

Candlemas
Sunday 1st February 2026
All Age Eucharist
A People's Eucharist - Greening

Processional Hymn

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

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Introduction

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
and we beheld his glory.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The congregation sits and the president introduces the theme of the service.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence *introduced by the Deacon*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh
and splendour of the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.*

Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

Amen.

Gloria

please stand

**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

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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading **Luke 2: 22-40** *please stand*

We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as they prepare to read the Gospel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A sentence from the scripture is sung and then we respond singing:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All Age Talk and Prayers

please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace *please stand*

The president says:

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 in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

A collection plate will be passed around during this hymn. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby, or the QR code



**The love of God comes close
Where stands an open door
To let the stranger in,
To mingle rich and poor:
The love of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.**

**The peace of God comes close
To those caught in the storm,
Forgoing lives of ease
To ease the lives forlorn:
The peace of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.**

**The joy of God comes close
Where faith encounters fears,
Where heights and depths of life
Are found through smiles and tears:
The joy of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.**

**The grace of God comes close
To those whose grace is spent,
When hearts are tired or sore
And hope is bruised or bent:
The grace of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.**

**The Son of God comes close
Where people praise his name,
Where bread and wine are blest
And shared, as when he came:
The Son of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.**

The president takes the bread and wine and says:

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.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest,

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and we use this acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

At the end of the prayer of consecration we all respond:

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *please sit*

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 of 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.

Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

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.
Amen.**

The Communion

If you would like to receive Communion you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not normally have communion but you would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding this service book as a sign. A sidesperson will show you when to come up

Anthem

please sit

Make me a light - Wilby

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. **Amen.**

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing of Church Candles

The Notices, Banns of Marriage and Birthday Slot

The Blessing

please stand

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Recessional Hymn

**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shewn in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.**

**Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.**

**Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
in our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.**

**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation

Please stay and join us for refreshments!
This evening's service is Choral Evensong at 16.30.