

THE BENEFICE OF SOUTH FRAMLAND & THE HIGH FRAMLAND PARISH

The Parish Bulletin

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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 30th January 2022

Gathering Sentence

Isaiah 49.6

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

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.**

(or)

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3.1-5

A reading from the Prophecy of Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24.[1-6] 7-10

Refrain: **The Lord of hosts is the King of glory: [the King of glory shall come in].**

[The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein. For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R**

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place? 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. **R**

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.' Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R]**

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.' **R**

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.' **R**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Our eyes have seen your salvation,
a light to enlighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2.22-40

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Communion Sentence

cf. Luke 4.34-35

This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many, and to be a sign that will be opposed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



NIGHT PRAYER BY ZOOM

These are quiet and contemplative services that take place on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 pm, complete with music to help settle our minds and hearts at the end of the day. The main idea of Night Prayer is to provide a gentle end to the day. If you would like to join, please email for details.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On the Feast of the Presentation (often known as Candlemas), the season of Epiphany ends, and our attention turns from the Crib toward the Cross. This year Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March, and we will gather for services of Holy Communion that will hopefully this year also include ashing.

Wednesday 2nd March | 10:00 am | *Branston*

Wednesday 2nd March | 6:00 pm | *Coston*

LENT COURSES

This year there will be a Lent course running across our two benefices based on the book 'The Way of Julian of Norwich' by Sheila Upjohn. Current plans are to run it twice every week, one session on Zoom and another session in person with a light Lenten lunch of soup and bread. More details to follow.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a beautiful Lenten devotion, allowing us to reflect and pray before artwork that transports us to the moments of Jesus' passion and crucifixion. These weekly Zoom services will give us space to think about the journey Jesus made for us—and the journey we will be making for him this Lent:

Wednesday 2nd March | 7:30 pm | *Zoom*

Wednesday 9th March | 7:30 pm | *Zoom*

Wednesday 16th March | 7:30 pm | *Zoom*

Wednesday 23rd March | 7:30 pm | *Zoom*

Wednesday 30th March | 7:30 pm | *Zoom*

Wednesday 6th April | 7:30 pm | *Zoom*

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 30th January 2022

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9:00 am Holy Communion | *Branston*

11:00 am Holy Communion | *Wymondham*

Tuesday 1st February 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | *Zoom*

Sunday 6th February 2022

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

9:00 am Holy Communion | *Sproxton*

11:00 am Holy Communion | *Wymondham*

Tuesday 8th February 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | *Zoom*

Sunday 13th February 2022

The Third Sunday before Lent

9:00 am Holy Communion | *Croxton Kerrial*

11:00 am Holy Communion | *Buckminster*

Tuesday 15th February 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | *Zoom*

Sunday 20th February 2022

The Second Sunday before Lent

9:00 am Holy Communion | *Saltby*

11:00 am Morning Prayer | *Wymondham*

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