

**St John the Evangelist,
East Dulwich**



**10am Mass
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple:
Candlemas**

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Introit:

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Your light is come, O Jerusalem
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you

O Lord Christ,
yourself the temple of the heavenly city,
and its light, and its surpassing splendour:
Grant that we who in this earthly house
offer to you our worship,
may be brought in peace
to the vision of your glory in heaven;
where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn *please stand*

The Gathering

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayers 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 Absolution

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

Gloria in excelsis

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

The Collect

we respond Amen

Readings and Psalm *please be seated*

This is the Word of the Lord
thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading *we stand and turn to face the Gospel*

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple
in substance of our mortal nature. **Alleluia**

Today the Blessed virgin comes to be purified
in accordance with the law. **Alleluia**

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel
Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.

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

at the end of the reading

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon *please be seated*

The Affirmation of Faith *please stand*

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *please be seated*

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

or

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace *please stand*

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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 president gives thanks for God's goodness

**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 president recalls the Last Supper

Praise to you, Lord Jesus
**Dying you destroyed our death
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The president recalls God's mighty acts

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *please be seated*

**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

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.**

The Agnus Dei

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

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

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

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

**Lord, you stand at the door and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now
to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**We thank you Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Notices and Banns of Marriage

Final Hymn *please stand*

The Blessing and Dismissal *as the ministers process, please turn to face the font*

We stand near the place of new birth.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

Ministers take off their gold vestments and stoles, and put on the red of Passiontide

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

We go to carry his light.
Let us shine with the light of your love. Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.
Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart.
Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

we sing **The Angelus**