

## Holy Communion for Candlemas

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

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

We wait for your loving-kindness,

**O Lord, in the midst of your temple.**

Open to us the gates of righteousness,

**that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

God is the Lord who has shown us light.

**Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness**

### Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith. John 8:1

### Prayer of Confession

**All 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

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 (A special prayer appointed for the day)

Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Luke 2:32

**Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to *N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayers / Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end all say*

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

Preparation of the Table

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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

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

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

### Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are they who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day. Amen.  
Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
Who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
May we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
Prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;  
For he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen**

**Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,  
Pour into the hearts of your faithful people  
The brilliance of your eternal splendour,  
That we, who by this kindling flames  
Light up this temple to your glory,  
May have the darkness of our souls dispelled,  
And so be counted worthy to stand before you  
In that eternal city where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. Amen**

## Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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