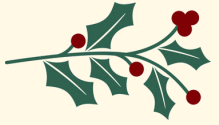




The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



The OT Reading - Malachi 3.1-5

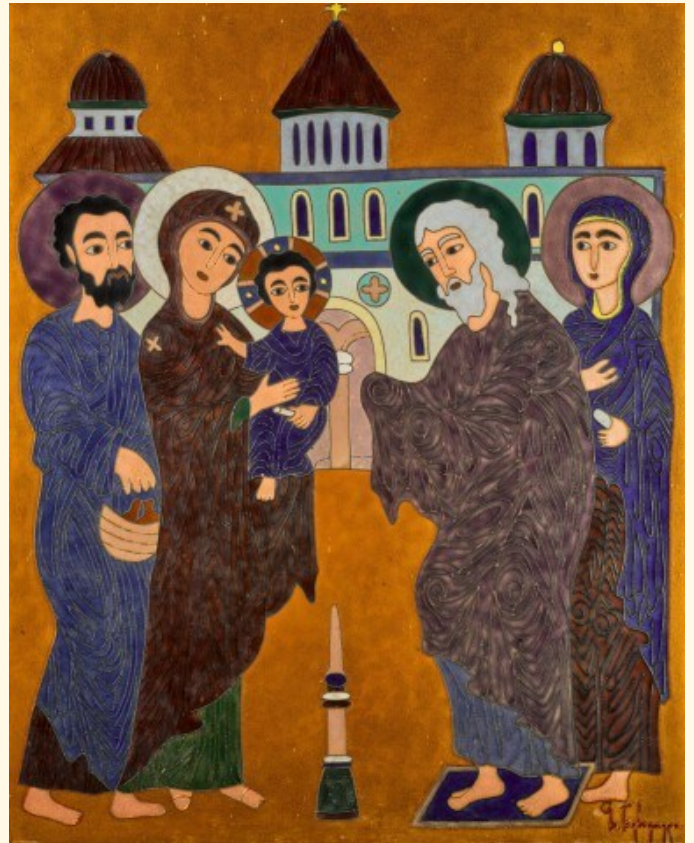
Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then 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.

The Epistle - Hebrews 2.14-18

¹⁴Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel - Luke 2.22-40

²²When 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. ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a



sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶There 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 seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Today's Psalm (Evensong) - 122

I was glad when they said / unto / me : We will / go into the / house of the / Lord.

Our / feet shall / stand / in thy / gates : O / - Jer/usa/lem. Jerusalem is / built as a / city : that is at / unity / in it/self.

For thither the tribes go up, even the / tribes of the / Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks / unto the / Name of the / Lord.

* For there is the / seat of / judgement : even the / seat of the / house of / David.

O pray for the / peace of Je/rusalem : they shall / prosper that / love / thee.

Peace be with/in thy / walls : and / plenteousness with/in thy / palaces.

For my brethren and com/panions' / sakes : I will / wish / thee pros/perity.

Yea because of the house of the / Lord our / God : I will / seek to / do thee / good.

This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

Welcome to worship today, especially any joining us for the first time. Today is the last day if you would like to make a donation towards Mampong Babies Home.

The Friends of St. Wilfrid's AGM takes place after our 10.00 service this morning. If you are a member of the Friends please show your support for the Committee by attending and also please consider standing for the Committee, many hands make light work.

Next Sunday at 10 a.m. we shall be holding our annual Pet Service. Do come and join us and bring your furry friend with you.

Our Knit and Natter takes place this Wednesday at 2.00 p.m. at The Beacon.

The February magazine is available, if you don't get one delivered then please collect it by the north door at a cost of 50p.

On February 7th there will be a Ceilidh in to raise money for the new heating system. The music will be led by The Ironmaster Ceilidh Band and the dances will be called by Baz Parkes. Tickets are available from www.wegotickets.com/event/679288 or please speak to Bridget Knight or Joy Parkes if you wish to pay at the door.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Audrey Chadderton, Pamela Britland, Patricia 'Paddy' Swan, Right Reverend John Gaisford and Susan Norbury.

Year's Mind (2015+)	Peter Walton Dorothy Cheetham	Shirley May Britland
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Week beginning the 1st February

Sun. **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas**

8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
10.00 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion	Church
11.30 a.m.	The Friends of St. Wilfrid's AGM	Church
6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church

Mon. 10.00 a.m. Parents & Tots The Beacon

Wed. 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion The Beacon
10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning The Beacon
2.00 p.m. Knit and Natter The Beacon

Thu. 7.45 p.m. Doorway The Beacon

Fri. 6.00 p.m. Youth Club The Beacon

Sat. 10.00 a.m. Drop-In The Beacon

Sun. **The 2nd Sunday before Lent**

8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
10.00 a.m.	Pet Service & Baptism	Church
6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church



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This Sunday's Readings - Candlemas

8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40	Psalm 122 Haggai 2:1-9 John 2:18-22

Next Sunday's Readings - The 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Genesis 9:8-13 Matthew 6:25-33	Psalm 148 Proverbs 8:1,22-31 Revelation 4

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