

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



All Age Eucharist

**Sunday 1st February 2026
Candlemas**

We gather

Hymn - Longing for 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.

Longing for food, many go
hungry.
Longing for water, many still
thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for
others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are
homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are
cold.
Make us your building, sheltering
others,
Walls made of living stone.

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

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Jesus is the light of the world. Come, let us worship.
Come, let us worship.

Jesus is light in our lives. Come, let us worship.
Come, let us worship.

We say sorry

Light shows up things that have been forgotten or lost or hidden. As we come into Jesus' presence, his light reminds us of all the good things we have forgotten to do and all the things that we have hidden away. But if we say sorry, then we can walk in the light.

So let's take a few moments now to say sorry to God.

For all the times we have ignored people in need,
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the times we have deliberately made wrong choices,
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For all the times we have forgotten your love,
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Absolution

Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, son to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory forever.
To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen.

The Collect: the special prayer for today

Hymn – Make way, make way

Make way, make way,
for Christ the King in splendour
arrives;
fling wide the gates and welcome
him
into your lives.

*Make way, make way,
for the King of Kings;
make way, make way,
and let his kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to
heal,
the pris'ners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall
dance,
the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with
heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal
crown
he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall!

We listen

Please stand for the Gospel Reading – Luke 2.22-40, Good News Bible.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

We Respond

Please stand

Statement of faith

Let's remind ourselves that we are all people of light, believing in the same things, sharing the same love:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

The Peace

Please stand

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn – King of glory, King of peace

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art,
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

The Eucharist

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and the choir responds

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.
**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.
All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.
All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

Please sit or kneel

The Lord's Prayer
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 this bread
to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body
Because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace,
grant us Your peace.

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

During the distribution of Communion the choir sings the anthem -

View me, Lord by Richard Lloyd

View me, Lord, a work of Thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might Thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At Thine altar pure and white:
They that once Thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears,
But the cov'nants Thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days nor years.

In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,
To Thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet Thy grace can lift me high. Amen.

**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.**

Notices

Blessing of the Candles

Lord God, who came as light to the whole world,
bless these candles that they might shine with your light,
in our church, in our homes, in our worship,
leading us towards you,
and reminding everyone of your love.
Amen.

Hymn - *Let us build a house*

1 Let us build a house where love
can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children
tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and
visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:
*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where
prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to
seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as
witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of
Jesus: *All are welcome...*

3 Let us build a house where
hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and
teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the
stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and
danger: *All are welcome...*

4 Let us build a house where all
are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught
and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and
laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of
grace,
let this house proclaim from floor
to rafter: *All are welcome...*

Marty Haugen (b.1950)

We go out

Blessing

May the light of God's love shine in your home and shine in your heart,
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 peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ, Amen.

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