

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.



The Parish Churches of S Philip  
and S Augustine and S Matthew  
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

# Liturgy of the Word and Spiritual Communion for Candlemas

## Notes

This service is a version of the Liturgy of the Word, which turns on the Our Father into an act of spiritual communion, undertaken in the words of the *Anima Christi*.

The bulk of the service inheres in the readings and the intercessions. These will be sent out each week.

The Te Deum is included at the end, since it is said at the end of the Office on Sundays outside Lent and Advent. I have used the Tudor version, since the words have a greater umph.

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+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

God our Father, You sent Your Son, full of grace and truth; forgive our failure to receive Him: Kyrie eleison.

Jesus our Saviour, You were born in poverty and laid in a manger; forgive our greed and rejection of Your ways: Christe eleison.

Your servant Mary responded joyfully to Your call; forgive the hardness of our hearts: Kyrie eleison.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And the Word of God Most High / Self-imprisoned doth lie / In our body.

So Isaias sang of old, / So the Synagogue doth hold, / But the sunrise finds her cold / Hard and blinded.

Of her own she will not mark, / Let her to the gentiles hark; / For the Sybil's verses dark / Tell of these things.

He whom thy seers foretell / Born is in Israel: / Mary's little Son, O mark him well. / Alleluia.

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Lord, You fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when He comes to bring us to life eternal; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

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*In place of receiving Holy Communion, you should use the prayer:*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, refresh me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within Thy wounds, hide me.  
Do not permit me to be separated from Thee;  
From the malicious enemy defend me,  
In the hour of my death call me  
And bid me come to Thee,  
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee;  
For ever and ever. Amen.

*It is appropriate that a time of reflexion follows. If, like the Vicar, you have a mind that easily lured by the frivolous and ephemeral, you might use the following to help stay on task:*

Faithful people, / Sweeten all your song with gladness. / Alleluia.

Matchless maiden / Bringeth forth the Prince of princes: / O! the marvel.

Virgin compasseth a man, / Yea, the angel of the plan: / Star the Dayspring.

As the star, light crystalline, / Mary hath a Son divine / In her likeness.

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Glory be to God on high.  
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,  
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right  
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high,  
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

Inspired by Your Spirit, Lord, we gather in Your temple to welcome Your Son. Enlighten our minds and lay bare our inmost thoughts. Purify Your people and make us obedient to the demands of Your Law, so that we may mature in wisdom and grow to full stature in Your Grace: in and through the same Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the latter Letter of to the Hebrews.

Since the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦ and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’ ♦ ‘The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.’

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦ and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory?’ ♦ ‘The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.’

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon,

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and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel."

*The Intercessions follow; these will include petitions from the weekly cycle; and may include the Covid 19 prayer in the notes; at the end:*

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.