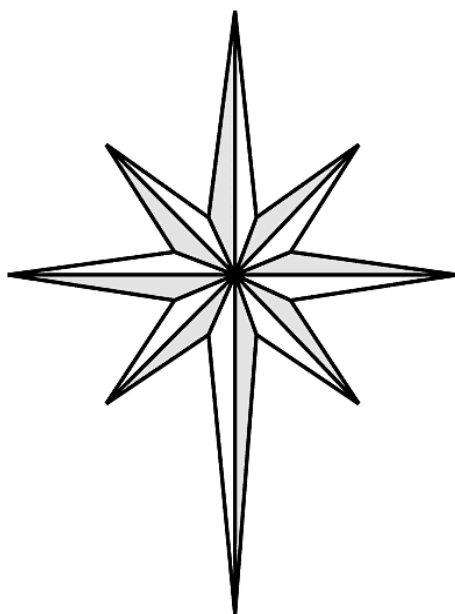


The Cathedral Church of St Paul Dundee



Sung Eucharist

for the feast of

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

28th January 2024 at 10.30 am

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

A warm welcome to all who are joining this service, whether here in the cathedral or online.

If you are new here or a visitor, please introduce yourself to one of the welcomers or the clergy.

This service is livestreamed at www.facebook.com/stpaulsdundee and will be available to watch there afterwards.

You are invited to join in the words printed in **bold type** in this order of service.

Directions for standing, sitting, and kneeling are given, but please feel free to do what is most comfortable for you during the service.

All are invited to receive communion at this service.

Welcomers will guide you when to go forward for communion or a blessing.

Communion is available in both kinds, the bread and the wine.

If you would prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the wine and return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers and communion by intinction are available.

Welcome stewards are on duty to help if you need any information.

- Please switch phones to silent or off.
- If you use a hearing aid, switch it to 'T' for direct access to the sound system.
- Toilets and baby changing facilities are through the side door to the rear of the left-hand aisle.

All are invited to remain for refreshments which will be served at the back of the cathedral after the service.

Other services at St Paul's Cathedral this week:

Thursday 1st February

1.00 pm

Monday-Thursday

8.30 am

Midweek Eucharist

Morning Prayer – also live-streamed
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THE GATHERING

Before the service begins, brief notices are given

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

STAND

text: text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (tune: Llanfair)

**In our darkness light has shone,
Alleluia,
still today the light shines on,
Alleluia,
Word made flesh in human birth,
Alleluia,
Light and Life of all the earth,
Alleluia!**

**Christ the Son incarnate see,
Alleluia,
by whom all things came to be,
Alleluia;
through the world his splendours shine,
Alleluia,
full of grace and truth divine,
Alleluia!**

**All who now in him believe,
Alleluia,
everlasting life receive,
Alleluia;
born of God and in God's care,
Alleluia,
we his name and nature share,
Alleluia!**

**Christ a child on earth appears,
Alleluia,
crown of all creation's years,
Alleluia;
God's eternal Word has come,
Alleluia,
he shall lead his people home,
Alleluia!**

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

REMAIN STANDING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who gave himself to bring salvation for all.
In the light of Christ,
let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA

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Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the high - est!



Glory to God! Glory to God, and peace to all people, all people on earth.

choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

all: **Glory to God...**

choir: 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.

all: **Glory to God...**

choir: 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.

all: **Glory to God...**

after refrain:



all: A - men, a - men, a - men.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

The congregation, still standing, remains for a short time in silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – *Malachi 3: 1-4*

SIT

Thus says the Lord God: 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.

PSALM 24

REMAIN SEATED

music: Israeli Folk Melody; arr't: John Ferguson

*Antiphon sung first by choir, thereafter by all;
verses sung by choir.*

antiphon



verses

See, all the earth is God's, its people and nations:
God built it on the deeps and laid the foundations.
Lift up...

Who can go up this mountain, who stand in praising?
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands upraising.
They shall receive forgiveness, and have God's blessing
if they will search for God, their saviour confessing.
Lift up...

Come, lift your voices high, be lifted to glory:
the saviour God approaches, come, shout the story.
Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty One, our God celebrating.
Lift up...

SECOND READING – Hebrews 2: 14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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.

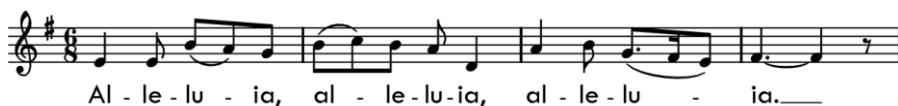
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND

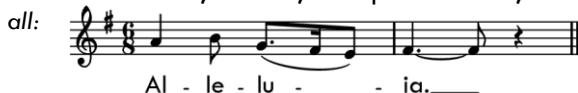
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Alleluia sung first by choir, thereafter by all.

We turn to face the Gospel book as it moves to the centre of the congregation



choir: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life,



choir: You have the words of everlasting life.

all: **Alleluia...**

GOSPEL READING – Luke 2: 22-40

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

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 Phanel, 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.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

all sing: **Alleluia...**

SERMON

SIT

The Very Revd Dr Elizabeth Thomson, Provost

After the sermon there is a brief silence for reflection.

The congregation stands when the president stands.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

STAND

**We believe in God
whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face
in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil
that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and full of doubt,
in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the Spirit of Love,
and in the company of the faithful
so to be the church,
for the glory of God.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SIT or KNEEL

PEACE

STAND

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

We share a sign of Peace with those around us.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN

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During this hymn, the offering is received; the bread & wine are brought to the altar.

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Christ be our light...

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Christ be our light...

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Christ be our light...

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

Christ be our light...

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
 through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
 which earth has given and human hands have made:
 it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
 through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
 fruit of the vine and work of human hands;
 it will become the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has two parts: 'Presider' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up_your hearts. We lift them to the'. The second staff also has two parts: 'Presider' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
 Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
 and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
 Day and night celebrate your glory
 till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son,
 you have revealed yourself to the world.
 By the guiding of a star,
 you made him known to the nations
 as the son of David and king of Israel;
 that in following him,
 we might be led from darkness
 and into his marvellous light.

Filled with the Spirit,
 who descended upon your Son at his Baptism in the Jordan,
 we who are baptised in his name
 strive for his heavenly kingdom
 in whose radiance we are transfigured
 and the earth is transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
 we offer you our praise,
 with angels and archangels
 and the whole company of heaven
 singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God_ of pow'r and
 God_ of might; heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your
 glo-ry, your pow'r and might. Ho - san - na, ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na in the high - est heav'ns. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est
 heav'ns. Blessed, blessed is he_ who comes, blessed, blessed is
 he_ who comes; blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord._ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est heav'ns. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est heav'ns.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased.

At his word, water became wine
and the hungry were filled with bread.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work
for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful God,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Presider
Through Jesus Christ our Lord: a - - men

Presider
with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spirit: a - - men

Presider
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages: a - - men.

All

All

All

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's presence here among us,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven. Hallowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your

will be done in earth as in hea-ven. Give us today our dai-ly bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin a - gainst us.



INVITATION

This is Christ's table to which all are invited.
Come, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

SIT or KNEEL

music: Harold Darke (Service in E)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

COMMUNION

All are invited to receive.
Please come forward as guided by the stewards.
If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands clasped.
At the giving of the bread and the wine, we respond:
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

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Refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by all; verses sung by choir



verses

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.

Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours.

Take in the light that will never dim,
taste the life that is stronger than death.
Come to the One who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more.

Dwell in the One who now dwells in you;
make your home in the life-giving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard.

ANTHEM

text: Ian Fraser; music: John L Bell

'Take, Lord, and fold my life away;
its purpose is fulfilled.
I clasp, expressed in mortal clay,
all that your love has willed:
this babe reveals your costly grace
to Israel and the human race.'

May we, like Simeon, receive
this new reality;
and, living by it, now believe
Christ came to set folk free,
till kingdoms of the earth appear
marked by God's rule and presence here.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

SENTENCE

STAND

Blessed be God:
Creator of light and life.

SONG OF SIMEON

The candles are lit as the choir sing the Nunc Dimittis.

Christ is the light of the nations,
and the glory of Israel his people.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace
according to your promise.
For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have for all nations.
The light to lighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel your people.
Christ is the light of the nations,
and the glory of Israel his people.

PRAYER

Here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.
**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.
**Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.
**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.
Help us never to forsake the light of Christ.

CLOSING HYMN

text: Delores Dufner, OSB (tune: Monklands)

**Long awaited Holy One,
Simeon hailed you as God's Son.
Anna welcomed you with praise,
glad fulfilment of her days.**

**Light of all the nations, shine!
Show to us who wait a sign.
God on earth, our host and guest,
be in flesh made manifest.**

**Radiance of God's holy face,
shine your love in every place.
Splendour of God's glory bright,
lead us to eternal light.**

BLESSING

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

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

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

And the blessing of God,
Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*All are invited to remain for coffee/tea/juice which will be served at the
back of the cathedral.*

