

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE. - 2 FEBRUARY 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

A very warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for our worship service this morning.



INTROIT HYMN: SOF 290 Jesus is Lord

GREETING AND WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Praise the Lord
Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be his name, now and for ever.

**Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his 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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Song of Simeon

**Lord now you let your servant go in peace:
Your Word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation:
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.**

**A light to reveal you to the nations:
And the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
And to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning:
Is now and will be for ever.**

Amen.

PENITENCE

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments depend all the law and prophets.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins (firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour).

(Silence may be kept)

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.
Amen**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

Almighty Father your son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and was acclaimed the Glory of Israel and the Light of the nations. Grant that through him we may be presented to you and reflect his glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Lord our God, thank you for calling St Augustine's to be your church in our city. Help us to welcome you in all people, to praise you in prayer and worship, to love you, through serving this parish and the community, to travel and grow in faith together, to be a community of love and service in our world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

God of grace and God of love, we thank you for these our children. Help them to focus their hearts and minds now on what they are about to learn. Inspire and guide our Sunday school teachers as they teach and lead these children in the way of your love and grace. Thank you for your faithfulness and loving kindness. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4.

PSALM: 84

How lovely is your dwelling place:
O Lord God of hosts.

**My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a home and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young
Even your altar O Lord of hosts my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house:

They will always be praising you.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in you:
In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**Who going through the valley of dryness finds there a spring from which to drink:
Till the Autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.**

They go from strength to strength:
They appear every one of them before the God of gods in Zion.

**O Lord of hosts hear my prayer:
Give ear O God of Jacob.**

Behold O God him who reigns over us:
And look upon the face of your anointed.

**One day in your courts is better than a thousand:
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents
of ungodliness.**

For the Lord God is a rampart and a shield; the Lord gives favour and honour:
And no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.

**O Lord God of hosts:
Blessed is the man who puts his trust in you.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning:
Is now and will be for ever.**

Amen.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18.

GRADUAL HYMN: MP 165 Give me a heart

THE GOSPEL: St. Luke 2:22-40

NICENE CREED (APB p 108)

**We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only Son of God
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SERMON

THE PRAYERS – FORM D.

THE PEACE

For the Lord God is a rampart and a shield; the Lord gives favour and honour (Psalm 84:11)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Peace be with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: SOF 303 Jesus stand among us.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of
your own do we give you. Amen**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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. For us it becomes 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. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever

THE EPIHANY EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give God thanks and praise

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation, to you be the glory and praise for ever! From the beginning you have created all things, and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. You make us in your image to reflect your glory into your world. You give us breath and speech that with all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own.

You taught them to hope for salvation, the joy of every longing heart. From them you raised up Jesus, our Saviour, the living bread, in whom all hungers are satisfied. He was born in the poverty of a stable to make known the riches of your kingdom. His birth was made known to the shepherds from the hills, and strangers from the East journeyed to bear witness that he was to bring good news to all people.

In the upper room with his friends on the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.' At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said, 'Take this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness

of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith

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

Holy God, we plead with confidence Christ's sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory and we rejoice that he prays for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts from your own creation; that they may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we break this bread and share this cup may we know the presence of your Word made flesh and be nourished to carry the message of salvation to all the world. By him, with him and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven we worship you, Almighty God, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (Afrikaans)

**Ons vader wat woon in die hemel, geheilig sy u Naam,
Laat u ryk kom, u wil geskied,
soos in die hemel so ook op die aarde.
Gee ons vandag ons dag se brood
en vergeef ons al ons skulde, net soos ons vergewe die wat teen ons sondig.
Laat kom ons nie in die versoeking, maar verlos ons van die Bose.
Want U is die ryk en die sterkte en die ere,
vir ewig en ewig, amen.
Vir ewig en ewig,
Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

**We, who are many, are one body
for we all partake of the one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

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