

**ST MARY'S LAPWORTH**  
**MATTINS for**  
**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**

**The Collect for the Presentation**

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Second Collect, for Peace**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Third Collect, for Grace**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Anthem:** *When to the temple Mary went*  
– Johannes Eccard

**The Sermon**

**Hymn 238:** For Mary, mother of our Lord

**Prayers**

The Grace (*said together*): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

**Notices**

**Hymn 557:** Praise to the holiest in the height

**Blessing and Dismissal**

May God give to you and to all those you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Voluntary:** *Festival Voluntary* – Flor Peeters

**Hymn 30** – Lift up your heads, you mighty gates

**Sentence of the Scriptures**

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. (*Malachi 3:1*)

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Bidding**

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now. (*Please kneel or sit*)

**General Confession**

O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer of Absolution**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon ✠ and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Versicles and Responses**

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

Answer: O Lord, make haste to help us. (*stand*)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and

ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.

### **The Psalmody – Psalm 24**

1 THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is :  
the compass of the world, and they that dwell  
therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas : and  
prepared it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or  
who shall rise up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart  
: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity,  
nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:  
and righteousness from the God of his  
salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him :  
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift  
up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory  
shall come in.

8 Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong  
and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift  
up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory  
shall come in.

10 Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of  
hosts, he is the King of glory. (*Please stand*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### **The First Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-5**

#### **The Venite (Ps 95)**

1 O COME, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our  
salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with  
thanksgiving :  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God :

and we are the people of his pasture, and the  
sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

### **The Second Lesson: Luke 2: 22-40**

#### **Hymn 360: Faithful vigil ended**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of  
heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son  
our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He  
descended into hell; The third day he rose again  
from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And  
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of  
Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection  
of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Versicles and Responses**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. (*please kneel or sit*)

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy  
Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we  
forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us  
not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer: And mercifully hear us when we call  
upon thee.

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.

Answer: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer: Because there is none other that fighteth  
for us, but only thou, O God.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.