

# ST PETER'S CHURCH Old Woking



## Candlemas – Presentation of Christ Parish United All-age Worship Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### PREPARATION

#### Welcome

**All**            The Lord is the strength of my life  
                  **The Lord is my light and my salvation**

**All**            Jesus Christ is the light of the world  
                  **A light which no darkness can quench**

#### Hymn    102 Come thou long expected Jesus

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| Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,<br>born to set Thy people free;<br>from our fears and sins release us;<br>let us find our rest in Thee.<br><br>Israel's strength and consolation,<br>hope of all the earth Thou art;<br>dear desire of every nation,<br>joy of every longing heart. | Born Thy people to deliver;<br>born a child, and yet a King;<br>born to reign in us for ever;<br>now Thy gracious kingdom<br>bring.<br><br>By Thine own eternal Spirit<br>rule in all our hearts alone:<br>by Thine all-sufficient merit<br>raise us to Thy glorious<br>throne. |
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Words by Charles Wesley  
melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

### Activity – Waiting and Noticing

#### Confession

Hear 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.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus open our eyes to your saving love  
Christ, have mercy

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution (*we are reminded that God forgives all who repent*)

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Collect

Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light.  
Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus  
was presented in the temple forty days after his birth.  
He was recognised by Simeon and Anna,  
and welcomed as the promised Messiah.  
May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus.  
Grant that we may stand before you  
with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love.  
May we serve you all our days  
and make your name known  
as we worship you as our Lord.  
So may we come by your grace  
to eternal life. **Amen.**

Songs of praise    31    **Amazing grace** – *Jacquie Still*

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

*Words by John Newton  
Music arranged by Roland Fudge*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Bible readings**

Luke 2:22-40 (*video*)

Hebrews 2:14-end

**Sermon** Waiting for God, O!

**Song**     **Strength will rise (Everlasting God)**

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord*

*We will wait upon the Lord*

*We will wait upon the Lord. (repeat)*

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God

You do not faint

You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles.



Words and music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley,  
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## Profession of faith

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.  
Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *PRAYERS*

### Prayers

#### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

# CONCLUSION

## Notices

### Giving of candles – *candles are given out*

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up our homes to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Hymn    **Christ be our light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people;  
light for the world to see.

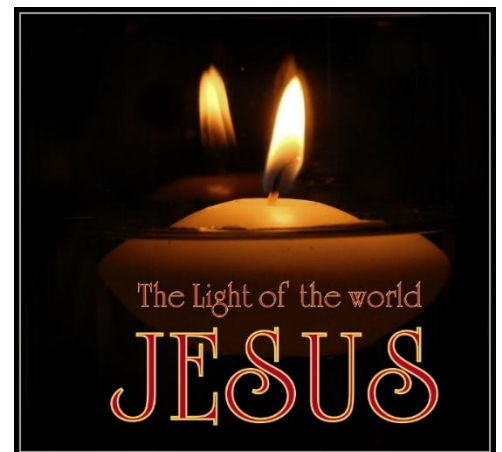
*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts,  
shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church  
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us Your living voice.

*Christ, be our light . . .*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light . . .*



Longing for shelter, many are homeless,  
longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light . . .*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making Your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light . . .*

### The dismissal

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 the light and peace of Christ  
to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

*Please stay for refreshments in the Church Centre after the service*

**Worshipping ▶ Loving ▶ Sharing ▶ Growing**

