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Sunday 1 February 2026
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas

Worship in Truro Cathedral today

08:00	BCP Holy Communion	President Dean Simon Robinson
10:00	Festal Choral Eucharist	President Canon Sue Wallace
		Preacher Revd. Jane Vaughan Wilson
16.00	Festal Evensong	Preacher Revd. Sian Yates

10.00am Hymns for this morning's service
Are all in the Service booklet

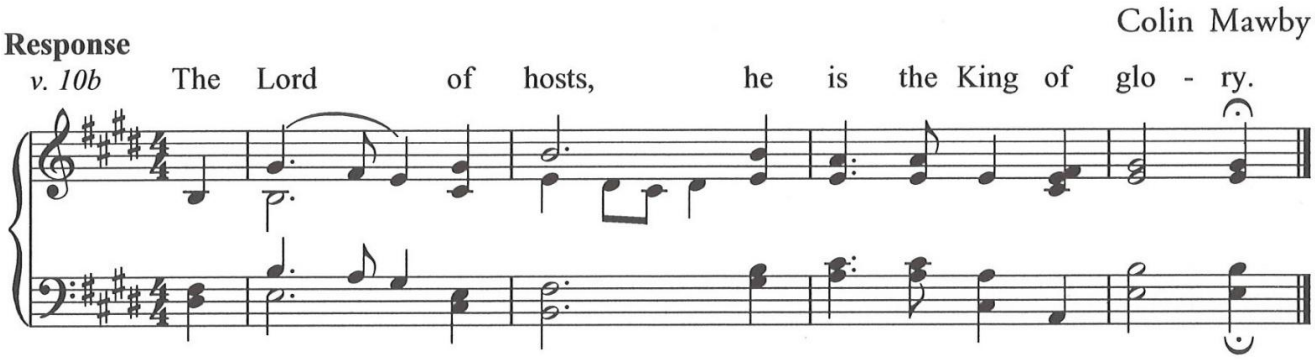
Music for the 10am Eucharist

Introit When to the temple Mary went	Eccard
Mass for four voices	Byrd
Motet Videte miraculum	Tallis
Nunc dimittis Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense	
Tippett	
Voluntary Noel Suisse	Daquin

The 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.

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



The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
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The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
The compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it upon the seas
And set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
Or who can rise up in his holy place?
'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
Who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
Nor sworn an oath to a lie;
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
A just reward from the God of their salvation'.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
Of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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.

Music for Choral Evensong

Magnificat quinti toni		Responses *Rose*
Anthem	Holy is the true light	Hassler Psalm 132
Voluntary	Allein Gott in der 'Hoh sei Her' *BWW 662*	Harris Hymns 156.185
		J.S.Bach

This week we are praying for: May Kincaid, Fiona Davie, Mary Prior, Elliot Wills, Laura Bushell Hawke, Ruth Robathan, Jill Staplehurst, Claire Burgess, Colin Bradley, Sophia Jenkins, Belinda Stafford.

RIP: Tricia Pilkington**,** Judith Larham, Ann Churchill

Next Sunday, 8 February, 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00 BCP Holy Communion	Rev'd. Keiren Marwood
10.00 Choral Eucharist	President Rev'd. Keiren Marwood
	Preacher Canon Sue Wallace
16.00 Choral Evensong	Revd. Joanna Abecassis

Services for the week beginning: 2 February 2025

Monday 2 February	09:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Prayer
	17.30	Festal Evensong
Tuesday 3 February	09:00	Holy Communion
Ia, martyr	09:30	Morning Prayer
Anskar, bishop, missionary 865	17.30	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 4 February	09:00	Holy Communion
Gilbert, founder of the	09:30	Morning Prayer
Gilbertine order, 1189	17.30	Choral Evensong
Thursday 5 February	09:00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Morning Prayer
	12.10	Christian Meditation
	17.30	Choral Evensong
Friday 6 February	09.00	Holy Communion
Martyrs of Japan, 1597	09.30	Morning Prayer
	11:00	BCP Holy Communion
	17.30	Choral Evensong
Saturday 7 February	09:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Prayer
	16:00	Evening Prayer

Friends of Truro Cathedral – last chance for Beetle Drive tickets!

Wednesday 4 February 2026 – 2 pm. Tickets on sale at coffee on Sunday morning

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