



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth
Welcome to our worship

2nd February 2025, Presentation of the Lord -
Candlemas

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (Scottish Prayer Book Page 326)
Celebrant, The Very Revd Graham Taylor, Rector

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (Revised Scottish Liturgy 1982)
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Order of Service

Processional hymn	286 Holy, holy holy! Lord God almighty
Welcome	
Gloria	Page 6 and 7
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Malachi 3. 1-4; Hebrews 2. 14-18
Gradual Hymn	574 Purify my heart
Gospel	Luke 2. 22-40
Sermon	Dean Graham Taylor
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Intercessions	Gordon Murch
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Offertory Hymn	701 Virgin-born, we bow before thee
Eucharistic Prayer I	See Pages 9 - 11
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Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
Communion Hymn	144 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and pages 29-30
Recessional Hymn	428 Love divine, all loves excelling
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*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee
in the Threshold after the 8.30 am 10.30 am service*

The Collect

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**

A reading from Malachi 3. 1-4

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Hebrews 2. 14-18

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.

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The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2. 22-40

Glory 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 turtle-doves 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 for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped 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 favour of God was upon him.

on his way.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Forthcoming Services and Events

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. ***Holy Communion*** followed by coffee and chat.

Sunday 9th February

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 16th February

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with healing prayers

Tuesday 4th February at 10.30 a.m. ***The Prayer Group*** will meet at 35 St Mary's Drive, Perth. As always new members very welcome, if possible, please let Ruth know. Email: ruth42caroline@gmail.com

Monday 10th February at 2.30 pm. ***St John's Fellowship*** in the Threshold. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Monday 10th February at 7 – 8.30 p.m. ***International Café*** in the Civic Hall, 2 High Street, Perth PH1 5PH. How well do you know Perth – a fun photo quiz. All Welcome.

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The Church Administrator is in the Office:

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Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS

Revd Annie's day off – MONDAYS

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