

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CARSHALTON

# HIGH MASS FOR CANDLEMAS



*President & Preacher: Fr David Fisher, Rector of Carshalton*

*Sumsion, Communion Service in F • Burgon, Nunc Dimittis*

**2 FEBRUARY 2025**

## A WARM WELCOME

to everyone this morning, whether you're an established worshipper, new, visiting or trying us out. God has been worshipped on this site since Saxon times and we continue the same ministry of worship, witness and pastoral care to the people of the Parish of Carshalton.

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Organ Prelude  
David Thorne, *Old 120<sup>th</sup>: Chorale Prelude*

***Please STAND as the sacristy bell rings, to sing the entrance hymn:***

# THE GATHERING

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!

WORDS: Charles Wesley 1707-88

TUNE *Blaenwern*, William Rowlands 1860-1937

We gather for worship in the name of ☩ the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy Spirit.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.  
**From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed  
in all the world.**

***The President adds other words of welcome and Sunday and Crypt Clubs leave, then:***

Brothers and sisters: 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 come now 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.

***The Deacon introduces the Prayers of Penitence:***

Hear the words of Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.’

Let us then bring our secret sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith, first keeping a moment of quiet reflection:

***SILENT PRAYER***

***The choir sings Kyrie Eleison:***

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

***We pray together:***

Lord God,  
**we have sinned against thee;  
we have done evil in thy sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to thy love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing**

**and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of thy salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The President pronounces the Absolution:***

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, ✠ forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

***The choir sings Gloria in Excelsis:***

*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 sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

In silence, we pray

***Silent prayer; then the President prays the Collect for the Day.***

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 for ever.  
**Amen.**

***Please SIT***

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Malachi.

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 judgement; 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.

*Malachi 3:1-5*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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

*Hebrews 2:14-end*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**STAND to sing the Gradual hymn:**

Faithful vigil ended,  
watching, waiting cease;  
Master, grant thy servant  
his discharge in peace.

All thy Spirit promised,  
all the Father willed;  
Now these eyes behold it  
perfectly fulfilled.

This thy great deliverance  
sets thy people free;  
Christ, their light, uplifted  
all the nations see.

Christ, thy people's glory!  
Watching, doubting, cease:  
Grant to us thy servants  
our discharge in peace.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b1926.

Tune: *Pastor Pastorum* F Silcher 1789-1860

**We sing the Gospel Acclamation, which heralds the Gospel:**



**The choir sings the verse:**

*Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature. Today the Blessed Virgin comes to be purified in accordance with the law. Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.*

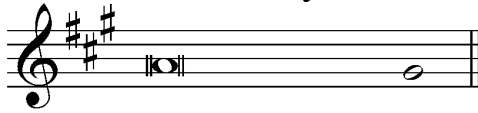
**We sing the Acclamation again:**



**Then:**

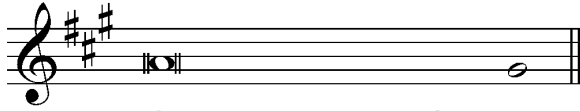


The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit.

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



Glory be to thee, 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 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.’

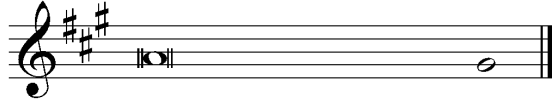
And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and 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 for 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.

*Luke 2:22-40*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

***An organ fanfare sounds in honour of the Gospel.***

***We pause briefly to reflect on what we've heard, then STAND to affirm our Faith:***

I believe in one God  
**the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look**

**for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

***The prayers of intercession follow:***

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

***After each bidding is used:***

Lord of glory,  
**hear our prayer.**

***The prayers end***

Father,  
we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels,  
the Magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph  
and all the faithful departed.  
In your unfailing love for us and for all people,  
hear and answer our prayers through your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

***Please STAND as the President introduces the Peace:***

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high has broken upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the ways of peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you;  
**and with thy spirit.**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's Peace.

*The Altar is prepared, during which we sing the Offertory hymn:*

**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.**

**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.**

**This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
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.**

**Let the storm and summer sunshine,  
gilding stream and sounding shore,  
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,**

day and night their Lord adore;  
Let creation join to laud thee  
through the ages evermore,  
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, 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, Latin, Prudentius, 348-413  
trans R F Davis 1866-1937

Tune, *Divinum Mysterium* Piae Cantiones 1582

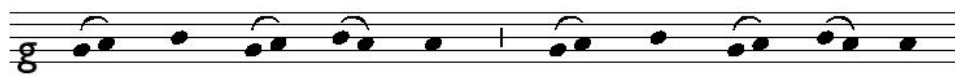
***The president takes the bread and wine and says:***

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.

**Amen.**

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

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**



The Lord be with you **R.** and with thy spi-rit.



Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them up un-to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.



**R. It is meet and right so to do.**

**The President continues the prayer, thanking God for all his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:**

(....and join their unending song of praise:)

**The choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus:**

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. ☩ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

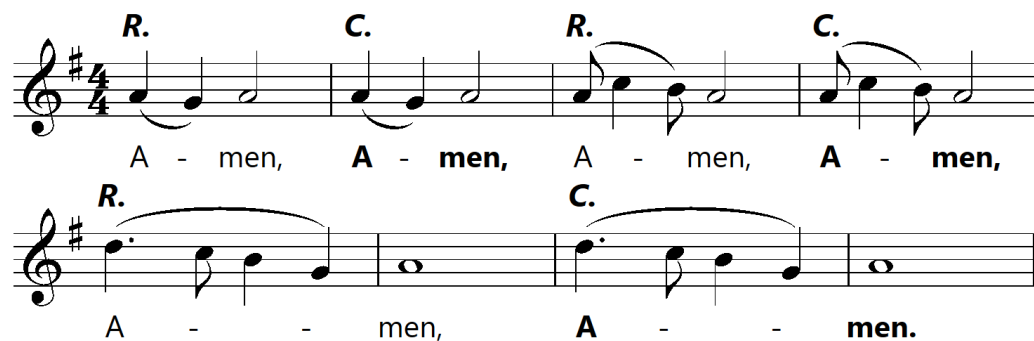
**The President continues the prayer, repeating the Lord's own words over the bread and wine and asks the Father to send the Spirit on them to sanctify them. Then:**

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

**The President continues the Eucharistic Prayer, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end:**

..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.



**Silent Prayer**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here amongst us, let us pray as our Saviour has taught us, in the language of our choice:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,...**

**Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt y nefoedd**

**Notre père, qui es aux cieux.....**

**하늘에 계신 우리 아버지....**

**Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel....**

**Nna-ayi, Nke bi n'elu-igwe....**

**The President breaks the consecrated bread for all to share:**

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

**The choir sings Agnus Dei:**

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

**The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

**All who are Baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion here. If you'd rather receive a blessing, do come forward, bringing this booklet with you. Please follow the direction of the stewards.**

**All taking part online are encouraged to make their Spiritual Communion:**

Lord Jesus Christ, grant, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**During the administration, the choir sings the following motets:**

*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.*

Words: Luke 2:29-31

Music: Geoffrey Burgon 1941-2010

***SILENT PRAYER when all have received Holy Communion; the President then prays the Post Communion Prayer:***

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.

**Amen.**

***Any notices follow & we hear from Sunday & Crypt Clubs. Please then STAND for the Blessing of the Candles. Please hold up your candle:***

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

You make our darkness to be light.

For with you is the well of life  
and in your light shall we see light.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***The president blesses the candles, saying***

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 city where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

***The congregation is invited to take the candle away and light it during the year, as a reminder of the Light of Christ in our lives.***



## THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

May God the Father,  
who led the Magi by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.  
**Amen.**

May God the Son,  
Who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.  
**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan,  
pour out his gifts on you  
who have come to the waters of new birth.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
this Candlemas and always.  
**Amen.**

***We sing the final hymn, during which the choir and altar party process to the Crib:***

**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.**

**At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed:**

**Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.**

Words, Caroline Noel 1817-77

Tune, *Evelyns*, W H Monk 1823-89

***We turn to face the Crib:***

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:  
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;  
help us, like them, to trust your word.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;  
may we be filled with the light of your love.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We stand near the place of new birth.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

***We turn and look up to face the Rood:***

We turn from the crib to the cross.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light.

**Let us shine with the light of his love. Thanks be to God.**

**Organ voluntary**

***Frank Bridge, Allegro con Spirito, from Three Pieces for Organ***

***Please do stay for refreshments,  
served in the north aisle!***

***Please take this booklet away with you.***

# Tonight

## 1830 : Choral Evensong for Candlemas

Responses: *Clucas*

Canticles: *Moeran in D*

Anthem: *Howells, O pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

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