



## Girton College Chapel

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Online Evening Worship, 31 January 2021

### **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

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#### *Preparation*

*All* The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* O God make speed to save us  
**O Lord make haste to help us.**

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. In their old age, Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today proclaim his glory. In this service, 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.

Hear, then, 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.

*All* **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 all that is past;  
and lead us from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

The day is almost over, and the evening has come;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your Spirit come down upon us  
to set us free to sing your praise  
for ever and ever

**All Amen.**

***Phos hilaron - a Song of the Light***

O joyful light,  
from the pure glory of the eternal heavenly Father,  
O holy, blessed Jesus Christ.

As we come to the setting of the sun  
and see the evening light,  
we give thanks and praise to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit of God

Worthy are you at all times  
to be sung with holy voices,  
O Son of God, O giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all creation.

***The Word of God***

*Scripture reading: Luke 2:22-40*

*Silence*

*The Magnificat:*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

He has sown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,

the promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*Short Address*

***Prayers***

*Prayers of Intercession and Silence*

*The Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple:*

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 forever.

**All Amen**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
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.**

**Final Responsory and Blessing**

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**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from before your path.

**All Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

**All Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

**All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always,

**All Amen.**

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