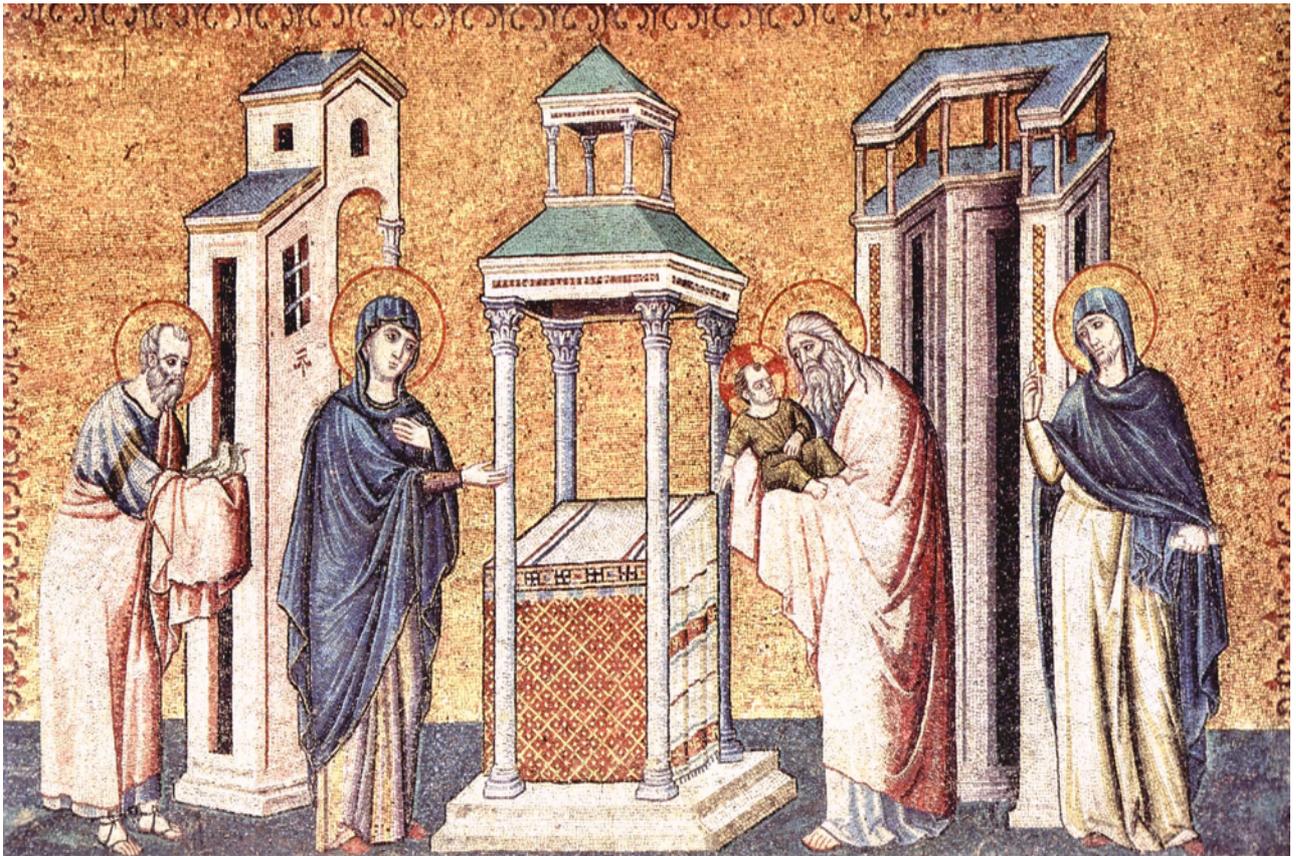




The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
2nd February 2014
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Hymns: 275, 44, 279, 246



Presentation of Christ in the Temple [Pietro Cavallini, about 1298]

Introit Hymn

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

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.

Luke 2.30-32

THE COLLECT

Christ our cornerstone, you were recognised at your presentation in the temple as a sign of hope for the world, but also as a stumbling-block for many: help us so to present ourselves for your service, that, in sharing your scandal, we may become a people acceptable to you. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Malachi 3. 1-4

A reading from the book of prophet Malachi

‘I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,’ says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 84

Response

Alan Rees

v. 1 How love - ly is your dwel - ling place, O Lord of hosts!



Response: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord 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 house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God./R

Blessed are they who dwell in your house:

they will always be praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.
They will go from strength to strength
and appear before God in Zion./R

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness./R

For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
O Lord God of hosts,
blessed are those who put their trust in you./R

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2. 14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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My eyes have seen | your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence | of all peoples.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph 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.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God of steadfast love, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, saving people everywhere from sin and death. In faithfulness his parents presented Jesus at the temple, and Anna gave thanks for the freedom he would bring, and Simeon saw in him the dawn of redemption; so then complete your purpose once made known in him. Make us the vessels of his light, that all the world may glory in the splendour of your peace.

God of light and hope: **hear our prayer.**

God of all mercy, we give thank for your beautiful and bountiful creation that we call our home; we pray for all who work to protect it and keep us mindful of how we squander its resources. We continue our prayer for all people in areas of war; for all who suffer persecution and privation; for all who have responsibility of government in this and other lands, that corruption and exploitation be exposed and redressed; may compassion shatter the darkness of inhumanity; humility conquer arrogance; and where there is foolishness give us wisdom. We pray for a resolution in the negotiation over Syria; we give thanks for the cessation of hostilities in Sudan and pray for peaceful resolutions of ongoing issues; for the people of Thailand and the Ukraine as they seek to resolve political differences.

God of light and hope: **hear our prayer.**

God of all love, we give you thanks for all who sustain us with their love and care; for children and the families in which they are nurtured; for those children wounded by abuse, violence and neglect; may the light of Christ shine in their lives to bring promise of hope and healing, and we pray for all who exploit children and young people; we continue to pray for those dealing with the aftermath of bush fire and disasters and those suffering the heat wave.

God of light and hope: **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we pray the Church be strong in its proclamation of the light and love of Christ to all; for all who tend to the affairs of the church; for John our Bishop; our parish that we may show forth the light of Christ in our lives so that others may be drawn to your ways of justice and peace.

God of light and hope: **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion; we give thanks for all who lighten the burdens of others through their care and love; pray for all who live with pain grief loneliness and hopelessness, for the sick and those who care for them; in the darkness of pain bring comfort; where there is despair, give hope, where there is grief and sadness give consolation, and may we be a channel of your peace and love. We pray for those in need and in particular for those who have requested prayer;

Request for prayer from: *Chris Schafer, Tom Scrivens, Glen Turnbull, Darren Winfield, Norma Hedley, Justin Quigg, Kelly Quigg, Karen Goodger, Michael Farrell, David Parsons, Nicole, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Lyn Ryan, Linda, Bruce Mitchell, Fr Michael Nelson, Mark Bennetts, Mandy, Seth Gunther, Cliff & Gwenda Stomann, Tom, Sandra & Bianca Davidson, Peter Cannon.*

God of light and hope: **hear our prayer.**

God of all faithfulness, we give thanks for your faithful servants of every age; for Simeon and Anna and for all holy men and women whose lives have shone with the radiance of your light. We pray for the repose of the recently departed, and

for those who died in the 2009 bush fires, and for others who years mind occurs at this time. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

God of light and hope: **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: you have made your home among; us hear us as pray for ourselves may we in you find all life and holiness. We gather our prayers in the words our Lord taught us; **Our Father ... [pg. 124]**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: 2nd Douglas Schofield (priest); 3rd Jennifer Hedley; 4th Geoffrey Booth, Ken Payne; 5th Sal Winnell, Patricia Deuchar; 6th Reginald Hearn Jessie Smith.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 3rd First Anglican service at Sydney Cove 1788; 4th Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d. 865); 5th Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d. 1597).

Reflections on the Readings

There are four threads to our readings today. Several Old Testament prophets had foretold how the temple's greatest glory was reserved for the day when the Messiah appeared in its sacred precincts and revealed himself. Their oracles are now fulfilled. In our Gospel reading Jesus enters the temple for the first time and in years to come he will be proclaimed as Messiah and the Son of God. On this day the infant Jesus is brought to the temple and offered to God in keeping with the Mosaic Law; he was to be brought to the temple and "redeemed" by an offering of two pigeons. Further in keeping with Mosaic Law Mary offers her purificatory sacrifice. In the Jewish tradition, a woman is considered "unclean" for 40 days after the birth of a boy. Only after that time has lapsed is she welcomed back into the Temple with her new son; that is when all threat of infant mortality had largely passed Mary offers thanksgiving for the birth of her child. In imitation and in remembrance the Church practiced the Churching of Women which was a liturgical blessing given to mothers after childbirth. At the temple there were two honoured figures, the aged Simeon and priestess Anna! Through many, many years Simeon had desired the Messiah's coming. There is nothing more he wants from life. He recognises the infant Jesus as Redeemer and he is overcome with gratitude and pours out from his soul the night prayer of his life: "Now, Lord, you may dismiss your servant in peace." He and Anna die soon after. The beautiful canticle, the Nunc Dimittis, has been incorporated into the Church's night prayer of Compline, where it serves as an expression of thanksgiving for the graces and blessings of another day of redemption. The fourth aspect is the tradition that originated in the 5th Century and continues in some denominations particularly the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and

some Anglican traditions. Candlemas is a day for blessing the candles that will be used during the next year. It's also the day when some people remove their Christmas decorations. The festival of Candlemas used to mark the closing of the Christmas cycle; in the revised calendar, the Christmas season finishes with the Baptism of our Lord, and Candlemas is largely unobserved in Anglicanism.

Notices

Retiring Collections & Appeals - Please continue to support the Bishop's NSW Bushfire Appeal, the ABM Philippines Appeal & South Sudan Appeal.

Rector at Diocesan Summer School Monday - Wednesday this week. Please contact the Warden for urgent pastoral issues. The Property Committee meeting is postponed to 7.30pm Wednesday 12 February @ Christ Church.

Parish Directory: The latest version (yellow cover) of the Parish Directory has been distributed. This will be a draft copy only - any name and contact details not included or need to be corrected, please contact Caroline Burge.

Parish Photos and Articles: To cover the whole parish on our Website, Facebook page and articles for the Advocate, it would be lovely to have someone from each centre to take photos and write articles (or give information) about any newsworthy occasion. If you would like to help out with this or want further information or clarification, please see Caroline.

Request for prayer list - the list is to be reviewed for next Sunday and names will be removed unless requests are received to keep names on the list. A person must have given consent for any name to be listed. Please inform Fr Kim or the Wardens.

Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of Parishioners Sunday 9th March. There will be one service at 10am at St Matthews Broadford followed by the meeting and lunch in Gavan Hall. Annual Reports, Adoption of the Budget, Election of Parish Council, Synod representative & supplementaries, and Parish Nominators. Nomination forms will be available next Sunday.

Church4Kids - will recommence on the last Sunday in February. Church4Kids is geared towards children of any age and provides a safe space to learn about being a Christian whilst having fun and ending with a free BBQ. Music, storytelling, activities, games and opportunity to make new friends. 5.00-6.30pm 4th Sunday at Christ Church, Kilmore.

Direct Debit Offerings - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649.

Parish life this week

First week of February

Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th - Rector at Diocesan Summer School - Melbourne

Wednesday 5th February Property Committee Meeting postponed to next Wednesday @ Christ Church

Thursday 6th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
10.30am Eucharist Willowmeade
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 7th 10am - 4pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 8th 10am-12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 9th February 2014 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58.1-12; Ps 112; I Cor. 2. 1-16; Matthew 5. 13-20

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No Service this day

Parish Diary

1st Wed of the month: Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting
7.30pm Christ Church (unless otherwise notified)

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph.
5784 1246 for details.

3rd Wed of the month: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA

4th Thurs of month: Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris
Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details

3rd Friday of month: Parish BBQ - 6.30pm. See Notices for details

4th Sunday of month: Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

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