

# Candlemas: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

## An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Service starts at 7.30pm – call in from 7.25

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### Christ as a light

*Margaret Rizza*

*sung by St Martin's Voices*

Christ as a light, illumine and guide me;  
Chris as a shield, overshadow and cover me.  
Christ be under me, Christ be over me;  
Christ be beside me on left hand and on right

Christ as a light, illumine and guide me;  
Chris as a shield, overshadow and cover me.  
Christ be before me, behind and about me;  
Christ this day be within and around me.

Christ as a light guide me;  
Christ as a shield cover me.

## Preparation

### *Opening prayer*

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe:  
To you be glory and praise for ever!  
For you are our light and our salvation,  
and we your children wait for your loving kindness  
in the midst of your temple.

In your Christ, born of the Virgin Mary,  
there has sprung up a light for the righteous  
and joyful gladness for those who are faithful.  
Like Simeon and Anna, we welcome him with joy.

Fill us with your Spirit, we pray,  
and make us into a living temple  
to the praise and glory of your holy name.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

*All* **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

*All* **who made heaven and earth.**

*Following a short period of silent reflection, all may say*

*All* **Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ.  
Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.**

## **The Word of God**

*First reading: Isaiah 42:1-6, 9*

- <sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations.
- <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord

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

*Second reading: John 1:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

*We pause for reflection before lighting our candles*



*Responsory*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

*All* **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

*All* **I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**All Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

### *The Collect*

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## *The Conclusion*

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

*All* **for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

*All* **for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,

*All* **so do we look for you, O Christ.**

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,

may the Spirit descend upon us,

and the blessing of God be with us

this night and always.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Nunc dimittis**

*Plainsong, arr. John Harper*      *sung by St Martin's Voices*

Now Lord you let your servant go in peace:

your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen: the salvation;

Which you have prepared: in the sight of every people,

A light to reveal you to the nations:

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now

and shall be forever.

Amen.

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