



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
MALVERN**

**EUCCHARIST & MEDITATION
FOR THE
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**



5:00 p.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We say together:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

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.

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. Amen.

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the Celebrant 'collects' the silent prayer:

Almighty and everliving God,
we humbly pray that,
as your only Son was presented in the temple
in accordance with the law,
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

All stand.

Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

Alleluia

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit.

A brief reflection leads to a period of silent meditation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life.’

c.f. John 8:12

Silence is kept.

Let us therefore bring our 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.**

The Celebrant pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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 the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to share God's peace with those around them.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The gifts are set up on the altar and the Celebrant offers prayers, to which the people respond:

Amen.

The Celebrant then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

... we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the Celebrant breaks the bread, the following is said:

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.**

Together, we say:

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

The people and ministers receive the sacrament.

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand.

A prayer is offered by the Celebrant, which ends

Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces:

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

All Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

All Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

All Amen.

And the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

READINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 40:21–31

I Corinthians 9:16–23

Psalms 147:1–11

Mark 1:29–39