



Sunday 1 February 2026 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Choral Evensong

Presider Jolley Gosnold

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields Directed by Jennifer Sterling
Accompanied by Benjamin Frost

Please stand as the choir and presider enter, and remain standing.

Introit Rejoice in the Lord alway Anon

*Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.
Amen.*

Philippians 4:4-7

Preces Ayleward

Welcome

Please sit.

Psalmody Psalm 132

- 1 Lord, remember David:
and all his trouble;
- 2 How he sware unto the Lord: and vowed a vow
unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
- 3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house:
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber:
neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
- 5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord:
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
- 6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata:
and found it in the wood.
- 7 We will go into his tabernacle: and fall low on
our knees before his footstool.
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place:
thou, and the ark of thy strength.
- 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness:
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
- 10 For thy servant David's sake: turn not away
the presence of thine Anointed.
- 11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David:
and he shall not shrink from it;

- 12 Of the fruit of thy body : shall I set upon thy seat.
13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them:
their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.
14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself:
he hath longed for her.
15 This shall be my rest for ever: here will I
dwell, for I have a delight therein.
16 I will bless her victuals with increase:
and will satisfy her poor with bread.
17 I will deck her priests with health: and
her saints shall rejoice and sing.
18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: I
have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.
19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame:
but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Old Testament Reading Haggai 2.1-9

Please stand.

Magnificat *Gibbons Second Service*

Please sit.

New Testament Reading John 2.18-22

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis *Gibbons Second Service*

Please remain standing.

The Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God 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.**

Responses, Lord's Prayer and Collects

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Collect for the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly beseech thy majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Anthem I was glad *Purcell*

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Psalm 122:1; 4-7

Please remain seated or kneeling.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the prayers is:

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

The prayers may conclude with the Grace

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Notices

Please stand.

During the following hymn a collection will be taken for the work of St Martin-in-the-Fields. You are welcome to donate by scanning the QR code, cash in the collection bags (filling in a Gift Aid envelope if applicable), or card machines (please see Jeff Claxton to register your payment card for Gift Aid).

Offertory Hymn

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of his grace!**
- 2 Jesus - the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**
- 3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.**
- 4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.**
- 5 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Please remain standing.

Blessing

Organ Voluntary