



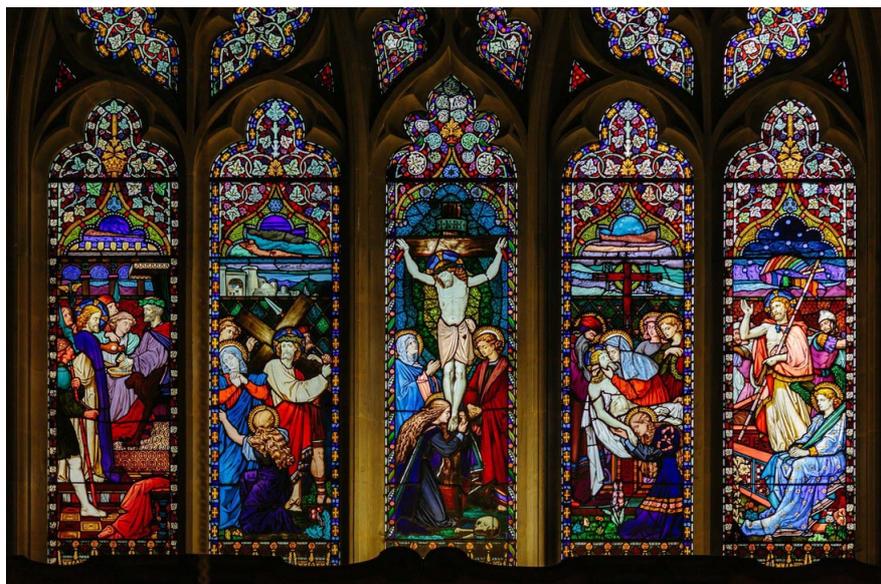
**Sunday 7 February 2021
Online Evensong for Candlemas**

A shortened form of Evensong from University College, Oxford

*A warm welcome to our service this week.
Thank you for joining us from wherever you may be.*

We also welcome as our preacher the Revd Anthony Buckley, who is the Vicar of St Michael at the North Gate, and City Rector of Oxford.

The full text of the service is found in this pdf file that you have downloaded from our Online Evensong page. An audio-recording of the full service is on the page where you found the link to this text.



WORDS OF WELCOME



INTROIT 'For the beauty of the earth'

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Over and around us lies
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth, and buds of Heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

Words: from a hymn by Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.*

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 104.26-35

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan *
whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.
These wait all upon thee *
that thou mayest give them meat in due season.
When thou givest it them they gather it *
and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.
When thou hidest thy face they are troubled *
when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.
When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made *
and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever *
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
The earth shall tremble at the look of him *
if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.
I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
And so shall my words please him *
my joy shall be in the Lord.
As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth,
and the ungodly shall come to an end *
praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

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.

THE LESSON From the New Testament Colossians 1.15-20



[Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or
powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn
from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;
And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all
things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in
heaven.

MAGNIFICAT
The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 1.46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy:
hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

Setting: Stuart Beer (b. 1950)

SERMON

The Revd Anthony Buckley
Vicar of St Michael at the Northgate and City Rector of Oxford

PRAYERS



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
who hast created the heavens and the earth
and hast made us in thine own image:
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works
and thy likeness in all thy children;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended
from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Let us continue to pray for all whose lives are overturned by covid,
and the wider consequences of the pandemic ...

... Finally, we pray for ourselves,
and for members and staff of this College,
in every kind of need, wherever they may be:
Bless, O Lord, the work of this College,
and grant that love of neighbour and all sound learning
may here for ever flourish. **Amen.**

HYMN

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
o now to all humankind,
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)

Music: Moscow, adapted from a tune by F. Giardini (1716-96) in Madan's Collection 1769

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in D minor

William Croft (1678-1727)

