



The Parish of St Mary the Virgin
East Grinstead
Sunday 2nd February 2025
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Candlemass
Said 8am, Family Mass 11am

Organ prelude:

Setting: Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*

A bell is rung and the congregation stands.

Processional hymn

188 Ye who own the faith of Jesus

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your
right hand is filled with saving justice.

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Words of welcome

Prayers of Penitence

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and
against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through
negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that
we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen

The Priest gives God's absolution.

The Gloria

All: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with
his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will
prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you
delight, behold, 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 sons of Levi and refine
them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to
the LORD.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as
in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The priest says

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord’) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said 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, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ‘Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.’

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.’

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All: Praise to you O Christ*

Sermon

Please sit

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days ALL STAND to recite the Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us

The Hail Mary may be said.

Hail Mary, **Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

Amen

The intercessions may end with

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand (if able)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn (*A collection bag will be passed round for cash offerings or use QR code for digital gifts.*)

33 Of the Fathers heart begotten



Pray, dear friends, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Holy Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest says or sings:

The Lord be with you **All: And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The priest begins the prayer. After the preface all respond with:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or sit.

The prayer continues until this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

At the end of The Eucharistic Prayer all respond boldly: All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Holy Communion

The priest invites people to communion with these or similar words:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blesséd are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

If you receive communion in any church, you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you, and bow your head.

Communion Antiphon

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Anthem: Nunc Dimittis, *Noble*

Communion Hymn

187 Virgin born we bow before thee

Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

The Notices

Please sit

The Blessing and Dismissal

Please stand (if able)

The Lord be with you *All:* **And also with you**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

234 Christ who's glory fills the skies

Organ voluntary.

**The flowers today are given in celebration of
Henry James, born on November 23rd by surrogacy in
Argentina, now safely back home in Australia.**

A new Grandson for Anne and Ian.

Intercessions

**We pray for God's blessing on the life of our church and upon the
other congregations of our town.**

St John's, Felbridge, C of E

We pray for: Heathcote Dr, Meadowcroft Clo, Gardenwood Rd,
Oakhurst Gdns.

Please pray for those in need of healing: Jorgie, Jack Talbot.

Please pray for all the departed Recently: Tim Leeney

Anniversary: Leslie Leverton, David Perkins, Babs Parker, Ian Ashman.

St Mary's is an Eco Church.

**We use environmentally friendly products and produce a quarterly
magazine. For more information and to sign up for electronic
updates please contact Anne Stone at anne.stone44@goolemail.com**

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Notices

Fundraising concert taking place at St Swithun's in aid of FSW on Saturday 22nd February at 3pm. Tickets will be sold on the door. If anyone is able to assist on the day with stewarding, helping with refreshments or provide cakes then speak to Karen West or Karen Rose.

Safeguarding Training The Diocese of Chichester are acutely aware of past safeguarding failings. They recognise that these failings are a reminder of the vital importance to do all we can to ensure that adults and children are safe in our churches. With this in mind it is 'strongly encouraged' that members of the congregation undertake the basic training in Safeguarding. Here is the link to the free training. <https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/basic-awareness>
Basic Awareness (C0) - Diocese of Chichester Safeguarding
Wendy Breeze Safeguarding Officer

Boxes of Books.

David Garratt will set up a stall with **a fresh selection** of books in Church after Mass this Sunday for the Congregation to purchase books at a minimum donation of 50p. The money raised is to be earmarked for the new building project.

Please purchase lots of books after Mass today, there is a wide range to choose from and its all in an excellent cause.

Church Cleaning.

Our next cleaning and tidying morning will be on Saturday 8th February 9.30 to 12 noon. Please spare an hour or two if you can, to help keep our Church looking beautiful.

World Day of Prayer 2025 Service by the Cook Islands - 'I made you wonderful'. On FRIDAY 7 MARCH St. John's Church, Felbridge at 10.30 Morning and 7.30 Evening. Followed by Refreshments - Everyone welcome

Lent Study Group will be run over 5 weeks from the 11th March following the 7pm Mass. All are welcome.

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