

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
*(Transferred from 2<sup>nd</sup> February)*

**Opening Hymn** CAHON 161 Father, hear the prayer we offer

**Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
for you have sent us your salvation.  
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him  
who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**First Lesson Malachi 3: 1-4**

A reading from the prophet Malachi, chapter 3, verses 1-4.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Sun 9am** Here endeth the Lesson.

**Sun 10.45** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading Luke 2: 22-40**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 2, verses 22 to 40.

**Sun 9am Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), <sup>24</sup>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.’

<sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

<sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**Sun 9am** Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

**Sun 10.45** Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.'

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Sun 9am/Thur 11am; Proper Preface for the Purification (*Prayerbook p. 342*)**

Because thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
born of a woman, born under the Law,  
was, as on this day, presented in the Temple,  
and revealed to thy servants as a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of thy people Israel.

Therefore with Angels,...

*Intercessions led by Hilary.*

**We offer particular prayers for**

Masami, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Bill, Delia, Jane T.,  
Emma A., Joseph, Johnny, Alice, Alison B.; The family and friends of  
Ruth Hepburn; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the  
people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

**We also include in our prayers;**

Ruth Hepburn who died recently.

Those in our **Year's Mind** this week:

Susan Gilmour, Nan McLaren, Joan Taylor, Herbert Wiseman, Patrick Duncan,  
Mary Anderson, Basil Millar.

**Offertory Hymn CAHON 157 Faithful vigil ended**

**Anthem** When to the temple Mary went Eccard

## **Post Communion Prayer for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

God for whom we wait,  
you fulfilled the hope of Simeon,  
who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah.  
Complete in us your perfect will,  
that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom;  
for he is Lord for ever and ever.  
**Amen**

**Closing Hymn**    CAHON 249    Great is thy faithfulness

## **Readings for the day**

\*Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2: 14-18; \*Luke 2: 22-40

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