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The Church of St Mary & St Andrew,
Whittlesford



Parish Eucharist

Christmas to Candlemas

Please return this booklet at the end of the service

A warm welcome to the Church of St Mary & St Andrew, Whittlesford.

Please stand

HYMN

THE GATHERING

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

All **Amen**

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

All **And also with you.**

Welcome and introduction

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All **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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.
' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

From the Epiphany until the Eve of the Presentation

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us
to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

At Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

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.

A short silence is kept

All **Father, we have sinned**
against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All stand

All **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 on 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

Let us pray

The collect is prayed and all respond

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

At the end of each the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

GOSPEL READING

All stand

From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.
All **Alleluia.**

From the Epiphany until the Eve of the Presentation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ was revealed in flesh,
proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.
All **Alleluia.**

At Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Alleluia, alleluia.
This child is the light to enlighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel..
All **Alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *N*.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

THE CREED

Let us stand to affirm our faith.

All **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

All sit or kneel

At the end of each prayer a response may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

or

Lord, hear us

All **Lord, graciously hear us**

At the end

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers**
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

All stand

From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany

Unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

From the Epiphany until the Eve of the Presentation

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government
and of peace
there shall be no end.

At Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

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 in 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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

During the hymn a collection may be taken

Gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All stand

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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.**

From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love
of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*(go to **Holy, holy** on page 10)*

From the Epiphany until the Eve of the Presentation

All honour and praise be yours always and
everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the Magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*(go to **Holy, holy** on page 10)*

At Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)
It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ,
who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him
to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

All **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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for
us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy
will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

A short silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All sit or kneel

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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

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.

Agnus Dei

All **Jesus lamb of God have mercy on us**
Jesus bearer of our sins have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world give us your peace

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread
which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

All who are accustomed to receive communion in their own church are welcome to come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, then please come forward holding this service booklet.

Prayer after Communion

A post-communion prayer is said and all respond

All **Amen**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us**
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN

THE BLESSING

All stand

From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;

From the Epiphany until the Eve of the Presentation

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his
glory and gladden your hearts with the
good news of his kingdom;

At Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace
to trust his promises and obey his will;

And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service in the Church Room.