



# Holy Trinity Geneva

## Candlemas

The presentation of Christ in the Temple  
Book of Common Prayer Eucharist  
8.45am Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025



### LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by the priest alone*

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these  
thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

## **COLLECT**

Let us pray,

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST LESSON**

**Malachi 3:1-5**

*We sit. The reader says:*

The First Lesson is taken from the 3rd chapter of the book of Malachi, starting at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

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.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

## HYMN

NEH 295

*We stand*

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood:  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Alleluya, Lord most high!

## Psalm 24

*We sit to say the psalm antiphonally*

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 **For he has founded it upon the seas  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 **'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie;**
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 **Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 **'Who is the King of glory?'**  
**'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

*Picardy*

*French carol, Méloides 1887*

*Liturgy of St James*

*Tr G Moultrie (1825-1889)*

## 10 'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.'

### EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-end

*We sit. The reader says:*

The Epistle is taken from the second chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the 14<sup>th</sup> verse:

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.

Here endeth the Epistle.

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

*We stand. The reader says:*

The holy Gospel is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse:

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

#### **SERMON - Revd Glen Ruffle**

*We sit*

#### **NICENE CREED**

*We stand*

**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 and 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 in 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.**

### **OFFERTORY**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

*The priest places the bread and wine upon the table.*

### **INTERCESSIONS**

*We sit or kneel. Brief biddings may be given.*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Charles our King, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

### **CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE COMFORTABLE WORDS**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3. 16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If anyone sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

*1 John 2. 1,2*

## **PREFACE**

*We stand*

The Lord be with you

**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made**



there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

*Here the priest is to take the paten.*

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

*Here the priest shall break the bread.*

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

*Here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread.*

this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;

*Here the priest is to take the cup.*

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of this;

*Here the priest is to lay a hand on every vessel in which there is wine to be consecrated.*

for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom, in the unity of

the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. Amen.

**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.**

### **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*We invite you to come and to receive Communion, receiving the host from the priest and, if you wish, the wine from the chalice bearer. Please consume the host before you receive the wine and do not dip it in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms. If you are accustomed to receiving Communion in any church, you are welcome to do so with us today.*

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his Blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*We sit or kneel*

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hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
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And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy

everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

## **GLORIA**

*Except during the seasons of Lent and Advent, we stand to say*

**Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill 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 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 are the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

**NEH 44**

1 Faithful vigil ended,  
Watching, waiting cease;  
Master, grant thy servant  
His discharge in peace.

3 This thy great deliverance  
Sets thy people free;  
Christ, their light, uplifted  
All the nations see.

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

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

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Glenfinlas*

*K Finlay (1882-1974)*

*T Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

**Music after the service**

## Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Liz Kernen, Jonathan Bezzola, David Omumbwa, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellerier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

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