



# Holy Innocents Kingsbury

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3rd February 2019,  
Candlemas, Year C

*Welcome to Holy Innocents.*

*To use the loop system, switch your hearing aid to 'T'.*

*If you would like someone to be mentioned in the prayers today please ask one of the ministers before the service begins.*

## Readings & Hymns for today

*Stand when the hymn begins.*

### Processional hymn:

- 1 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
- 2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

### Services Today

8.30am Said Eucharist  
10.00am Sung Eucharist  
*Followed by the burial of Terry Hopkins' ashes*

### Services this week

Tuesday 10.15am Morning Prayer  
Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist

### Coffee morning

Tuesday 10.30-11.30am

### Memory Cafe

Friday 2-4pm

### Next Sunday 10th February

#### Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.30am Said Eucharist  
10.00am Thanks & Praise

### Next Week's Readings

*Isaiah 6: 9-end; Psalm 138; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11*

- 3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?**
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure:  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**5 Brightest and best of the sons of  
the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us  
thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon  
adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer  
is laid.**

*Reginald Heber ( 1783-1826)*  
*AM96*

**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 forever. **Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT 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.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 24. 7–10**

**R The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. **R**

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. **R**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors; that the King of glory may come in. **R**

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. **R**

## NEW TESTAMENT 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.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### Gradual Hymn:

- 1 Faithful vigil ended,  
Watching, waiting cease;  
Master, grant your servant  
His discharge in peace.**
- 2 All the Spirit promised,  
All the Father willed,  
Now these eyes behold it  
Perfectly fulfilled.**

**3 This your great deliverance  
Sets your people free;  
Christ their light uplifted  
All the nations see.**

**4 Christ, your people's glory!  
Watching, doubting cease:  
Grant to us your servants  
Our discharge in peace.**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926), based on Luke 2.29-32 (Nunc Dimittis, The Song of Simeon) AM396*

## GOSPEL READING

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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

**Glory to you O Lord**

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.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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| <b>Offertory Hymn:</b> |
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- 1 Of the Father's heart begotten  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain,  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.**
- 2 By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft  
radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun,  
Evermore and evermore.**
- 3 He assumed this mortal body,  
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created  
Might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful Law had  
sentenced  
In the depths of hell to lie,  
Evermore and evermore.**
- 4 O how blest that wondrous  
birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's  
salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived,  
And the Babe, the world's  
Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.**

5 This is he, whom seer and sybil  
Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealed  
In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised  
Saviour;  
Let the world his praises cry!  
Evermore and evermore.

6 Sing, ye heights of heaven, his  
praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.

*Corde natus ex parentis*

*Aurelius Clemens Prudentius ( 348-c.413)*

*translated by Roby Furley Davis ( 1866-1937), AM 80*

### Communion Hymn:

1 Longing for light, we wait in  
darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy  
people,  
Light for the world to see.  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts. Shine*  
*through the darkness.*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered*  
*today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is  
troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save  
us.  
Make us your living voice.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for  
others,  
Shared until all are fed.

4 Longing for shelter, many are  
homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering  
others,  
Walls made of living stone.

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to  
belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

*Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)*

*AM 42*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may  
your people, illumined by your word and  
sacraments, shine with the radiance of  
his glory, that he may be known,  
worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of  
the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now  
and forever. **Amen**

## Candelmas Procession

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
King of the universe.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Your light shines on us  
and all peoples shall see your glory.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

You gave us Jesus to be the light of  
the world;

he makes our darkness to be light.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Through the Holy Spirit your love  
burns within us,  
bearing witness to your truth.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

As we bear your light,  
may our lips never cease to sing your  
praise.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

*During the following hymn all join the  
procession out of the church.*

- 1 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.*

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

- 3 They go to the temple, obeying the  
law,  
And offer two pigeons, the gift of  
the poor.**

- 4 But Anna and Simeon recognise  
there  
The Christ-child who came at the  
turn of the year.**

- 5 The old who have suffered and  
waited so long  
See hope for the world as they  
welcome the young.**

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

- 13 The candles invite us to praise and  
to pray  
When Christmas greets Easter on  
Candlemas Day.**

*Elizabeth J. Cosnett (b.1936)*

*AM 113*

*After the ashes are placed:*  
Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord  
**And let light perpetual shine  
upon him**  
May he rest in peace  
**And rise in glory.**

Father, we have sung your praise with  
shepherds and angels:  
may Christ be born in our hearts  
today.

**All Praise to Christ our light.**

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna; help us, like them, to trust your word.

**All Praise to Christ our light.**

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world; may we be filled with the light of your love.

**All Praise to Christ our light.**

We turn from the crib to the cross.

**All Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light.

**All Let us shine with the light of your love.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*CCL 424001  
Dated 03.02.19*

### **Notices**

*Diary of upcoming events: for details see notices below or notices in church*

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Event</b>       | <b>Place</b>  |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Sat        | 9 Feb       | 10am-2.30pm | Parish Vision Day  | <i>Church</i> |
| Sun        | 10 Feb      | 11.15am     | Traidcraft         | <i>Church</i> |
| Tue        | 12 Feb      | Evening     | Anglicans in Brent | <i>Church</i> |

There is a complete revision of the church **electoral roll** this year. All current members of the church should fill in a new form, which is available in the back of church. Please fill in one form per person and return to Dianna’s in tray outside the new office. It is no longer necessary to join the electoral roll if you want to get married at Holy Innocents.

**See What's Happening in the Memory Cafe** Friday 8th. Come and celebrate Chinese New Year. It’s the year of the pig. So wear anything in red as this represents Good Luck.

Holy Innocents’ PCC invites you to the **Parish Vision Day**. A day for all interested in the future of Holy

Innocents. Saturday 9 February 2019 10.30am - 2.30pm (Refreshments from 10am). Lunch provided. Reflection, workshops, & discussion about the purpose and future of our church. Sign up in church.

We are hosting the next **Anglicans in Brent** (Deanery Synod) meeting in the evening of Tuesday 12 February. The topic will be how to encourage BAME ministry, led by Rev’d Jarel Robinson-Brown who is reported to be a very good speaker. All are welcome, any volunteers to help with refreshments please let Natasha know. A hot meal will be provided on the evening by St Laurence’s Larder.

Scaffolding is up on the church due to extensive repairs to the external **stonework** taking place. This is expected to last to the end of January or beginning of February.

**MU Subs** are now due £25.00 please pay by Cheque if possible. Cheques made payable to, Mothers Union Holy Innocents.

*If you are **ill or in hospital** please let us know if possible so that the church community can pray for you and we can be in touch. Contact Carl Berry or any member of the ministry team.*

*Regular worshippers are asked to join the planned **giving** scheme. This greatly helps the parish with financial planning. Contact*

*Christoher Beels for more information (christopherbeels@btinternet.com, 020 82046448). You can also give by card or paypal online from our website.*

*If you are holding a church event please include it in these notices. Email kingsbury.holy.innocents@gmail.com or put them in the administrator's intray by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following Sunday.*

### **For your prayers**

**The Sick:** Dorothy, Karina, Sarah, Marylin.

**Others in need of prayer:** Stan, Ann, Germaine, Phyllis, Angela.

**Recently departed:** Audrey Humphreys, Terry Hopkins

**Anniversary of death:** John James; Emily Barrett; C J Cumberlidge; Minnie Bishop; Edith Jarvis.

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*Other parish office holders' contact details are now on a separate document available in the narthex, if you would like a copy contact the parish administrator.*