearing loop system. Please turn your hearing aid to the "T" position. Please take a moment before our service begins to pray. A voluntary and introit may be played.

As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Please stand to sing the hymn:

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord
who, from the beginning,
was the mighty Word.**

**In your hearts enthrone him,
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and pow'r.**

**Truly, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with the Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow
and our hearts confess him
king of glory now.**

*CAMBEREWELL
Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877
Michael Brierley b 1932*

The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Please be seated for the welcome.

Dear friends, 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 recognized 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.

Please stand to sing the Gloria.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may know
and share the light of Christ.
Lord Jesus Christ, light of the
nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your
God, and our God.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Malachi 3:1-5

A reading from the book of
the prophet Malachi.

I will send my messenger to
prepare the way for me. Then the
Lord you are looking for will
suddenly come to his Temple. The
messenger you long to see will
come and proclaim my covenant.
But who will be able to endure the
day when he comes? Who will be
able to survive when he appears?
He will be like strong soap, like a
fire that refines metal. He will come
to judge like one who refines and
purifies silver. As a metalworker
refines silver and gold, so the
LORD's messenger will purify the
priests, so that they will bring to the
LORD the right kind of offerings.
Then the offerings which the
people of Judah and Jerusalem
bring to the LORD will be pleasing
to him, as they used to be in the
past. The LORD Almighty says, "I
will appear among you to judge,
and I will testify at once against
those who practise magic, against
adulterers, against those who give
false testimony, those who cheat
employees out of their wages, and
those who take advantage of
widows, orphans, and foreigners —
against all who do not respect me.

the reader concludes:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

NOTTINGHAM

Frances Ridley Havergal 1838-1879
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791

Hebrews 2:14-end

A reading from the letter to
the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children
share flesh and blood, Christ
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.

The reader concludes:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel:

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia.

Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

The congregation sings:

All **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. 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 worshipped 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Gospel will be followed by a voluntary.

The Talk

Please be seated.

Let us stand to declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated.

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

The response is:

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

The intercessions conclude:

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

The Peace

The congregation stands.

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared.

The Collection

- *Please fill in a gift-aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer.*
- *Contactless Machines are available at the back of church if you wish to donate by card*
- *You can go straight to our secure giving page by scanning the QR code:*



Of the Father's love begotten,
 ere the worlds began to be,
 he is Alpha and Omega,
 he the source, the ending he,
 of the things that are, that have been,
 and the future years shall see,
 evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed,
 when the Virgin, full of grace,
 by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
 bare the Saviour of our race,
 and the babe, the world's redeemer,
 first revealed his sacred face,
 evermore and evermore.

O, ye heights of heaven, adore him;
 angel hosts his praises sing;
 powers, dominions, bow before him,
 and extol our God and King:
 let no tongue on earth be silent,
 every voice in concert ring,
 evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seers and sages
 sang of old with one accord;
 whom the writings of the prophets
 promised in their faithful word;
 now he shines, the long-expected:
 let creation praise its Lord,
 evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
 and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
 hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
 and unwearied praises be,
 honour, glory, and dominion,
 and eternal victory,
 evermore and evermore.

Prudentius 348-413, t. J.M. Neale 1818-1866

Prayer over the Gifts

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.

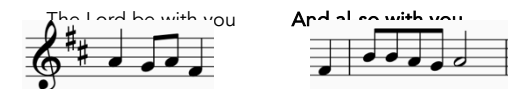
All things come from you,
 and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you

And al so 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.

The congregation is seated.

It is indeed right and good,
 always and everywhere to give
 you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ, who is one
 with you from all eternity. For on
 this day he appeared in the
 Temple in substance of our flesh
 to come near to us in judgement.

He searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the image of your splendour. Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption. Destined for the falling and rising of many, he was lifted high upon the cross and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your salvation and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
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.

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross. We proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. We look for the coming of your kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All

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:

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

Silence is held.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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.**

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

All **Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

The Communion

- *All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion.*
- *The sacrament is distributed from front and back of church. Please follow the sides-persons instructions.*
- *If you would like a blessing please bow your head to indicate this.*

An anthem may be sung.

Prayers after Communion

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.

The Notices are given.

The children prepare to light their candles. Please stand for the hymn, during which the clergy change from white to green vestments.

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, 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 every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more 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.**

**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 heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise!**

BLAENWERN

Charles Wesley 1707-88

William Rowlands 1860-1937

Candlemas Procession

The choir sing as candles are distributed:

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.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour that we, who by these kindling 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 forever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing of Candles

Father almighty, who created all things out of nothing, and by your command made wax from the labour of bees; we ask, you to bless and sanctify these candles, that we might use them in prayer, learning and service in honour of the light of the world, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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 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.**

A voluntary may be played.

