

# **HYMNS: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

## **Presentation of Christ in the temple**

### **Processional**

Love Divine, all love excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.

2. Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave.

4. Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above.  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

5. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;

6. Changed from glory into glory  
'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

### **Before the Gospel**

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

2. All the Spirit promised,  
all the Father willed,  
now these eyes behold it  
perfectly fulfilled.

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

4. Christ, thy people's glory!  
watching, doubting cease:  
grant to us thy servants  
our discharge in peace.

## Offertory

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the Sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;

manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.  
Christ will then like lightning shine;  
all will see his glorious sign:  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the judge appear;  
thou by all will be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy Word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

## During Communion

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
ody of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water flowing from his side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with the saints for ay.

We pray thee, heavenly Father,  
to hear us in thy love,  
and pour upon thy children  
the unction from above;  
that so in love abiding,  
from all defilement free,  
we may in pureness offer  
our Eucharist to thee.

2. All that we have we offer,  
for it is all thine own,  
all gifts, by thine appointment,  
in bread and cup are shown;  
one thing alone we bring not,  
the wilfulness of sin,  
and all we bring is nothing  
save that which is within.

3. Within the pure oblation,  
beneath the outward sign,  
by that his operation, -  
the Holy Ghost divine,-  
lies hid the sacred body,  
lies hid the precious blood,  
once slain, now ever glorious,  
of Christ our Lord and God.

4. Wherefore, though all unworthy  
to offer sacrifice,  
we pray that this our duty  
be pleasing in thine eyes;  
for praise, and thanks and worship,  
for mercy and for aid,  
the catholic oblation  
of Jesus Christ is made.

## **As the candles are lit**

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day  
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,  
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,  
the child and his parents are left on their own.

They go to the temple, obeying the law,  
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

But Anna and Simeon recognize there  
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

The old who have suffered and waited so long  
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,  
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

The candles invite us to praise and to pray  
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

## **Final**

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.