

# The Presentation of Christ

## 31 January 2021

### ***WELCOME***

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

### ***HYMN:***

**God of mercy, God of grace**  
Show the brightness of thy face:  
Shine upon us saviour shine  
Fill thy church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee Lord;  
Be by all that live adored:  
Let the nations shout and sing,  
Glory to their saviour king  
At thy feet their tribute pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee Lord;  
Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to us his blessing give,  
We to God devoted live;  
All below and all above,  
One in joy and light and love.

### ***THE CONFESSION:***

**Lord God, we have sinned  
against you;  
we have done evil in your  
sight.  
We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according  
to your love.**

**Wash away our wrong doing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of  
your salvation, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***ABSOLUTION:*** *God's forgiveness*

***COLLECT for Candlemas***

***SONG:*** **Lord, I lift your name  
on high,**

### ***GOSPEL READING:***

**Luke 2 v 22-40**

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

**TALK: Rev Tim Ward**

***SONG:*** **Light of the world**

### ***APOSTLES CREED***

**I believe in God the Father  
Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his  
only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose  
again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.  
and he will come again to  
judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church the  
communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and  
the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS: Andy Harris***

***THE PEACE:*** *Introduction then*  
The peace of the Lord be always  
with you.  
**And also with you.**

***HYMN:***

**Jesus good above all other,**  
Gentle child of gentle of gentle  
mother,  
In a stable born our brother,  
Give us grace to persevere.

Jesus cradled in a manger,  
For us facing every danger,  
Living as a homeless stranger,  
Make we thee our King most  
dear.

Jesus for thy people dying,  
Risen master death defying,

Lord in heaven thy grace  
supplying.  
Keep us to thy presence dear.

Jesus who our sorrows bearest,  
All our thoughts and hopes thou  
sharest,  
Thou to man the truth declarest,  
Help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord in all our doings guide us,  
Pride and hate shall not divide  
us.  
We'll go with thee beside us,  
And with joy we'll persevere.

***THANKSGIVING PRAYER***

The Lord is here.

**His 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 thanks and  
praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us  
all, your face is turned towards  
your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your  
Son to rescue us from sin and  
death.

Your Word goes out to call us  
home to the city where angels  
sing your praise. We join with  
them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of  
power and might, heaven  
and earth are full of your**

**glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you

and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:***

***BREAKING OF THE BREAD:***

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.**

***INVITATION to communion***

***AFTER COMMUNION:***

**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.**

***NOTICES & BLESSING***

***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;  
Tempted, taunted, yet  
undaunted, 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.

***DISMISSAL:***

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**