



Parish of Baildon
ST JOHN'S CHURCH

*a light
to enlighten
the Gentiles*



A CELEBRATION OF CANDLEMAS

**Sunday 7th February 2021
10.00am**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you.

Hymn

**When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.**

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, fullness of grace.*

**The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.**

A glory dawns in every dark place,.....

**They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.**

A glory dawns in every dark place,.....

**But Anna and Simeon recognize there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year**

A glory dawns in every dark place,.....

**The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.**

A glory dawns in every dark place,.....

**They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.**

A glory dawns in every dark place

**The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.**

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, fullness of grace.*

Welcome, you who have come before
and you who are new.

All Welcome!

Welcome, you who have had a good week or if times are difficult
right now.

All Welcome!

Welcome, all of you,
whoever you may be.

We are God's people in this place

All and we welcome you! Amen.

SAYING SORRY TO GOD

Let us sit or kneel to pray

We now think of those times when we have said or done things
that have hurt members of our family or our friends, things that
have gone against God's commandments to love and care for every
one no matter whether we know them or not.

**All Father God, we are sorry when we do not shine as lights in
the world, when what we do and say and think makes you
and others sad and unhappy. Please forgive us, and help us
to love you and other people more and to shine as your
light in the world. Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to
be our Saviour, forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve
him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

TURNING FIGURES TO LIGHTS!

Jesus is the light of the world.

All We will carry the light.

CANDLEMAS READING

IT'S ABOUT SHARING THE LIGHT!

PRAYERS

You might like to now write on your flame shape those people or situations who you want to bring into God's light and love. People and situations you want to pray for as we listen to the Taize chant The Lord is my light, please join in if you would like to.

**The Lord is my light
My light and salvation
In Him I trust
In Him I trust**

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

With this bread that we bring

All We shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring

All We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body

wine for his blood

gifts from God to his table we bring

All We shall remember Jesus.

THE EUCHARSTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, 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.

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.

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

THE AGNUS DEI

All 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.

All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

You may like to say this prayer, after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Hymn

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Shine, Jesus, shine
fill this land with the Father's glory
blaze, Spirit, blaze
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with love and mercy,
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.'

Lord, we have followed the bright star
to find Jesus in the stable.
We go out now in his name,
and in his light,
to share our joy and take this treasure
into our troubled world.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be with you and remain with you, and with those whom you
love and pray for, today and always.

All Amen.

We go to carry his light and blessing.

**All Let us shine with the light of your love.
Thanks be to God.**

NOTICES

Ash Wednesday - There will be a service for Ash Wednesday live-streamed on our Facebook page at 7.30pm to mark the beginning of Lent. Also on our Facebook page we will make a picture available to download, view or print to help you reflect on the significance of the Imposition of Ashes.

Lent - During Lent we will be offering you various resources including: a Thought for the Week which will go live every Wednesday on Facebook and Youtube; a Service of Compline (night prayer); a time to come together on Tuesday evenings to think further about Lent using the #LiveLent booklet which you will receive before the start of Lent; Craft through Worship resources.

Virtual Coffee - Join us for Virtual Coffee, every Sunday at 11am via Zoom. You will have received a Zoom link in your last 'Message from Sandra' or just email: sandrabenham@btinternet.com for an invite. Catch up with your church friends and don't forget to bring a beverage of your choice!

Charity Fund Raising - Many thanks to all those who have donated funds to the Homeless charities we supported last month and also those who donated to the Children's Society. With our combined efforts we raised:

Shelter - £887.00

Crisis - £1,774.41

Children's Society (December and January appeal) - £482.50

Children's Society (collecting boxes) - £285.00

This is a fantastic effort for very worthy causes. Shelter, Crisis and the Children's Society are excellent charities and you can find out more about their work at:

www.shelter.org.uk

www.crisis.org.uk

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Thanks from Jennifer - I would like to thank you for all the many donations this year for the Children's Society. In spite of not being able to hold our annual Chocolate Coffee Morning last March, and not being able to have a collection for the Christingle, many of you are holding your House Boxes over for another year. We have actually managed to raise £767.50 to help so many vulnerable and homeless children. So a big thank you to all our loyal supporters. Best Wishes, Jennifer Marsh.

Text Donations – You can now make your donation to the work of the parish by text! Our Donr system is up and running:

To donate £20 text **BAILDONPARISH 20** to 70085

To donate £15 text **BAILDONPARISH 15** to 70085

To donate £10 text **BAILDONPARISH 10** to 70085

To donate £5 text **BAILDONPARISH 5** to 70085

You can gift aid your donation using the link in the confirmation text you will receive later. Texts cost the value of the donation plus one standard rate message. See the end of the Notices for other ways to donate.

How to Donate or Make a Payment to the work of our parish BACS:

Account name: Baildon Parochial Church Council

Account number: 80028819 Sort code: 20-11-81

Please add a reference to your payment, eg planned giving, donation etc.

Cheque:

You can send a cheque to our Parish Treasurer, Richard Nicholas, at 11 High Fold, Baildon, BD17 6LE. Again, please give details of what your payment covers.

Printing the Notice Sheet from the website - Each week our Notice Sheet is available on the parish website. The full service and notices are included so that you can follow Sunday's service from your device. If you would like to print this in booklet form:

Open the Notice Sheet on the website.

Click 'Open in Acrobat'. Click 'Print'.

In the dialogue box, under 'Page Sizing & Handling', click 'Booklet'.

Ensure the 'Auto-rotate pages within each sheet box' is ticked.

Click Print.

There is an activity during our service today.

You will need a pen and a flame outline.

Here is an example of a flame which you can either print or copy onto a blank piece of paper.



