



The Eucharist for Candlemas

¶ The Gathering

The Notices are usually given by the Warden on duty

Opening Hymn

The Greeting

The Lord of glory be with you.

All **The Lord bless you.**

The president introduces the day's liturgy

Gloria in Excelsis *We sing the Gloria*

Refrain *Glory to God, Glory to God - Glory to God in the highest.*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Refrain

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Refrain

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.** *Refrain*

The Collect

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the Reading

At the end the reader may say



This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**
*Please stand for the
Gradual Hymn and Gospel*

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

All **Alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
according to

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for the Sermon

Stand for the The Apostles Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel for the

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess our sins.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour, in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The Absolution is said

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand for The Peace

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

during which the collection is taken

Preparation of the Table

*The bread and wine are placed on the altar.
The collection is taken.*

All Father, in Christ there has sprung up
a light for the righteous;
**accept the offering of your Church
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.
Amen.**

Please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**



The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues and includes the following acclamations

All Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues at the end all respond

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please KNEEL or SIT We have a time for private prayer, reflection and meditation. The children's groups rejoin us for the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is said

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

As our saviour taught us so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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

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

All **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

Before the distribution the president says

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



The president and people receive communion. You are encouraged to come forward straight away to receive communion or a blessing (following the choir if there is one!) During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

The Candlemas Procession

Our candles are lit and then the president says a Prayer ending with

AllBlessed be God, Father Son and holy Spirit
Blessed be God for ever.

We process to the font saying or singing

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.

**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.**

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The Dismissal

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

All *We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna; help us, like them, to trust your word.*
Praise to Christ our light.

All *We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world; may we be filled with the light of your love.*
Praise to Christ our light.



We sing the Final Hymn

All *We stand near the place of new birth.*
Let us shine with the light of your love.

All *We turn from the crib to the cross.*
Let us shine with the light of your love.

All *We go to carry his light.*
**Let us shine with the light of your love.
Thanks be to God.**



Please do not take this order of service away with you