



**Truro  
Cathedral**  
*sacred space, common ground*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

### **Worship in Truro Cathedral today**

8:00am Holy Communion – The Book of Common Prayer, Dean Simon Robinson  
10:00am Choral Eucharist – President Dean Simon Robinson  
Preacher Canon Sue Wallace  
4:00pm Choral Evensong – Canon Sue Wallace, Preacher Dean Simon Robinson

**10:00am Hymns for this morning's service are in the service booklet**

### **Music at the 10:00am Choral Eucharist**

Troait	Holy is the true light	<i>Harris</i>
Setting	Collegium Regale	<i>Howells</i>
Motet	Videte Miraculum	<i>Tallis</i>
Voluntary	Prelude in G major BWV 541	<i>Bach</i>

### **Music at the 4:00pm Choral Evensong**

Responses	<i>Smith</i>	Hymns	156 (t. 288), 185
Canticles	The Second Service	<i>Byrd</i>	Psalm 33 vv. 1-12
Anthem	When to the temple Mary went	<i>Eccard</i>	
Voluntary	Fugue in G major BWV 541	<i>Bach</i>	

### **Collect**

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5**

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. 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.

**Psalm 24: 7-end**

**Response: *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.

**Response**

'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

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**Second reading: Hebrews 2: 14-end**

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.

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

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.

### Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**This week we are praying for:** Philip Sharp, Jo, Andrew May, May Kincaid, Fiona Davie, Diane N, Barbara Cowdry, , Elliott Wills, Lynda Rodgett, Alison, Margaret Britton, Jane Gould (USA), Rob Millbank, Denise Streeter, Anne Kebbell

**For those who have died;** Tony Neal

### Next Sunday, 9th February, 2025: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

08:00 BCP Holy Communion – Dean Simon Robinson

10:00 Choral Eucharist

16:00 Choral Evensong

### News, services and notices for the week beginning: 3/2/2025

<b>Monday 3rd</b> Ia, Martyr	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 17:30 Evensong
<b>Tuesday 4th</b> Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 17:30 Evensong
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 17:30 Evensong
<b>Thursday 6th</b> The Martyrs of Japan	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 12:10 Christian Meditation 17:30 Evensong
<b>Friday 7th</b>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 BCP Holy Communion 13:00 Memorial service 17:30 Evensong
<b>Saturday 8th</b>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:30 Morning Prayer 16:00 Evening Prayer

We warmly welcome younger members and their families to our worship this morning. There are age-appropriate play bags available from the welcome desk so please do take one with

you to your seats. There is also a children's corner in St Mary's Aisle which you are welcome to explore at any time during the service.

Wednesday - 5 February - 2.30pm - Talk by Guy English on the Holy Wells of Cornwall in the Cathedral Chapter House followed by light refreshments. Tickets £12.50 from the Friends Desk. This event is open to all.

## **Parish of St Mary, Truro**

This year, 2025, is one in which a new Electoral Roll has to be compiled for St Mary's parish. Anyone who is 16 years or more and who either lives in the parish or who has habitually attended worship in the parish over the last six months is eligible for inclusion. For the avoidance of doubt, that includes worship in this cathedral. Application forms are available at the welcome desk at the west end of the cathedral, or from the Cathedral Office, or from Robert Perry whose contact details are set out on the form. The closing date for applications is Saturday 15 March. The Annual Parochial Meetings of the parish will be held on Sunday 6 April after the Eucharist.

## **Acting Precentor**

I am pleased to share with you that Canon Sue Wallace will be Acting Precentor. This is a full time, temporary position and comes with a stipend paid for by the Church Commissioners. Canon Sue brings much experience to this role and has been fulfilling the many duties of a Precentor over the past year. I am grateful to Canon Sue for being willing to take the temporary role on.

We are currently in the process of planning the recruitment campaign for a new Precentor. That recruitment campaign will be an open campaign advertised nationally.

Canon Sue will work in close partnership with our Director of Music, Mr James Anderson-Besant. Both roles are part of the senior management team. Last year, I made the decision that the role of Precentor would not 'line-manage' the role of Director of Music and that both roles should work in partnership with each other, bringing particular skills sets, knowledge and ideas to the table. This is not a usual arrangement, but we believe that it promotes good collaboration in the liturgy and worship of the cathedral. Both roles are line-managed by the Dean.

## **Christmas tree stars 2024**

Many of you may have put a prayer, a hope or a wish onto a star and then onto the Christmas tree. You might like to know that during the Christmas season some 3700 stars were placed on the tree by visitors and their children, all with messages of love and prayers for their families and friends. During the service this morning they will be carried to the altar where they will be blessed and offered to God.

***Please take this sheet away with you***