



# Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for the Festival of Candlemas.

Today's setting for mass is Oldroyd - The Mass of the quiet hour.

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own church are welcome to come and receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar carrying this order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the service if you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins,  
a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet reflection is kept  
during which you may wish to use this prayer.

## **Candlemas Prayer**

I left my candle burning. Lit from light  
Borrowed from another, it stood there  
Witness to Christ, Light of the world;  
Prayer that light would overcome darkness.  
As I left, another lit a candle from my light,  
Dispelling gloom with added strength.  
Who knows how many joined their light to those,  
Or drew fresh courage from their company;  
Who knows how many took a step, drawn by the  
Light of Christ from darkness to new life?

Lord Christ, set me on fire.  
Burn from me all that dims your light,  
Kindle an answering flame in lives around;  
That darkness may be driven back,  
And glory stream into this world,  
Transforming it with love.

# The Gathering

## Hymn (157)

**Hail to the Lord who comes,  
comes to his temple gate,  
not with his angel host,  
not in his kingly state:  
no shouts proclaim him nigh,  
no crowds his coming wait.**

**But borne upon the throne  
of Mary's gentle breast,  
watched by her duteous love,  
in her fond arms at rest;  
thus to his Father's house  
he comes, the heavenly guest.**

**There Joseph at her side  
in reverent wonder stands;  
and, filled with holy joy,  
old Simeon in his hands  
takes up the promised child,  
the glory of all lands.**

**Hail to the great First-born,  
whose ransom-price they pay,  
the Son before all worlds,  
the child of man to-day,  
that he might ransom us  
who still in bondage lay.**

**O Light of all the earth,  
thy children wait for thee:  
come to thy temples here,  
that we, from sin set free,  
before thy Father's face  
may all presented be.**

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

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

The Lord of glory be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

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.

## Invitation to confession

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.

cf John 8.12



## Prayer of Penitence

**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.**

*The president says*

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself,  
and cleanse you from all your sins  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis (Lourdes)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

## The Collect for Candlemas

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

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

## First Reading Malachi 3.1-5

A reading from the book of Malachi

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. 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 descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading Hebrews 2 14-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews

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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 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. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

Luke 2.22-40

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 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.'

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. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
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. 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 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, 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. 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.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

# Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

# Prayers of Intercession

We come boldly to the throne of grace,  
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

*After each prayer:* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:*

Mike; Steven; Terry; Robert; Janice; Cynthia; Steph; Tracey; Brenda; Dawn; Janet;  
Morag; Robert Metcalfe; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; Ann Webb; Marjorie  
Sanderson; Carl Thornton; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane; Janet Hickling; Ann  
Knox; Fr Mark; David Murray; Rhys Williams; Alan Sambrooks; Linda  
Sambrooks; Adrian Pope; Jonathan Bellamy; Carl Farraker; Andrew and Jennie  
Priest; David and Denzil.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Margaret Hayward; Jeremy Johnson; Sally Cooper; Roy Cutts; Charles William  
Chapman; Barbara Berridge.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Joe Slatter; Brian Swindell; Alan Ackling; John Christopher Couchman;  
Geoffrey Bullock; Guildford Walker.

*At the end:*

Merciful Father  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
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 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.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



cf Luke 1.78,79

## Preparation of the Altar

### Offertory Hymn (56)

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in Thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in Man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in Thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in Man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;**

*manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in Man made manifest.*

*Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
all will see His glorious sign;  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in Man made manifest.*

*Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
mirrored in Thy holy Word;  
may we imitate Thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art Thou;  
that we like to Thee may be  
at Thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.*

Christopher Wordsworth

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

**Amen.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters  
that this my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice  
at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name.  
for our good  
and the good of all his church.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray.

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

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:



# Sanctus & Benedictus Oldroyd - The Mass of the quiet hour.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
    Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
    do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
    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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day 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 thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and 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.

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

# Agnus Dei Oldroyd - The Mass of the quiet hour.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

# Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Jesus is the lamb of God  
Who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

*If you would prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please use this prayer of spiritual communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## Hymn (187)

**Virgin-born, we bow before Thee:  
blessèd was the womb that bore Thee;  
Mary, Mother meek and mild,  
blessèd was she in her Child.  
Blessèd was the breast that fed Thee;  
blessèd was the hand that led Thee;  
blessèd was the parent's eye  
that watched Thy slumbering infancy.  
Blessèd she by all creation,  
who brought forth the world's salvation,**

**and blessèd they - for ever blest,  
who love Thee most and serve Thee best.  
Virgin-born, we bow before Thee;  
blessèd was the womb that bore Thee;  
Mary, Mother meek and mild,  
blessèd was she in her Child.**

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

## Anthem

*When to the temple Mary went - Johannes Eccard*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**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.**

*Notices are given*

*The organ plays as candles are lit at the end of rows*

Let us pray.

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 this kindling flame  
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.  
**Amen.**

# The Nunc Dimittis

*Please stand*

*During the hymn the clergy and servers move to the font.*

*Faithful vigil ended,  
watching, waiting cease;  
Master, grant Thy servant  
his discharge in peace.*

*All Thy Spirit promised,  
all the Father willed,  
now these eyes behold it  
perfectly fulfilled.*

*This Thy great deliverance  
sets Thy people free;  
Christ their light, uplifted  
all the nations see.*

*Christ, Thy people's glory!  
watching, doubting, cease;  
grant to us Thy servants  
our discharge in peace.*

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926- from Luke 2. 29-32

*The president says*

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration  
of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,  
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who know the Lord to be in his temple,  
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we recall our baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

The Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,  
to accept his truth more faithfully,  
and to share his life more lovingly;  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.  
And the blessing ...

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

## Organ Voluntary

*The choir process out during the voluntary*



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## A FURTHER UPDATE FROM January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

'Within the church we believe that everyone is known and loved individually by God and that as many members within one body we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the most vulnerable'. *Covid-19 Opening and managing church buildings 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*

Following the latest update from the UK Government and Church of England, the wearing of masks whilst entering, leaving or moving around the church building is no longer mandatory, but 'recommended in enclosed or crowded places, particularly where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet'. This is now a matter for personal judgement underpinned by considering what helps each other.

At St Giles', in the **next four weeks** we are not making any big changes to our present covid safe practices. Our hope is that in coming weeks the current high rates of infection in our District will reduce, making for safer public spaces.

So....

- The government still advises that the safest way of public mingling is outdoors, bear that in mind when worship ends.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged.
- The wearing of masks throughout services (including the singing of hymns) continues to be advised, but is not mandatory.
- Those leading worship, or singing in the choirs will remove masks for these purposes
- We will continue following a one-way system for coming up for communion and moving around church.
- Doors will continue to be opened at certain points during worship in order to improve ventilation. Please wrap up if you are near to an exit.
- If you would like seat spaces left between you and the next person, please take a card(s) from reception to place on the seats beside you. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the balcony.
- The physical sharing of the peace with family seated alongside you is fine.
- We will continue to retain only taking communion in one kind.
- The collection will remain as a basket/plate placed near the north door.
- When seated in the café taking refreshments, masks are not required, but are encouraged for movement around the café.
- The above information applies to all other services in church, but we recognise that it proves difficult to ensure compliance at funerals and baptisms.
- Government guidance still advises increased frequency of cleaning to reduce contact transmission.