

# From the Crib to the Cross

A service for Candlemas  
30th February 2022



## Gathering Worship

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**

*The service is introduced and we pray using this response*

We come with empty hands  
**Fill us with your grace**

**Hymn 40** Angel voices ever singing

## **Confession and Absolution**

*the following response is used in our confession:*

Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy in Greek*)

**Lord have mercy**

God for us in our becoming,  
God with us in our journeying,  
God in us in our healing.  
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
forgive us and make us whole.

**Amen**

## **Collect for Candlemas**

God of Anna and Simeon,  
whose law makes known the gift of life,  
whose love exposes our hardness of heart:  
by your Spirit,  
may we receive your faithful word  
to Gentile and to Jew  
and know your reconciling presence  
offered for all the world;  
through Jesus Christ, the Light and the Glory of God.

**Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **Gospel Reading (i)**

*We stand to face the gospel which is introduced with no response.*

## Hymn 167 Faithful vigil ended

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F. Silcher 1789-1860



## Gospel Reading (ii)

*at the end*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

## Sermon

## Creed (*Please stand*)

**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.**

## **Intercessions**

*As we turn from the crib to the cross, we carefully pack away the Nativity figures.*

*First, the wise men are packed away*

**As the Wise Men journeyed against the odds to find you,  
may we seek to follow you wherever you may lead us...**

*Mary is packed away*

**As Mary said yes to God, without whom God could do  
nothing,  
may we say yes and trust you...**

*Joseph is packed away*

**As Joseph said yes to God, despite his doubts, to be  
included in your plan,  
may we trust you enough to overcome our doubts and  
fears...**

*Finally, Jesus is taken out of the crib scene and packed away*

**As Jesus was born as a helpless child, so God comes close to us,  
bends to reach us, and empties himself to become one of us...**

*at the end we say*

**Amen**

## **Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**

**Hymn 584** Of the Father's love begotten (*omit vv 3&4*)

### **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.**

*Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

*Listen, and we will hear.*

*We listen as the priest tells of God's work in creation and respond:*

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Why do we share this bread and wine?  
Listen, and we will hear.*

*We listen as the priest recalls the Last Supper*

*How do we follow Jesus Christ?  
Listen, and we will hear.*

*The prayer continues at at the end we respond:*

**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.**

## **Breaking the Bread**

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.**

## **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**

**Hymn 506** May the mind of Christ our Saviour

# Closing Worship

*All remain standing and a group stands by the font with a candle.*

May Christ be born in our hearts today.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;  
help us, like them, to trust your word.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

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 stand near the place of new birth.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

*The procession, with the candle moves to the door*

We turn from the crib to the cross.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

**Thanks be to God.**

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