

OXTED TEAM MINISTRY

Service Sheet: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple 31st January 2021

Welcome to the Oxted Team Together, online! You will need to think how you will follow the words and watch the film, either having both on the screen at the same time or printing this out. Please join in with the words in bold and with the hymns. Near the start of this service you are invited to light one or two candles so if you wish to please have some ready to light. The film for this service can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/> and click on 'videos'

MUSIC

Allegretto from 'Five short pieces' by Percy Whitlock

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

On this day of Candlemas, if you would like to please light one or two candles now.

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,

All in the midst of your temple.

Open to us the gates of righteousness,

All that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

God is the Lord who has shown us light.

All Let us offer in his dwelling

an oblation with great gladness.

COLLECT – the special prayer set for today

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**

CONFESSION

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

We call to mind the things for which we want to say sorry to God.

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

We hear God's words of absolution and forgiveness

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *us*,
pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,
confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,
and keep *us* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

HYMN

1 Virgin-born, we bow before thee;
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, maid and mother mild,
blessèd was she in her child.

2 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.

3 Blessèd she by all creation,
who brought forth the world's Salvation,
blessèd they for ever blest,
who love thee most and serve thee best.

4 Virgin-born we bow before thee;
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, maid and mother mild,
blessèd was she in her child.

Reginald Heber

READING

Luke 2.22–40

REFLECTION

CREED

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

INTERCESSIONS

This or another response is used

Lord in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

at the end

Merciful Father
All Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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.

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

Luke 1.78,79

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

Let us think of all the people we love, and all those whom we know, and all the trouble spots in our world and hold them all in God's peace. If we are with others we share God's peace with them now.

HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

John Wesley

FINAL RESPONSES, BLESSING and DISMISSAL

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.

As we draw near the place of new birth.

All Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn from the crib to the cross.

All Let us shine with the light of your love.

We go to carry his light.

All Let us shine with the light of your love.

Thanks be to God.

May Simeon's words be ours:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

And the Blessing of Almighty God....

Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ

All **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

G Minor Fantasia - Bach

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