



Lessons in February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
Matthew 6: 25-34 / Matthew 17: 1-9



Here is a Prayer  
for you to say at home  
when you light your Christingle

Lord Jesus,

You are the light that shines in the darkness  
You are the light that guides our feet

You are the light that fills our hearts  
You are the light that illuminates our lives

You are the light that leads us to safety  
You are the light that will shine forever

You are the Light of the World  
And we worship you Amen

**Intercessions Response:**

As we come to you in darkness

**Bathe us in your Light**

Hear our prayer and make us one in  
heart and mind to serve you with joy  
forever Amen

**Maestro Alessandro Bianchi**

Hymn 419

Lord, the light of your love

Hymn 781

Can you see what we have made?  
Song for Christingle

Hymn 411

Lord Jesus Christ

**During which a collection will be taken**

Hymn 108

Colours of day

**PRELUDE**

Andrew Carter

Hymn “ On Eagle’s wings”

**EUCCHARIST**

John Behnke

Hymn “Love Divine, all loves excelling”

**POSTLUDE**

Andreas Willscher

Gigue Hamburgois

**Wednesdays 10:30 Midweek Mass**

**Do stay for refreshments and fellowship  
after the service today and please take  
your pew sheet home with you ☺**



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**SUNG EUCCHARIST  
CANDLEMAS FAMILY SERVICE**



**A light for revelation to the Gentiles**

## Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**

## Malachi 3: 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 24: 7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

**'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.'**  
**The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come.**

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**'Who is he, this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'** **The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come.**

**Glory to the Father ...**

## Hebrews 2: 14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord') and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by

the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever **Amen**