



**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE,
1st February 2026
10:00 a.m.**

Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

CANDLEMAS – 40 DAYS ON FROM CHRISTMAS

As we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord today, we mark this turning point in the church's year from Christmas towards Easter and Lent will commence on 18th February – so not long.

On Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 7.30pm. During the Wednesdays in Lent there will be an additional Mass each Wednesday using the Iona service at 7.30pm with a short reflection.

When ashes are imposed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of our humanness and the power of God who made us in His image and likeness (Genesis 1.26-27). Ash Wednesday is an important day in our Christian calendar for it ushers us into the forty days of fasting and praying as we seek the face of the Lord! In the reading from Isaiah, God has given us the template of the type of fasting He chooses which is: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke. To share bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house, to cover the naked... (vv. 6-7). This to me is the sum total of our faith which should be the heartbeat of the missional church! I like to understand Lent as both penitential and a time of recreation.

Fr. Ray

INTROIT HYMN, AM 2. Christ whose glory fills the sky SENTENCE.

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

1ST READING, Malachi 3.1-4

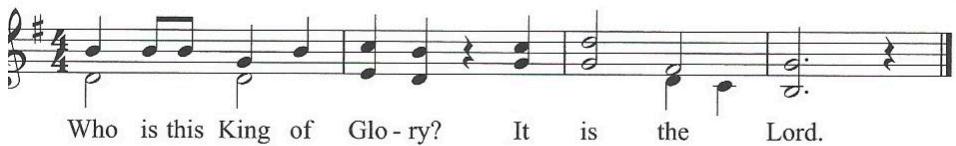
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he 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. * ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 24.7-10

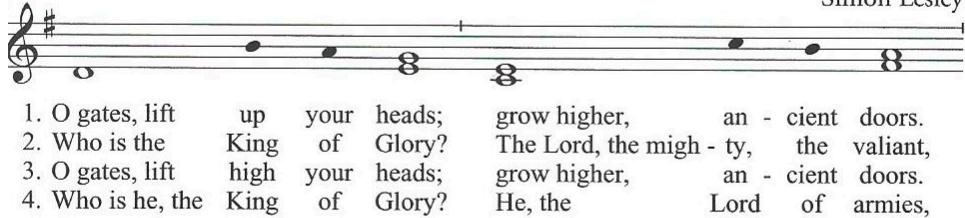
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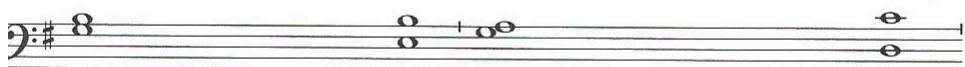
Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord.



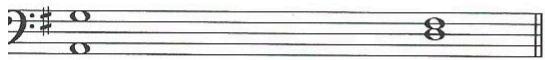
Simon Lesley



1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
2. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
4. Who is he, the King of Glory? He, the Lord of armies,



1. Let him enter, the King of Glory!
2. the Lord, the valiant in war.
3. Let him enter, the King of Glory!
4. he is the King of Glory!



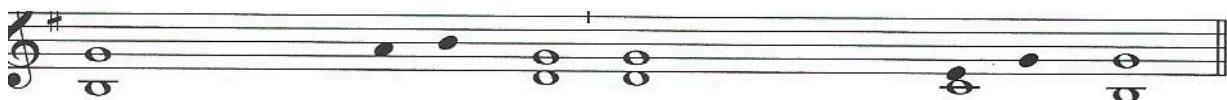
SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14-18

14 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,¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.¹⁷ 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.¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



The light to enligh - ten the Gentiles and give glory to Isra - el, your people.



Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

☒ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 2.22-40

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they 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 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.

INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD: Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Congo Venezuela and Ukraine for the Jewish community for the Richmond Churches Food and for all organizations that provide safety and relief during this summer season and all those in need.

FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE Bruce, Sharon, Carol, Jack, Nanette and Liam, Craig, Helen,

FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS, Keith Reynolds, George Lucas, Ross Livermore, Lillian Brown, Wolfred Thornton, Ronald Bosley, Victor Hurst, Miriam Griffin, Buzz Reinwald.

Offertory Hymn: AM 99 Hail to the Lord Anointed

Recessional Hymn: AM 475 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

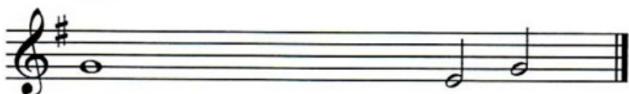
ANGELUS

Priest



The angel of the Lord
brought tidings to Ma - ry

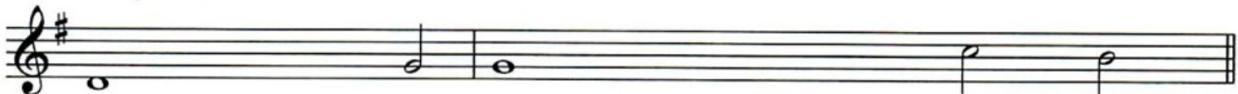
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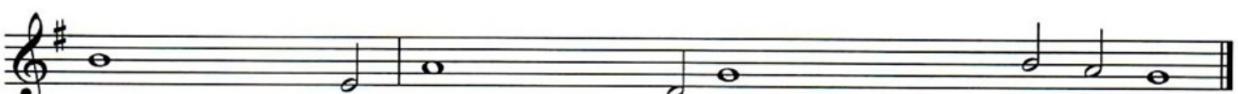
And she conceived by the Holy Spir-it

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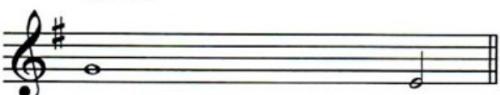


Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you
Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb, Je - sus.



Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. A - men.

Priest



Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.

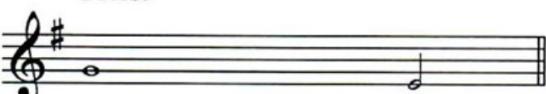
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Be it unto me according to your word.

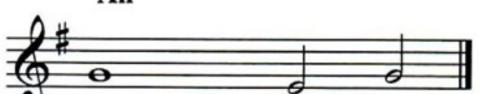
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Priest



And the Word became flesh.

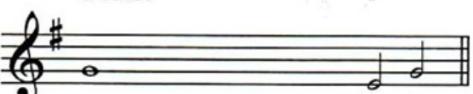
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And dwelt a - mong us.

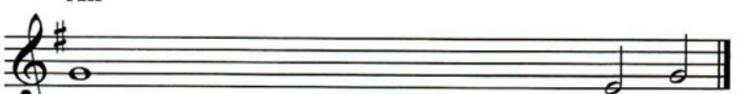
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Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

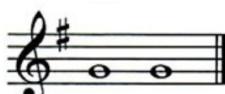
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That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

THE COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel,
+ so by his cross and passion,
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, God, to the ages of ages.



A - men

*The priest and liturgical ministers leave the church
during a Recessional played on the organ.*

ROSTERS

	1st February	8th February
1st Reading	Jenny Scott	Greg Scott
2nd Reading	Evan Costello	Kathy Kozlowski
Intercessions	Prue Borthwick	Martyn Smith
Euch. Assist	Kim Ricketts	Sarah Harrison
Welcomers	Megan Harrison Ann Czech	Martyn Smith Ann Czech
Hospitality	Evan Costello Helen McDonald	Michael McGirr Jenny Scott

5th February Thursday 10am Eucharist

Lent is not far away. Ash Wednesday 18th February

Evening mass at 7.30pm

Centenary committee 8th Feb @11.30am

Parish Council 19th Feb @ 7.30pm



**O God
of whispered voice
and murmured peace,
be with me this day
amidst the din of division,
the cacophony of confusion,
and the fervor of fear
that threatens to overwhelm.
Help me in the chaos to listen
for Your still small voice of calm;
for you still the storm
and tame the tempest.
Be with me this day.**

Amen.

Bishop Deon K. Johnson