

# Sunday 3 February 2019 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

## COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day  
presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Malachi 3.1-5

*A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.*

Thus says the LORD God: 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. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

## PSALM Psalm 24.[1-6] 7-10

*R The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.*

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who  
dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. *R*

"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
or who can rise up in his holy place?"  
"Those who have clean hands and a pure  
heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie; *R*

"They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their  
salvation."

Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of  
Jacob. *R*

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
"Who is the King of glory?"  
"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle." *R*

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
"Who is this King of glory?"  
"The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory." *R*

## SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14-18

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

Since the children share flesh and blood,  
Jesus 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.

## GOSPEL Luke 2.22-40

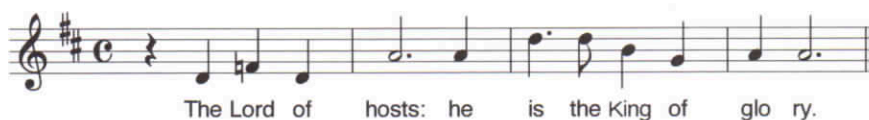
*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 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.

## POST COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts  
beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he  
comes to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



# Holworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 ~ Presentation of Christ

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*A very warm welcome to church today*

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Presentation of Christ (Incense)	11.15 Sung Eucharist (Patronal)		9.30 Sung Eucharist		9.30 All Age Service
<i>Prayer intentions: For all who doubt, our PCC members, all who live at Bailey Gardens, Littlebridge Cross &amp; Bailey Park, Bridgerule</i>					
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb					
<i>Prayer intentions: For temperance</i>					
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb					
<i>Prayer intentions: That we may live good lives</i>					
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb					
<i>Prayer intentions: For justice</i>					
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb					
<i>Prayer intentions: For a deeper commitment to mission</i>					
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION and 10:30am NO COST CAFE Holworthy				
<i>Prayer intentions: For the prophets of today</i>					
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb					
<i>Prayer intentions: For Church leaders</i>					
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb Fourth Sunday before Lent	11.15 Morning Prayer		9.30 Sung Eucharist		11.15 Sung Eucharist
<i>Prayer intentions: For the mission of the Church, our Churchwardens, all who live at Bodmin Street, Glovers &amp; Parson Close, Holworthy</i>					
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb Third Sunday before Lent	11.15 Sung Eucharist	Sung BCP Holy Communion	9.30 Sung Eucharist		9.30 Morning Prayer
<i>Prayer intentions: For those without safe shelter, our PCC secretaries, all who live at Bray Road, Kingdon Way &amp; Kivell Close, Holworthy</i>					

## Notices

**Burns Supper** – made £1,258.03. Thank you to everyone who came, donated and helped in any way. An especially big thank you to Bob Beckford for the part he played in making the evening happen. This means Holworthy is able to pay their Common Fund in full for 2018.

**Devon Churches Rural Forum Newsletter January 2019** – Latest newsletter can be found on the following link: <http://www.devonchurchesruralforum.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1548937892.pdf>. If you would like receive the newsletter direct in the future, please email [info@devonchurchesruralforum.org.uk](mailto:info@devonchurchesruralforum.org.uk) with the word newsletter in the subject line. Newsletters are sent out three times a year.

**Birthday Celebration and Invitation – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February is CONNECT SUNDAY!** It is also just 1 year since Ruth, our Connect associate Youth Worker, started here in Holworthy. Between 3pm and 5pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February there will be a celebration with light refreshments at Holworthy Youth Centre on Sanders Lane (EX22 6HE) with an opportunity to meet Ruth, and find out what she has been doing over the last year.

**New Electoral Roll** – every six years a new electoral roll is required. This needs to be done this year. If you want to be on it please ensure you fill out an electoral roll form. Copies are at the back of the churches.

**Coffee Morning for Holworthy Church – 27<sup>th</sup> February.** We hope to have several stalls including a chocolate tombola and other games, a good quality white elephant stall, cake and savouries stall, a plant stall and we also need prizes for the raffle. Items particularly required: bottles of wine, chocolate, raffle prizes. Please leave in the choir vestry of Holworthy church.

**Confirmation** - If you know of anyone who might like to be confirmed please tell Mthr Elizabeth.

**APCMs** - the annual parochial church meetings are in March. Please start thinking and praying about any roles you might like to take on in the life of the church. Hollacombe, Holworthy and Pyworthy all need a new churchwarden. New people on the committees are always welcome.

**Lent Course** – At the back of the church is a sign-up sheet for this year's Lent course. Mary Aichele and Mother Elizabeth are going to lead one of the Pilgrim courses. Please indicate on the sheet at the back of church or e-mail Mother Elizabeth if you can make either or both. Tuesdays start on 12<sup>th</sup> March and end 16<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm at the Rectory or Fridays start 7<sup>th</sup> March and end 12<sup>th</sup> April 10.45 at St Peter and St Paul's church.