

# Evening Worship *for* Candlemas on Zoom

## Before the service

You may wish to say this prayer as you wait for the service to begin.

Move my heart, Lord, with the calm, smooth flow of your grace.  
Let the river of your love wash through me.  
May I be carried by the current of your glorious love  
to the place in my heart where earth meets heaven. **Amen.**

Based on a prayer by Gilbert of Hoyland

**Preparation**  
(Cantor = Bob)

## The Greeting

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

**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Revd Katrina welcomes everyone to this time of worship.*

## Opening Prayer

Let us pray. *Silence.*

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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. *Silence.*

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.                      **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.                      **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.                      **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love  
bring *us* back to himself,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and assure *us* of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Collect for Candlemas

*Revd Katrina introduces a period of silent prayer by saying,  
'Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.'  
The Collect for today is said.*

## The Word

### Readings

*We listen to today's Old Testament and Gospel readings.*

*At the end of each the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responses to God's Word

### Short Address or Reflection

### A Candlemas Poem

*Seeing Salvation*

## Affirmation of Faith

Recalling how God has revealed his glorious presence in our lives,  
we affirm our faith in God by saying:

**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.**

*cf. Ephesians 3*

## Prayers

### Prayers of Intercession

*At the end of each petition the following may be said:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end this response may be said:*

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

### The Lord's Prayer

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Notices

#### Our “Dedication” Hymn

*read or sung*

#### Closing Prayer

Let us pray:

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### The Candlemas 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.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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