



Sharing the Feast of Life Candlemas to Lent (Ordinary Time)

Introductory music, followed by welcome by ministry team member

Centring chant

Come, Holy Spirit, **Come, Holy Spirit ...**

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Maranatha, **Maranatha ...**

Come, Lord, come, **Come, Lord, come ...**

Gathering

We call on the power of God, who is our rock,
to meet us in our helplessness:

God be in our thinking, God be in our speaking.

We call on the clarity of God, who rolled away the stone,
to meet us in our confusion:

Christ be in our acting, Christ be in our stillness.

We call on the mercy of God, who melts the stones within,
to meet us in our grief:

**The Holy Spirit be in our groaning,
the Holy Spirit be in our praying.**

We call on the love of God, who tears down the walls,
to meet us in our division:

The Triune God be in our meeting and in our parting.

Opening hymn

Reconciliation

We acknowledge the pain and hurt of our world, and our
part in that pain, and we seek to know God's forgiveness
and healing:

We have wounded your love:

O God, forgive and heal us.

We stumble in the darkness:

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home:

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

2-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell

Forgiveness

The Lord says:

I will bring my people back to me,

I will love them with all my heart.

No longer am I angry with them.

I will be to the people like rain in a dry land.

The God of love

forgive us and free us from our sins,

heal and strengthen us by the Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, Christ sets you free:

journey on with hope.

We live in God's love, healing and forgiveness.

Let us forgive and love ourselves:

**Let us forgive and love others, and seek peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.

To God be glory for ever.

To God be glory for ever.

Alleluia, Amen. **Alleluia, Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

To Christ be glory for ever.

To Christ be glory for ever.

Alleluia, Amen. **Alleluia, Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.

Give us your freedom for ever.

Give us your freedom for ever.

Alleluia, Amen. **Alleluia, Amen.**

Alleluia, Amen. **Alleluia, Amen.**

Alleluia, Amen.

Prayer for the Day

*... after which the president lights the Kids' Church lamp
and the children go to Kids' Church, to return later for the
Communion.*

Ministry of the Word

First reading

At the end of the first reading the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

The Gospel

Before the Gospel reading the reader says:

The Gospel reading is from ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon or other reflection

5-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell

Affirmation of Faith

We believe you are creating,

Animating all that lives.

Universal grace pulsating,

You, O God, the one who gives.

You are meaning, mystery, glory,

You are the fire, you the dove;

You in Jesus live your story,

Risk the nature of your love.

Jesus is divine engaging

With the pain of human strife.

Jesus is divine upstaging

Of our death by risen life –

Life your inexhaustible Spirit

Wills to ignite in what we do:

Willing us to each inherit

Justice-laden peace with you.

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

The Peace

We sing:

**As-salaam aleikhum! Aleikhum as-salaam!
Shalom, shalom, alechem shalom!
Christ's peace begin with me!**

Music is played as the children return and bring up the bread and wine for the president, lining up together in front of the altar.

God is love, and those who live in love
live in God and God in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share a sign of Peace and gather round the altar.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money,
symbolic of all our giving,
and of the work you have given us to do:
use it, use us, in the service of your world
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

The minister thanks God for the bread and wine and for ourselves. At the end of each prayer we say together:

Blessed be God for ever.

Thanksgiving Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks to the God of all.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers our thanks and praise, after which we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, Lord.**

**Santo, santo, santo,
mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
santo eres, Señor.**

The minister says the words of institution, after which we sing:

**Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho:
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.**

Spirit of God, come afresh on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may make us one body in Christ.

Open our eyes
that we may recognise you walking with us;

Open our ears and our minds
that we may hear your word;

Open our hearts
**that your love may flow through us
and bring the blessing of new life to all we meet;**

For you are the God who makes all things new,
and surprises us into understanding.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

O God in heaven,

**Mother and Father of us all,
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 the Bread

The bread we break

is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Jesus, one with God

We sing:

**Jesus, one with God,
come and live among us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our pain,
touch and heal us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.**

Invitation

The minister invites all to receive Communion.

The Communion

As each person receives the bread and wine:

The body of Christ, the bread of life: **Amen**

The blood of Christ, the cup of blessing: **Amen**

*After receiving, anyone who wishes may go to receive prayer
for healing and then return to the circle or to their seat.*

*We remain around the altar until everyone has received
communion, and then return to our seats. We wait in
silence or with chanting/music until the prayers for
healing are finished.*

Prayer after Communion

**Lord, our minds seek to know you,
our hearts long to find you,
our souls desire to serve you.**

**Send us out, aware of your presence,
that our hearts may be renewed,
our minds refreshed, our souls restored,
that we may reveal you to others,
and know you ourselves,
as Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kids' Church may share what they have been doing.

Final hymn

Blessing

Remember, you are beautiful in the sight of God;
the mark of Christ is upon you:

so walk free, and open your heart to life and to others,
for the Spirit goes with you into each new day. **Amen.**

Notices

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.