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2ND FEBRUARY 2020 – THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (CANDLEMAS)

TODAY'S SERVICES:

8am Holy Eucharist

at the Cathedral

(The Service begins on Page 157)

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

Hymns: See Hymn Leaflet

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

Hymns: See Service Booklet

Mass: Mass of St Garmon, Paul Booth

Psalm: 24. 7-10

Preacher: The Cathedral Chaplain

Voluntary: Dorian Toccata BWV 538, J S Bach

3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

See Service Booklet

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MALACHI 3. 1-5

A reading from 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.

Welcome to St Asaph Cathedral and St Asaph Parish Church today. We are a community that seeks to enfold all people in the love of God. If you wish to speak to a priest after the service, if you wish to find a corner to pray, if you wish simply to find some peace, please feel free and welcome to do so. We warmly invite all those who are baptised to receive Holy Communion with us today. (Children at the discretion of parents).

Before the service: spend some time in quiet prayer, preparing to meet the Lord in this act of worship.

If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith please contact:

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Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then 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.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24. 7-10

R: The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. **R:** ‘Who is the King of glory?’ ‘The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.’ **R:**

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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.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

LUKE 2. 22-40

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.’

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father,
as your Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple, let our offering today be acceptable to you and grant that we may see him, who is our salvation, the glory of your people and the light of all the nations; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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NOTICES

Refreshments. Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am and 11am Eucharists.

Cathedral Flowers. We are looking for more people to join the team of flower arrangers at the Cathedral. We are also looking for people who may want to provide flowers perhaps in memory of someone but have them arranged by someone else. The cost is £20 and we will do our best to give you the date you would like. If you can help with either please sign the sheet on the table in the south transept or contact Alison Matthias:

alison@creativeinexcellence.co.uk

Please give the money in a marked envelope to Alison or to Fr Rex. Many thanks!

An Epiphany Carol Service will be held at the Cathedral **today** at 3.30pm to bring to a conclusion the Christmas Season of Light.

Cathedral Council Meeting on 6 February 2020. Please give details of any matters that you wish to be raised to a member of the clergy or a council member.

St Asaph is working towards becoming a dementia friendly community. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact Sue Last suelast47@gmail.com
We will be running a dementia friendly awareness session on Tuesday 4th February in the diocesan office. To register go to http://bit.ly/DF_Session_St-Asaph or let Sue Last know

THE WEEK AHEAD

3rd Monday – Seiriol, Abbot
9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
6pm Evening Prayer

4th Tuesday – Manche Masemola
9am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer
7pm Holy Eucharist

5th Wednesday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Schools Service
10.30am Holy Eucharist
6pm Evening Prayer

6th Thursday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist
6pm Evening Prayer

7th Friday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren
6pm Choral Evensong

8th Saturday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

9th Sunday – The 3rd Sunday before Lent
8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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