

We give you a very warm welcome to Emmanuel church this morning - especially if you are a visitor or haven't been with us for a while - we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that our Service of Morning Prayer with 'After The Fire' will, indeed, be accessible, inspirational and unique. There are no children and young people's groups taking place this morning as we believe this service can be enjoyed by the church family of all ages, however, those of you with younger children may wish to make use of our crèche facility if your children become restless and uncomfortable during our service.

Please don't rush away afterwards, refreshments are served in the foyer and we'd love the opportunity to get to know you a little better - please do not hesitate to speak to; myself, our Churchwardens; or one of our Welcome Team or Stewards if we can be of any help in any way.

We give you a warm invitation to join with us again next Sunday, 6th February at 10.45am, which is a Parade Service, when Paula and Juliet will be sharing with us about their recent trip to Haiti as volunteer nurses working in the Cholera Clinics with Samaritan's Purse - it's sure to be an interesting and informative time.

With every blessing in Jesus' precious name



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## Candlemas

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 10.45am



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# A Service of Morning Prayer

Led by Special Guests

‘After The Fire’

## Welcome

**Leader:** Dear friends, it is nearly forty days since we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This morning, we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we, too, come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord. In this service, through word and song, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and His searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

**Leader:** Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you:

**All:** **And also with you**

Sometimes

*Original artist: After The Fire*

*A Piercy / P Banks / J Russell*

*For further details about ‘After The Fire’ visit [www.afterthefire.co.uk](http://www.afterthefire.co.uk) or contact Peter Banks on email at [peterb@afterthefire.co.uk](mailto:peterb@afterthefire.co.uk) and for ‘Rob Halligan’ visit [www.robhalligan.co.uk](http://www.robhalligan.co.uk)*

*There will be an opportunity for you to support the ministry of After The fire as you leave this morning (our offertory will be for the mission and ministry of Emmanuel church).*

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In Thy truth thou dost direct me  
By Thy Spirit through Thy word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in Thee my Lord.  
All Thy fullness Thou art pouring  
In Thy love and power in me,  
Without measure, full and boundless,  
As I yield myself to Thee.

*William Rees / R Lowry .*

## Closing Prayer

Leader: Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
Gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
Draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Leader: Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**All: We have come together in the name of Christ  
To offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
To hear and receive God's holy word,  
To pray for the needs of the world,  
And to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
That by the power of the Holy Spirit  
We may give ourselves to the service of God. *Amen.***

Help!

*Original artist: The Beatles*

*Lennon / McCartney*

**All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
All desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
And worthily magnify your holy name:  
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

**Hymn: How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.**

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
 No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
 His death and resurrection.  
 Why should I gain from His reward ?  
 I cannot give an answer;  
 But this I know with all my heart –  
 His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world,  
 and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas,  
 and established it on the waters.

**All: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
 And who shall stand in his holy place?**

Leader: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift  
 up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

**All: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication  
 from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of  
 those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
 That the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is the King of glory?  
 The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
 That the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of glory?  
 The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.**

You

*Original artist: Rob Halligan*

*Rob Halligan*

Leader: The Lord bless us, and preserve us from evil,  
 and keep us in eternal life:

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord:

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Offertory: Here is love, vast as the ocean,**  
 Loving kindness as the flood,  
 When the Prince of life, our ransom  
 Shed for us His precious blood.  
 Who His love will not remember?  
 Who can cease to sing His praise?  
 He can never be forgotten  
 Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion  
 Fountains opened deep and wide;  
 Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
 Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
 Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
 Poured incessant from above,  
 And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
 Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting,  
 Love Thee ever all my days;  
 Let me seek Thy kingdom only,  
 And my life to be Thy praise;  
 Thou alone shalt be my glory,  
 Nothing in the world I see;  
 Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me;  
 Thou Thyself hast set me free.

**Hymn:**     **Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!**  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Saviour, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a Saviour!*  
*Hallelujah! What a Friend!*  
*Saving, helping, keeping, loving,*  
*He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,  
He, my pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find,  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

*J. Wilbur Chapman.*

Did Trouble Me  
*Original artist: Susan M. Werner*

*Susan M. Werner*

The Lord's Prayer

*Music by Brian D McLaren*

**All:**        **Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever.**  
**Amen.**

Ride Back Home  
*Original artist: John Mellencamp*

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Reading:   Luke 2:22-40

Are We Alright?  
*Original artist: Show of Hands*

*Steve Knightley*

**Hymn:**     **When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,**  
And time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather  
Over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

*When the roll, is called up yon-der,*  
*When the roll, is called up yon-der,*  
*When the roll, is called up yon-der,*  
*When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

On that bright and cloudless morning  
When the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather  
To their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labour for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;  
Then when all of life is over,  
And our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

*James M. Black.*

**Hymn:** **Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;**  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

*A E Brumley / Ada R. Haberson*

I'm Not An Angel  
*Original artist: After The Fire*

*Andy Piercy / Peter Banks*

A Thought For The Day

Time To Think  
*Original artist: After The Fire*

*Andy Piercy / Peter Banks*

**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.**

Meet Me  
*Original artist: Rob Halligan*

*Rob Halligan*

**Creed:** **This is our faith, we believe and trust in one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.**

Laser Love  
*Original artist: After The Fire*

*Andy Piercy / Peter Banks*

Refrain 1: I believe and trust in Him  
Refrain 2: Father, Son and Holy Ghost

## Prayer's of Intercession

**Leader:** Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life. Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: Look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy:

**All:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Father, Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world: Look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.

Lord, have mercy:

**All:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Father, Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor: Look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

Lord, have mercy:

**All:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Father, Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace: Look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation.

Lord, have mercy:

**All:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected: Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy:

**All:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfilment; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**