

# S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

10am Orchestral Mass

## THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE



*Russian Miniature Icon of St Simeon and St Anna*

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

As Sydney's oldest church, St. James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

# *Those taking part in this service*

**Celebrant** Rector

**Deacon** The Rev'd John Stewart

**Subdeacon** David McQuoid

**Preacher** Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh AM

**Reader and Intercessor** Alan Melrose

## **The Choir of St James'**

Thomas Wilson **Director of Music**

Marko Sever **Organist & Assistant Director of Music**

James Brew **Margaret Norman Organ Scholar**

## **Bach Akademie Australia**

Madeleine Easton **Artistic Director**

## **The Altar Servers' Guild of St James' Church**

## **The St James', Queens Square, Guild of Bellringers**

James Farrow **Tower Captain**

Lindsay Small **Ringling Master**

## **The St James' Sidespersons Team**

Peter Blunden **Head Sidesperson**

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# Mozart - *Missa in C 'Credo-Messe' KV 257*

## *Musicians performing in this Service*

### **The Choir of St James'**

<b>Soprano</b>	<b>Alto</b>	<b>Tenor</b>	<b>Bass</b>
Fiona Araujo	Lucy Blomfield	Aaron Erdstein	Alistair Clark
Josephine Brereton	Jenny Duck-Chong	Luke Iredale	Gabriel Desiderio
Claire Burrell-McDonald	Chris Hopkins	Ian McCahon	Andrew Fysh
Anna Sandström	Elinor Trevelyan-Jones	Chris Shain	Phil Murray
Veronica Vella		Dan Walker	

### **Bach Akademie Australia**

**Violin 1**  
Madeleine Easton  
Michele O'Young

**Violin 2**  
Rafael Font  
Isaiah Bondfield

**Cello**  
Anita Gluyas

**Double Bass**  
Pippa MacMillan

**Oboe**  
Adam Masters  
Kailen Cresp

**Artistic Director**  
Madeleine Easton

**Trumpet**  
Leanne Sullivan  
Simon Wolnizer

**Timpani**  
Timothy Brigden



# *Order of Service*

## Opening Hymn

Of the Father's heart begotten,  
ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain  
all that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
sang in ages long gone by;  
this is he of old revealèd  
in the page of prophecy;  
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
let the world his praises cry!  
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
let your joyous anthems ring,  
ev'ry tongue his name confessing,  
countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.

Words: Latin, Prudentius 348-413, Tr RF Davis

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Melody from Piae Cantiones, Theoderici Petri  
Nylandensis 1582. [NEH 33]

## Welcome

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Rector welcomes the people, then says,*

## Preparation

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Kyrie

*Please sit for the Kyrie.*

GREEK TEXT

Κύριε ἐλέησον  
Χριστέ ἐλέησον  
Κύριε ἐλέησον

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

*Please stand.*

## **Confession**

Deacon Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

*A time of silence is kept.*

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All**      **Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant      Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria

*Please sit for the Gloria.*

### LATIN TEXT

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.  
Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam  
tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater  
omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. Domine  
Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi:  
Suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam Tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu  
✠ in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.*

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
✠ in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

*Please stand.*

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
we humbly pray  
that, as your only Son was presented in the temple  
in accordance with the law,  
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing of Candles

*The children of the parish come forward with baskets containing candles to be used in church throughout the year ahead.*

Celebrant Forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. This day is often referred to as Candlemas, which brings with it a custom of blessing the candles to be used in the church, which serve as a reminder to us of God's presence with us and a sign of God's eternal light coming into the world. So today we bless these candles which are to be used around St James'.

So let us pray.

Gracious Father, almighty and eternal God,  
bless and sanctify ✠ these candles which we will use in your holy church, that their light may be for us a visible reminder of the true light who enlightens everyone coming into the world. Whenever these candles are lit, may we be reminded of your presence with us in this place. As these candles, kindled with a visible flame, scatter the darkness, so also may our hearts be enlightened by the invisible fire of the Holy Spirit that we might avoid the darkness of sin, see your salvation, and attain to the Light that never fades away.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The candles are sprinkled with holy water. The children hand the baskets to the servers and all return to their places.*

*Please sit.*



## First Reading

Malachi 3.1 - 4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

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.

*A short silence is observed.*

Reader      For the Word of the Lord,  
**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

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*The choir sings the psalm to a chant by Barnby.*

*The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is :  
    the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.  
For he hath founded it upon the seas :  
    and prepared it upon the floods.  
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord :  
    or who shall rise up in his holy place?  
Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart :  
    and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity,  
    nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.  
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:  
    and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
This is the generation of them that seek him :  
    even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors :  
    and the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is the King of glory :*

*it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors :*

*and the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is the King of glory :*

*even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

## **Second 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.

*A short silence is observed.*

Reader        For the Word of the Lord,

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*Please stand.*

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)

Music: GWALCHMAI, John D. Jones (1827-1870) [NEH 391];

CCL licence 552064

## Gospel Acclamation

**All** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 2.22 - 40**

Deacon The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they 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.’*

*[Sung by the Choir]*

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.

Deacon        For the Gospel of the Lord.

**All            Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Sermon**

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

*Please remain seated.*

### LATIN TEXT

*Credo in unum Deum, Patrem  
omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae,  
visibilium omnium et invisibilium.  
Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum,  
Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre  
natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo,  
lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo  
vero. Genitum, non factum,  
consubstantialem Patri:  
per quem omnia facta sunt.  
Qui propter nos homines, et propter  
nostram salutem descendit de caelis.  
Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto  
ex Maria Virgine: et homo factus est.  
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis;  
sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est.  
Et resurrexit tertia die,  
secundum Scripturas.  
Et ascendit in caelum:  
sedet ad dexteram Patris.  
Et iterum venturus est cum gloria  
iudicare vivos et mortuos; cuius regni  
non erit finis.  
Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum  
et vivificantem:  
Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur,  
et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per  
Prophetas.  
Et unam sanctam catholicam et  
apostolicam Ecclesiam .  
Confiteor unum baptisma  
in remissionem peccatorum.  
Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum.  
✠ Et vitam venturi saeculi.  
Amen.*

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

We believe in one God, the Father,  
the almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come.  
Amen

## Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Please kneel or be seated for the prayers. The following response is used,*

Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers the Deacon says,*

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Greeting of Peace

*Please stand.*

Celebrant In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Offertory Hymn

*During this hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received. You may wish to make your offering at [sjks.org.au/donate](https://sjks.org.au/donate), using the tap machines in the church or via the QR code provided.*



**At the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and bright dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.**

**Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed:**



**Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures,  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him;  
There let him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted, and adored.**

**Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again,  
With the Father's glory,  
With his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.**

Words: Caroline Noel (1817-1877)

Music: EVELYNS W. H. Monk (1823-1889) [NEH 338]; CCL Licence 552064

*Please remain standing.*

Celebrant Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the gifts we bring before you  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.

**All Blessed be God for ever!**

### **Sursum Corda and Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All glory and honour, be yours now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
You anointed him as Messiah,  
the light of the nations,  
and revealed him as the hope  
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.  
By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Please remain standing.*

### LATIN TEXT

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
✠ Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant    Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
We who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.  
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had  
given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'  
After supper, he took the cup and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.'

Deacon    Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All            Christ has died.  
                  Christ is risen.  
                  Christ will come again.**

Celebrant     Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your  
Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your  
eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**All            ✠ Blessing and honour and glory and power.  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*A bell is rung, and silence is kept.*

Celebrant     Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All            Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

*The celebrant breaks the bread and says;*

Celebrant We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

Deacon God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## Agnus Dei

*Please sit.*

### LATIN TEXT

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.*

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us your peace.

## Communion

*There will be two Communion stations. Communion will be distributed at the Chancel step and also from the Baptistry for those sitting towards the back or in the gallery. Baptised Christians from all traditions are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You are also advised to take any valuables with you to Communion to ensure their security. If you prefer not to receive from the chalice the nature of the Sacrament is such that it is acceptable to only receive the Host. For health reasons intinction is not permitted.*

*Please remain seated until the choir and servers have received Communion.*

## Communion Motets

*Videte miraculum Matris Domini:  
concepit virgo,  
virilis ignara consortii,  
stans onerata nobili onere Maria:  
Et matrem se lætam cognoscit,  
quæ se nescit uxorem.*

Behold the miracle of the mother of the Lord;  
a virgin has conceived  
though she knows not a man,  
Mary, standing laden with her noble burden;  
knowing not that she is a wife,  
she rejoices to be a mother.

Words: Responsory for Candlemas  
Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

*Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace:  
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum.  
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium  
populorum:  
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,  
et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.  
Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto:  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et  
semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant  
depart in peace: according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of  
all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be: world without end. Amen.

Words: Song of Simeon  
Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Please stand.*

Celebrant God of the nations,  
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.  
Guide us by your presence,  
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,  
and establish your justice in the earth.

**All Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

## Notices and thanks

### Hymn

*Please stand.*

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride,  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.  
Mid toil, and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

**Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

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### **Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.

**All Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

**Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of the Most Holy and Life-Giving Trinity,

✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

**Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Organ Voluntary**

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924) - *Fiat Lux*