



God with us -Candlemas

In your home, or wherever you are, have a candle (or a few of them), ready to light as part of the celebration.

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

All Amen

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you

We are sorry

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Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

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Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

God forgives us

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Amen

The Candles are lit and blessed

As candles are lit in the Church – you are invited to light your candles

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

He is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

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and in your light shall we see light.

Blessed be God for ever.

The candles are blessed

We offer praise to God as we echo the Angels' Song

We pray to God

The Priest prays the collect of the day

We listen to God's word

We hear a reading from the Prophet Malachi

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Alleluia, Alleluia

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All Alleluia!

We hear the Gospel

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end ...

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

A short reflection on the Gospel

We pray to God

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

We share Christ's love and peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you

As we are aware of Christ's peace shared with us – let us commit ourselves to share that peace with others

The gifts of bread and wine are prepared and offered to God

We thank God

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.

The Priest offers thanks to God ending :

**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.

The Priest continues the prayer, asking that the Spirit may come upon the gifts and recalling the action of Jesus at the Last Supper

Christ is the bread of life

All **When we share this bread and this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
Until you come in glory.**

The Priest continues the prayer, at the end all respond **Amen.**

We pray as Jesus taught us

**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.
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.**

We break the 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**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to His supper

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

The Body of Christ
Amen

We are blessed

As communion is share in the Church – reflect on that presence of Christ with you – filling your hearts and homes.

We say thank you

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All Amen

We are blessed

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

The Priest gives God's blessing.

The service ends:

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We recall the font. the place of new birth.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn from the crib to the cross.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

Let us in our lives carry his light.
Let us shine with the light of your love.
Thanks be to God.

As we end place your candle somewhere prominent in your home or a window and use it in the coming days to remind and reassure you of the light of Christ with you in the darkness and of your calling to share that light and hope with all around you.