

**Welcome to worship
at Dayboro Uniting Church and
Mt Mee Community Church**

Sunday 28 December 2014 Christmas 1

08:30am Dayboro Pastor Richard

4:00pm Mt Mee Holy Communion
Pastor Richard



Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all
people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2 vv29 - 32

Richard's Ramblings

This week's Gospel reading includes one of the Christian Church's oldest canticles, or songs, the quite beautiful *Nunc Dimittis*. Old choral hands like me sang it at Evening Prayer, along with Mary's song from Luke 1, *Magnificat*. They were/are fondly known as "Mag and Nunc". If you want to browse around Youtube, Stanford in B flat is probably my favourite setting, followed by Purcell in G minor.

A very old man, Simeon, had been waiting all his life to see God's promised Messiah. When Mary brought her baby Jesus to the Temple for a Jewish infant ritual, Simeon saw them and knew at once that this was Whom he had been waiting for. If Simon and Garfunkel had been around 2,000 years ago (my nephew thinks that music of my 60s and 70s era was like 2,000 years ago), Simeon might have sung:

"The time has come to shine
all your dreams are on their way".

Instead, he asked, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word, because I've seen your salvation".

What did he mean? A Roman occupying army still strutted around his country and its holy capital, a Roman governor ruled the province through his puppet Herod, the religious authorities were pettifogging hypocrites, poor people were being ripped off by rich ones. Not much salvation in sight, you wouldn't have thought.

Simeon had put two and two together, and said to himself, however bad things might be for me, if God keeps this promise, He'll keep all the others too. If He's got the whole world in His hands, I can commit myself to those same hands.



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I got your point about the tri-unity of the Godhead.
It's your golf illustration I didn't understand.

Contributions for the Newsletter

Read any good books lately? Or found a website which has helped your Christian life and/or witness? Or do you have *secret knowledge* of an upcoming event? Tell Richard, and see your name in lights (OK, in Apple Verdana 10).

Next week at Dayboro Uniting Church:
08:30am Pastor Richard
Ephesians 1 "Deposit Guarantee Scheme".

Readings Elizabeth Ogston
Intercessions Dan Nugent
(*Erm, they don't know yet*)

This afternoon at Mt Mee
4pm Holy Communion Pastor Richard

Next Sunday at Mt Mee
4pm Holy Communion Pastor John Heffernan

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