

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.

*Any intercessions follow and a period of silence*

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



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

# The Office

# for

# Candlemas

# for use at home

## Notes

If you say evensong on the Saturday evening before Trinity Sunday, you should use this order.

When reciting the office privately, you should move your lips with the words to ensure that your eyes do not just mindlessly move along the text.

Usually, people sit (or kneel) to recite the office privately – in front of a Crucifix, if possible. Some people may choose to light a candle.

The sign of the Cross made at, “ O Lord, open &c) is generally made on the lips with the thumb to seek a blessing on the words of our prayer.

The Responsory is provided in full, but if you are reciting it alone, you can omit the lines in blue.

The booklet is provided in two forms. Some will prefer to read it from their electronic toy; others may need to print it out. Hopefully the booklet format will let you do just that. Please save the file to your hard disk. Other booklets will be sent as and when the Liturgical season requires.

Intercessions will also be circulated so that we can pray for the same thing each day.

The **Te Deum** is said at one office on Sundays, preferably in the morning.

## *At Evensong:*

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*The Te Deum is said on Sundays and red letter feasts.*

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.  
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.

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*At Mattins:*

O God, Who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of Whom standeth our eternal life, Whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Any intercessions follow and a period of silence*

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

**Angelus**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

And the Word was made flesh.  
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His + Cross and Passion be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## The Office

+ O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
+ O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's Name be praised.

*At Mattins, there follows the **Venite** with its antiphon:*

*Antiphon: Behold, He comes to His Temple, our Lord and  
Master: O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

### Antiphon

For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

### Antiphon

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy  
kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into  
temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.  
O Lord, save the Queen.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.  
O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.  
Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O  
God.  
O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*There follows the **Collect of the Day**:*

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty,  
that, as Thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the  
Temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto  
Thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same Thy Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with The Father and  
the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end.  
Amen.

*The office continues:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
+ And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

### Antiphon

To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :  
as in the provocation,  
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;  
When your fathers tempted me :  
proved me, and saw my works.

### Antiphon

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :  
It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways.  
Unto whom I sware in my wrath :  
that they should not enter into my rest.

### Antiphon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world  
without end. Amen.

### Antiphon

*The Office Hymn follows:*

Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour  
Spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit,  
In bless-ed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,  
Finds its fulfilment.

Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving,  
Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,  
Now she presents Him for a spotless offering  
Unto His Father.

In God's high Temple, Simeon the righteous  
Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture  
That One for Whom his longing eyes had waited,  
Jesus, Messiah.

Where now His Mother next her Son is seated,  
In those fair mansions of the heavenly Kingdom,  
May Christ our Saviour grant to us His servants  
Life everlasting.

Father eternal, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Trinity bless-ed, Maker and Redeemer,  
Giver of life, and Author of Salvation,  
Thine be the glory.

*At Evensong, there follows the Magnificat:*

*Antiphon:*

There was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; he  
awaited the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon  
him.

+ MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me  
blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his  
Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all  
generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the  
proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted  
the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he  
hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for  
ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world  
without end. Amen.

*Antiphon*

### Antiphon:

The Child is set for the rise and fall of many; and a sword shall pierce your own soul also. Alleluia!

+ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

### Antiphon

*There follow:*

### **The Psalm:**

(122) I WAS glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.  
2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.  
3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.  
4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.  
5 For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.  
6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.  
7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.  
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.  
9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(132) LORD, remember David : and all his trouble;  
2 How he sware unto the Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;  
3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house : nor climb up into my bed;  
4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber : neither the temples of my head to take any rest;

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5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord : an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.  
6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.  
7 We will go into his tabernacle : and fall low on our knees before his footstool.  
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place : thou, and the ark of thy strength.  
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness : and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.  
10 For thy servant David's sake : turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.  
11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David : and he shall not shrink from it;  
12 Of the fruit of thy body : shall I set upon thy seat.  
13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them : their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.  
14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself : he hath longed for her.  
15 This shall be my rest for ever : here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.  
16 I will bless her victuals with increase : and will satisfy her poor with bread.  
17 I will deck her priests with health : and her saints shall rejoice and sing.  
18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish : I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.  
19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame : but upon himself shall his crown flourish.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### ***The Reading***

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

The Lord says this, "Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **The Responory**

The Lord has made known His saving power.  
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Which He hath prepared in the sight of all the people.  
[The Lord hath made known His saving power.](#)  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
The Lord hath made known His saving power.

*At Mattins, there follows the **Benedictus**:*