

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



**EUCCHARIST & PROCESSION
ON THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS**

THE EUCHARIST ON THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS

Hymn: 327 Awake, awake, fling off the night

**Awake, awake: fling off the night!
for God has sent a glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.**

**Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must grow,
And fruits of truth and goodness show.**

**Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross expectant kneel,
that Christ may judge, and judging, heal.**

**Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
It's power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.**

**Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Christ our morning star, illuminate the darkness of our lives:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ our morning star, open our eyes to the brightness of your
saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ our morning star, come, dawn in our hearts,
may we follow where you lead:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God and our God.
Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 2.22-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him 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 for 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.

SERMON

Hymn: 483 We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God, (x4)

*We are marching ,oh,
we are marching In the light of God
We are marching ,oh,
we are marching In the light of God*

We are living in the love of God,

We are moving in the power of God,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: 719 Lord, the light of your love is shining

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
shine on me, shine on me.**

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter the brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
shine on me, shine on me.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:
shine on me, shine on me.**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Believing the promises of God,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.**

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

NOTICES

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

The choir will lead us in singing the taize chant 'Lord is my light' whilst our candles are lit.

PLEASE TAKE CARE

**The lord is my light, my light and salvation:
In God I trust, in God I trust.**

Once our candles are lit we process to the crib at the back of church

ACCLAMATION OF THE LIGHT

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;
he makes our darkness to be light.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

ACT OF COMMITMENT

We face the crib

We gather together to recognise your light.
Let us shine with the light of your love.
We stand near the place of new birth.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn to face the cross.

We turn from the crib to the cross.
Let us shine with the light of your love.
We will go into your world and carry the light of Christ with us.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

Hymn: 810 Thou, whose almighty word

**Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Christ our morning star:
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.
That you may bring light into the life of others.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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