



*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Celebrating Communion

Season of Christmas and Epiphany
(Scottish Liturgy 1982)
Presentation of The Lord
2nd February 2025



Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Edinburgh

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Hon 78

Christ is the world's true light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Day-star clear and bright
Of every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
Where'er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great Name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Collect for Purity.

**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.**

Confession & Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
(with God the Son, Jesus Christ,
and God the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
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.
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.

Voice

Glo - ry to God in the high - est _____ and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. _____ Lord, God, Hea - ven - ly King, Al -
 migh - ty God and Fa - ther, We wor - ship you_ we give you
 thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry _____ Lord Je - sus Christ,
 On - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God Lamb of God You take a -
 way the sin of the world have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed
 at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer _____ For You a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One You a - lone are the Lord _____
 You a - lone are the most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spi - rit, in _____ the glor - ry of God _____ the Fa - ther. _____
 A - - - - men _____ A - - - - men. _____

Collect for Presentation of the Lord

Almighty and Everlasting God,
 as your Only-begotten Son was presented
 and received in the temple,

so may we welcome and proclaim him as the light of the nations
and the glory of your people;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
one God, world without end. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: we listen and respond to God

Old Testament Reading : Malachi 3:1-4 read by Roderick MacKenzie

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.

Psalm 84 led by Roderick MacKenzie

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

²**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

New Testament Reading Hebrews 2: 14-18 read by Roderick MacKenzie

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.

Gradual Hymn

Hon 118

Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.

All the Spirit promised,

all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

Christ, your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us your servants
our discharge in peace.

Gospel Luke 2: 22-40 read by Judith Herring

When announced: **Praise to Christ our Saviour**

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 turtledoves 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 seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped 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 favor of God was upon him.

At end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone

‘A New Creed’ from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone. We live in God’s world:

We believe in God,

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word in the flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and to resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen;

**our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Intercessions

Peace

**We meet in Christ's name
Let us share his peace**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

Hon 192

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merits we find favour;
life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven,
we are reconciled to God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there forever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,

seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading;
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding
till in glory we appear.

Worship, honour, power, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
loudest praises, without ceasing,
it is right for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
help to sing our Saviour's merits,
help to chant Immanuel's praise!

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Dawn and evening celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son,
the life of heaven and earth were joined,
sealing the promise of a new creation,
given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit,
we who bear your threefold likeness
look for the City of Peace
in whose light we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who await the coming of your Son,
we offer you our praise
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.
In Jesus you showed us yourself.
Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one.
Obedient, even to accepting death,
he opened the gate of glory

and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
alight with the vision of a feast
that heralded a kingdom yet to come,

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you
thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup,

he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

'Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all,

that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

We now obey your Son's command.

We recall his blessed passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension;

and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts

and with them ourselves,

a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,

and send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this bread and this wine,

that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,

they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,

and we may be kindled with the fire of your love

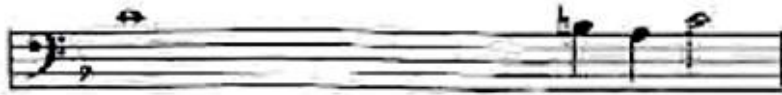
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body,
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage,
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets, Martin
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,
world without end. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.



As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven Give us to-day our dai - ly bread

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin a-against us Do not bring us to the time of trial

but deliver us from e - vil For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ev-er A - men

Invitation and the Sharing of Communion

Communion is shared around the altar. All are warmly invited to receive bread and wine. Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate this by carrying this booklet.

Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer.

One of the following is said:

**Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body,
we have tasted the wine of his new life.**

**We thank you for these gifts
by which we are made one in him
and drawn into that new creation which is your will for
all;**

**through him who died for us and rose again,
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

- (b) **Father, your steadfast purpose
is the completion of all things in your Son.
May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,
live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love,
until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Junior Church Presentation (*if meeting*)

Notices

Final Hymn

Hon 426

Praise to the Holiest in the heights
And in the depth be praise
In all His words most wonderful
Most sure in all His ways

O loving wisdom of our God
When all was sin and shame
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came

O wisest love! That flesh and blood
Which did in Adam fail
Should strive afresh against the foe
Should strive and should prevail

And that a higher gift of grace
Should flesh and blood refine
God's presence, and His very self
And essence all-divine

And in the garden secretly
And on the cross on high
Should teach His brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die

Praise to the Holiest in the heights
And in the depth be praise
In all His words most wonderful
Most sure in all His ways

THE SENDING OUT

Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.

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

Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

*Do join us for tea or coffee at the back of the church after our service.
All are welcome.*

Notices

Newsletter February March Please could I have articles today to felicitymurdanaigum@hotmail.co.uk

Lions Club International Quiz Night

Friday 7th February 2025 at St Matins doors open 7pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm Tickets £5. Raffle, bring your own bottle, tea and coffee provided. Contact Tom 07712470895

St Salvador's Foodbank

Thank you to all who have contributed. Further donations can be left in the box in the kitchen.

Burns Lunch. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the lunch last week, which raised £180

FREE First Aid Courses. St Peter's, Luton Place, Edinburgh

Each session runs at St Peter's from 9am to 12noon, with a short break mid-session (please bring your own refreshments).

Saturday 8 March Resuscitation & Saturday 15 March Basic First Aid. To book, or for further information, email janice.allister@gmail.com

