

**HYMN:**

Colours of day dawn  
into the mind,  
The sun has come up,  
the night is behind,  
Go down in the city,  
into the street,  
And let's give the message  
to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire  
and let the flame burn,  
Open the door, let Jesus return,  
Take seeds of His Spirit,*

*let the fruit grow,  
Tell the people of Jesus,  
let His love show.*

Go through the park,  
on into the town,  
The sun still shines on,  
it never goes down,  
The Light of the world  
is risen again,  
The people of darkness are  
needing a friend.  
*So light up the fire ...*

**BLESSING:**

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

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

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

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

**THE CONCLUSION**

Go in the light  
and peace of Christ

**In the light  
and peace of Christ  
we go to shine  
for Christ in the world**



**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas**

**All Saints Mudeford**

Today we celebrate Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The old prophet Simeon proclaimed Jesus as 'a light for all people' so the day is celebrated with candles. Simeon prophesied that a sword would pierce Mary's soul; therefore, at Candlemas we turn from Christmas towards Easter



**WELCOME** - we light a candle

**Prayer:** Praise God! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns  
**Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.**

Lord may we, your people, be filled with the light of your presence  
**That we might shine as lights in your world**

**Lord wake us up to your glory**

**Open our eyes to your presence; Open our ears to your call,  
Open our hearts to your love that you might set us on fire  
to love and serve you each day. Amen.**

May the light of Christ live in our hearts.

**Shine in our lives Lord Jesus**

**HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

**CONFESSION**

Christ the light of the world came to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Absolution:**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw *us* to himself and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins,  
that *we* may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**GLORIA**

**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.  
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.  
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. Amen.**

**COLLECT**

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

**READINGS:**

Psalm 24

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:**

*Prayer after Communion*

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. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power  
of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

God our Father, source of all light,  
on this day you revealed to Simeon your "light for all people".  
Bless each one that you may shine in each heart  
so that in turn we might shine for you in this world  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

Father, here we bring to an end  
our celebration of the Saviour's birth.  
**Help us, in whom he has been born,  
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.  
**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,  
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.  
**Help us, who extinguish these candles,  
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

*We extinguish our candles*

Here we remember our baptism.  
**Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.  
**Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

**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.**

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.**

*The consecrated bread is broken:*

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.**

*Agnus Dei*

**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.**

*We are invited to receive 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.**

*We receive Communion or a Blessing.*

*Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name*

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and  
whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the  
evening comes

*Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul*

**THE GOSPEL:** Luke 2.22-40

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

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**THE CREED**

Let us declare our faith in God.  
**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name*  
You're rich in love and you're  
slow to anger  
Your name is great and your  
heart is kind  
For all your goodness I will keep  
on singing  
10, 000 reasons for my heart to  
find  
*Bless the Lord O my soul ....*



## **THE PEACE**

Christ came to bring light to those who dwell in darkness and in 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.**

*We share a sign of peace with each other*

### **HYMN:**

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee; and that love may never cease, I will move Thee. Thou hast granted my appeal, Thou hast heard me; Thou didst note my ardent zeal, Thou hast spared me.	Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise Thee; in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.
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Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing Thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

### **Prayer at 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.**

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS**

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 him 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,**