

# Presentation of the Lord

Sunday 4 February 2024

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## **COLLECT**

**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 READING Malachi 3.1–5**

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: 1 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. 2 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; 3 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. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. 5 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**

## **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 84**

**Response: Happy are they who dwell in your house!**

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. **R** 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. **R** 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **R** 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. 6 They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. **R** 8 Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed. 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. **R** 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity. 12 O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you! **R**

## **SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14–18**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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

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## **GOSPEL Luke 2.22–40**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

## **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

22 When 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'), 24 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.' 25 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. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 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, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 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 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 36 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 seven years after her marriage, 37 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. 38 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. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**



# The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

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## **Worship today—4 Feb Celebrating Candlemas**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

**Music at St Johns: 28—375—(LP 546)—582—605**

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rev Robert

**Music at St Margarets: 28—582—438—605**

*Dean Reuben is at Kilmarnock*

**Monday 5 February**—feria

**Tuesday 6 February**—comm—Paul Miki, Priest, and the Martyrs of Japan, 1597

**Wednesday 7 February**—feria

**St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist**—Curate

**St Margarets 7pm Said Eucharist**—Rector

**Thursday 8 February**—feria

**Friday 9 February**—feria

**Saturday 10 February**—comm- Scholastica, Religious, 543

1030-1130 Gardening Hour at St Johns

## **Next Sunday 11 Feb Transfiguration**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

**Music at St Johns: 311—74—(LP 546)—386—417**

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rector

**Music at St Margarets: 311—74—438—417**

## **Dates for the coming months:-**

**Ash Wednesday 14 February** 2pm Said Service at St Johns & 7pm Sung Service at St Margarets both with Ashing

**Mothering Sunday 10 March**

**Palm Sunday 24 March**

**Maundy Thursday 28 March** 730pm Last Supper Eucharist and feet washing and Vigil in St Margarets until 10pm

**Good Friday 29 March** Ecumenical walks to be announced 2pm St Johns "An hour at the Cross"

**Easter Day 31 March**

## **2024 Confirmations at St Margarets**

1130am Sunday 26 May (*change of date from last pewsheet*) with Bp Kevin—please see Vanessa for details of the preparation sessions for children and adults.



**Intercessions** The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: David Fowles, Liz Fairns, Pauline Campbell, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, May Burton, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Isabel Cummings, Moira Bruce, Neil Barclay, Veronica Whitelock, Jeanette Farquhar, Emily Parker, Sam Aaron, Andrew Mitchell, Raymond Bruce, Olly Mitchell, Joe Smith, Nan Grimstead, Eric Parker, Brian Angus, Geraldine Revie, Brenda Sproule, Donna Skalley, Kay Cherrie, Ruby Robertson, Judith Thorley, Bishop Kevin, Anna Gatherer, Brenda McEwan, May Robertson, Helen Robertson, Doreen Ward  
**The Departed:** Eleanor Hart, Margaret Keys, Hugh Smith, Stuart Robertson

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**Zoom Morning Prayer 9am for 20mins**

**Pastoral Assistants Support every week:** please call Wilma 07714 525726, Rev Lisa Curtice 07802 888423 or Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351

**Gardening Hour at St Johns** begins in February 1030-1130 Sat 10 February, Sat 9 March, Sat 13 April, Sat 11 May, Sat 8 June, Sat 13 July, Sat 10 August, Sat 14 September, Sat 12 October & Sat 9 November

**Bishop Kevin is recuperating well after his hospitalization—he will be needing to take it easy for a few weeks to get his strength back.**



Please bring your PALM CROSSES to Church to be burned to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

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