

## **Candlemas 2023 Online Order of Service.**

*Introit.*

*Welcome and Introduction.*

*Hymn:*

**Lord, the light of your love is shining;  
in the midst of the darkness, shining.  
Jesus Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
*Shine on me, shine on me;*  
*Shine, Jesus, shine: fill this land with the Father's glory;*  
*Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.*  
*Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy.*  
*Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence:  
from the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness:  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness...**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness:  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story...**

*Penitence*

Let us confess our sins to Almighty Go:.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Collect for Candlemas.*

*Old Testament Reading:*

Malachi 3.1-5.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*New Testament Reading:*

Hebrews 2.14–18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn:*

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you:  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
*You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.***

**I want you more than gold or silver: only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye...**

**You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a king;  
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything...**

*Gospel Reading:*

Luke 2.22–40.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ.

*The Address.*

*Hymn:*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast!"  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place, and He has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, bend down, and drink, and live!"  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright!"  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.**

## *Prayers*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**Ein Tad yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw,  
Deled dy dernas, gwneler dy ewyllys,  
    megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.  
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol, a maddau i ni ein dyledion,  
    fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.  
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.  
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r gallu a'r gogoniant, yn oes oesoedd.                      Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever.    Amen.**

*Intercessions:*

*Led by Anthea.*

### *Hymn*

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

**And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And you'll go out with joy.**

*Blessing:*     May God, who said, 'Let there be light',  
                  give you light for the tasks of the day;  
                  and light for the comfort of the night,  
                  until He brings you for ever  
                  into the light of his eternal presence.  
                  And the blessing of God almighty,  
                  the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
                  rest upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

