

You may like to us this Candlemas Ceremony as part of your devotions this week.

You will need a candle and a bowl of water to represent the font.

Please light your candle.

Prayer

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 this temple 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.

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

Final Responsoy

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration
of the Saviour's birth.
Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.
Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.
Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.

Here we have greeted the light of the world.
Help us, who now extinguish these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.

Please extinguish your candle now and take your bowl of water.

Here we stand remembering our baptism.
Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.
Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.

Here we are blessed in your name.
Help us, as now we go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.