



St Peter's
Hammersmith

2nd February 2025
(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

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10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

Priests: Revd. Sarah Lenton (8am), The Ven. Stephan Welch
Senior steward: Richard Shaw
Stewards: Joanna Woods, Mike Illingworth
Chalice: Simon Brooke
Reader: Follet Balch, Paul Brett
Intercessions: MP Moine
Coffee: Fiona Fox, Janie Pickard, Libby Balch
Flowers: Joanna Woods, Sara Kaprelian

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We ask God for healing and forgiveness

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, and word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The priest pronounces the Absolution, and we sing the Gloria

**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.**

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Malachi 3:1-5

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:22-40

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 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 to you, O Christ.

We sit for at the sermon, and stand to affirm our faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world ?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed humanity ?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God ?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We sit or kneel for intercessions, for which the following response may be used

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And at the end,

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand for the peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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Eucharistic 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 thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and all respond:

**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 priest recalls the Last Supper, with the acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond:

Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The congregation are invited to communion with the words

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Those who wish to receive the wine as well as the wafer are asked to do so through intinction
(that is, dipping the wafer into the wine) rather than drinking directly from the chalice.*

During communion, the choir sing the anthem 'Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee' (E. Bairstow)

HYMN 388	Jesus Shall Reign
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After all have received, the priest prays the post communion prayer, and we say together

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

We remain seated for notices, and stand for the blessing

HYMN 408	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Next Sunday: February 9th

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION
9 am	FAMILY WORSHIP
10.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION

EVENING PRAYER, tonight 6.30 pm (Psalm 132; Haggai 2:1-9; Romans 12:1-5)

MANY THANKS to Revd. Sarah Lenton and our dear ex-vicar, The Ven. Stephan Welch for leading today's worship as Charles begins his study leave. Next week we look forward to welcoming them both back again!

THE VICAR'S VLOG. It hasn't changed - but if you missed it last week.... Keep up with Charles's sabbatical travels via his YouTube Vlog accessible via <https://stpetersw6.org/>

CHILDREN'S FILM AFTERNOON. Sunday 2nd Feb, 3.30pm. Please join in the fun at St Peter's and come and watch **Sing!** with your friends. Dress up as your favourite character! £2 including popcorn. 3.30pm - one parent to stay.

WOMEN LUNCHING will be at The Elder Press Café next time on Thursday 13th February at 12.30 pm. Looking forward to seeing all of you who can come and join us. Any questions, do please contact Ruth Hawkins on 07899 747044

SUNDAY SUPPERS provides hot meals to the homeless, and those experiencing food poverty, every Sunday evening at Rivercourt Methodist Church. To help, contact Vicky Lawrence (07939 083466). We're again collecting warm clothing and sturdy footwear for our guests (bring donations to St Peter's).

THE MIRROR CRACK'D by Agatha Christie (starring Alison DuCane as Miss Marple!) Friday 7th to Saturday 15th February 7.45 pm (no Sunday show) Tickets £14 (£10 for members) via www.BromleyLittleTheatre.org

BLACK LION FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATES!

St Peter's Church will host the newly launched Black Lion Festival. Comprised of three varied concerts, across three days, our hope is the Black Lion Festival caters, for the thriving and diverse community at St Peter's and welcomes new faces into the church.

9th May: Beethoven / Liszt - Symphony no. 9. Stefan Cassomenos - piano

10th May: Faure's Requiem - St Peter's Choir & West London Chamber Choir

11th May: Kinder Prom - Prokofiev's, Peter & The Wolf (Cirrus Quartet)

JS BACH - THE BRANDENBURG CONCERTOS. Chiswick Chamber Orchestra performing on 2nd and 16th Feb at St Michael & All Angels. For more info and tickets £12-£25 go to www.chiswickchamberorchestra.org.

Please note that the **VICAR WILL BE ON STUDY LEAVE** until 13th April. In the first instance, contact the church wardens or the parish office with any inquiries.