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on the Presentation of Christ in the temple

Sunday 2nd February 2025 | 11.00am

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Setting Communion Service 'Collegium Regale' *Howells*

Psalm 24. 7-10

Gospel



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Motet Lord, set your servant free,
fulfil your ancient vow,
and peaceful let the parting be
which seals that promise now.

*Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
illumina tenebras nostras Domine.*

*A light to lighten the gentiles
Lighten our darkness, O Lord.*

From here the child of light,
the world's salvation lies,
and on the nations lost in night
I see his dawn arise.

A radiance unconfined
to change of time or place,
He is the hope of humankind,
the glory of our race.

Words: Mary Holtby
after Luke 2. 29

Music: The Song of Simeon
Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Organ Fiat Lux *Dubois*



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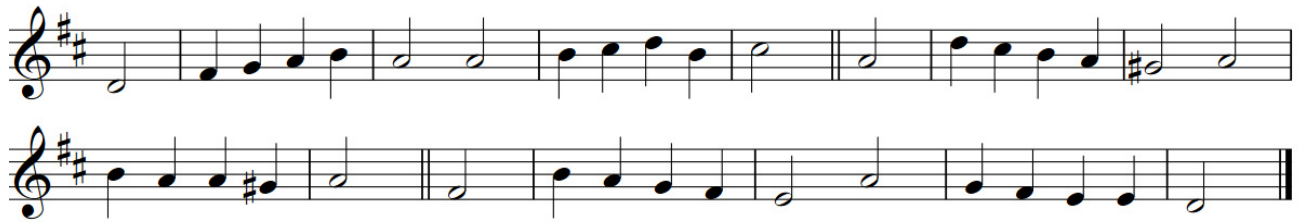


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The Opening Hymn



1. Hail to the Lord who comes,
Comes to his temple gate!
Not with his angel host,
Not in his kingly state:
No shouts proclaim him nigh,
No crowds his coming wait;

2. But borne upon the throne
Of Mary's gentle breast,
Watched by her duteous love,
In her fond arms at rest;
Thus to his Father's house
He comes, the heavenly Guest.

3. There Joseph at her side
In reverent wonder stands;
And, filled with holy joy,
Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised child,
The glory of all lands.

4. Hail to the great First-born
Whose ransom-price they pay!
The Sone before all worlds,
The Child of man to-day,
That he might ransom us
Who still in bondage lay.

5. O Light of all the earth,
Thy children wait for thee:
Come to thy temples here,
That we, from sin set free,
Before thy Father's face
May all presented be.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: OLD 120th
Melody as in Este's Psalter 1592.
Harmony almost entirely from Ravenscroft's Psalms 1621

The Offertory Hymn



When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
The dark is behind us and Spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
The child and his parents are left on their own.

Refrain

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
And offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

Refrain

But Anna and Simeon recognise there
The Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

Refrain

The old who have suffered and waited so long
See hope for the world as they welcome the young.

Refrain

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
The joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

Refrain

Like Anna, like Simeon, may they have trust,
The eyes to see Jesus and peace at the last.

Refrain

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
When Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas day.

Refrain

The Closing Hymn



Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Music: MANNHEIM
Friedrich Filitz (1804-76)

Candlemas Procession and Ceremonies

All turn to face the font.

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

All Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

All Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

All Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

All Help us, who extinguish these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

All Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

All Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.

Here we bless one another in your name.

All Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world.



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