



# The South West Ipswich Team Ministry

The Church of England in South West Ipswich

## On the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

*You might like to have a candle you can light as part of this mornings service.*





*Before the service starts music or a hymn / song is played, words of welcome are used and the president says*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

The Lord of glory be with you.

*All* **The Lord bless you.**

*The president introduces the day's liturgy*

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

*All* **The Lord bless you.**

*The Taize chant 'The Lord is my Light' is played, if you have a candle at home you might like to light it now.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.  
You make our darkness to be light.  
For with you is the well of life  
and in your light shall we see light.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The president blesses the light saying*

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,  
pour into the hearts of your faithful people  
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,  
that we, who by these kindling flames  
light up this temple to your glory,  
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,  
and so be counted worthy to stand before you  
in that eternal city where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,

*All* **in the midst of your temple.**

Open to us the gates of righteousness,

*All* **that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

God is the Lord who has shown us light.

*All* **Let us offer in his dwelling  
an oblation with great gladness.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*The Gloria echo's the song of the angels at the birth of Jesus, we sing it to proclaim the greatness of God.*

*All* **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.**

## The Collect

*A minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:*

Grateful for the glory revealed today through God made flesh,  
let us pray.

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

*All* **Amen.**

## Readings

*Malachi 3. 1 – 5; The Coming Messenger*

Thus says the Lord God

See, I am sending 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—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>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; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

*at the end of each the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Hebrews 2. 14 - 18*

Since, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*at the end of each the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple  
in substance of our mortal nature.

*All* **Alleluia!**

Today the Blessed Virgin comes  
to be purified in accordance with the law.

*All* **Alleluia!**

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ  
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

*All* **Alleluia! Praise to Christ, the Light of the world!**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

### *The Return to Nazareth*

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*at the end the reader say's*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

*A minister says*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

*All* **maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
*All* **God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
*All* **Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
*All* **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
*All* **he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
*All* **the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
*All* **With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.  
*All* **We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
*All* **We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Prayers for the needs of the church, the world, our local community and those who are in need – the sick, the bereaved as well as those who have recently died and whose anniversary of death fall at this time. The prayers may include one of these responses*

*All* Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear your people  
**hear our prayer. and answer our prayers.**



*at the end*

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,  
and showed them the infant King.  
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,  
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

### **Invitation to confession**

*We come to say sorry for what we have done wrong in our own lives, as well as those things that have been done by humanity, we are invited to reflect and having done so we hear the words of forgiveness, which set us free and lets us go forward free from the past.*

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.

*All* **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

## Absolution

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

### Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

### Hymn

*Music, a hymn or a song is played while the Altar is prepared.*

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present our gifts of money,  
and all that we offer to you,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name.

*All* **Amen.**

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the offering of your Church  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.

*All* **Amen.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

*In the Eucharistic Prayer we do as Jesus commands us, we take bread and wine  
and give thanks before sharing it with one another. Bread that becomes his body  
and wine that becomes his blood; a reminder of how much he loves us.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.  
For on this day he appeared in the temple  
in substance of our flesh to come near to us in judgement.  
He searches the hearts of all your people  
and brings to light the image of your splendour.  
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the  
light to lighten the nations  
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.  
Destined for the falling and rising of many,  
he was lifted high upon the cross  
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart  
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.  
And now we rejoice and glorify your name  
that we, too, have seen your salvation  
and join with angels and archangels  
in their unending hymn of praise:

*All* **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 praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your  
kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary the Blessed Virgin, Francis. Peter,  
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Believing the promises of God,  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*All* **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 of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*All* **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## Agnus Dei

*All* **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.**

*The president receives communion,  
including the wine on behalf of the whole people of God.*

The body of Christ and The blood of Christ.

*If you are making a spiritual communion (i.e. not receiving in person) you may wish to say the below:*

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,  
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,  
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
I present to you my soul and body with the wish  
that they may always be united to you.  
And since I can not now receive you in this sacrament,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you,  
and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.  
Let nothing ever separate you from me.  
May I live and die in your love. Amen.

*Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution.*

# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

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  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen**

*All* **We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

## ¶ The Dismissal

### Hymn

*A Hymn is played*

### Blessing

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
rest and remain upon you, your homes and all whom you love,  
this day and always.

*All* **Amen**

## **The Dismissal**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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