



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CHORAL EVENSONG

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Branching Out into the World

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ABOUT EVENSONG

Welcome to St Mark's. Choral Evensong is a service (or 'Office') with its roots in the Christian monastic movement and in the sixteenth century Reformation of the English Church. This service, taken from the seventeenth-century Book of Common Prayer is commonly celebrated in churches in the English tradition. Drawing on a rich choral inheritance, much of the service is sung by the choir alone. In the Anglican tradition this music finds its natural setting in the Evening Office. For this reason, the service of Choral Evensong offers us a time of reflection – a time when we can allow the beauty of the language and the music to quieten us, that we might hear God speaking to us in the psalms and readings and canticles taken from Scripture. Within this hallowed space may we forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

The Congregation gathers outside of the church and all are provided with unlighted candles

The Celebrant greets the people with these words

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant says

Dear friends: forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now 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 now come to him for cleansing. In their old age the priest Simeon and the prophet Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. Tonight, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The following canticle is then said, during which the candles are lighted

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel,

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

The Officiant blesses the candles as they are censed by the thurifer saying

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your people the brilliance of your eternal splendor, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal temple where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, all carry lighted candles and place them in the sand candle holder in the front

After all are gathered into the church, the people sing the following hymn

OPENING HYMN

1 When can - dles are light - ed on Can - dle - mas Day
2 The kings have de - part - ed, the shep - herds have gone,
3 They go to the tem - ple, o - bey - ing the law,

the dark is be - hind us, and spring's on the way.
the child and his par - ents are left on their own.
and of - fer two pi - geons, the gift of the poor.

A glo - ry dawns in ev - ery dark place,

the light of Christ, the full - ness of grace.

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Music: *Lourdes*, French traditional melody.

**4 But Anna and Simeon recognize there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.**

Refrain

**5 They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.**

Refrain

**6 Like Anna, like Simeon, may we have trust,
the eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last.**

Refrain

**7 The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas**

Day.

Refrain

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

PHOS HILARON

Hymnal S 59

1. O gra - cious Light, pure bright - ness of the ev - er - liv - ing
 Fa - ther in hea - ven, O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and bless - ed!

2. Now as we come to the set - ting of the sun, and our
 eyes be - hold the ves - per light, we sing your prais - es, O God:
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit. 3. You are wor - thy at all times
 to be praised by hap - py voic - es, O Son of God, O Giv - er
 of life, and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

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The Officiant continues

If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10-11*

Please be seated

PSALM 48:1-2, 7-13 | *Magnus Dominus*
Sung by the Choir

Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–1856)

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
 in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth is the hill of Zion, *
 the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 7 As we have heard so have we seen,
 in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; *
 God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
 in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise like your Name O God, reaches to the world's end; *
 your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
 because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
 count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; *
 that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
 he shall be our guide for ever more

Gloria Patri

A Reading from the Book of Samuel.

Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish your word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh, and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." And they worshiped the Lord there.

Here ends the reading.

MAGNIFICAT
Sung by the Choir

Service in D Minor | *Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–1856)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Gloria Patri

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Here ends the reading.

NUNC DIMITTIS
Sung by the Choir

Service in D Minor | *Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–1856)*

Now lettest thou thy servant depart, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace.
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Lord,
which thou hast given today to all nations,
to be a light to the Gentiles and to be the glory of Thy people, Israel.

Gloria Patri

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as able

Officiant: I believe in God,
All: the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy Catholic church;
the Communion of Saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Officiant and Choir

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy spirit.
Officiant: Let us pray.
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chanted by All

Officiant: Our Father,
All: who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Sung by the Officiant and Choir

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant: O Lord, save the state.
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant: O Lord, save thy people.
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant: O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brother; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir: Amen.

Officiant: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Choir: Amen.

Officiant: Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Choir: Amen.

OFFERING

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ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Not Unto Us, O Lord | *T.A. Walmisley (1814–1856)*

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
but unto thy Name give the praise:
for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.
Hallelujah! *Psalm 115*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Please stand as able

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Ghost,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Please stand for the closing hymn

CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal 24

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep-ing while earth rolls
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.

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4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
 Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
 And hour by hour fresh lips are making
 Thy wondrous doing heard on high.

5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
 Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
 Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
 Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

“Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go” by Orlando Gibbons

Variations on Old Psalm-Tunes:

| Sir George Dyson (1883-1964)

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