



## A family (childrens) liturgy for Candlemas The feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Entrance hymn:           Walk in the Light  
                                  *Hymns Old & New no 547*

### Introduction

*Leader:*           Today is the feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. It is also called the feast of Candlemas. We gather as family to ask Gods blessing on us all, that we might walk in the light of Gods love all our lives.

### Light

Three children come forward, each light one candle after which they pray:

Child 1           I light a candle to say thank you for the sun, which brightens our days and shows us all the beauty of your world  
We thank God and say: **Thank you for the light.**

Child 2           I light a candle to say thank you for the moon and stars which light up the night sky and show travellers the way.  
We thank God and say: **Thank you for the light.**

Child 3           I light a candle to say thank you for Jesus, the Light of the World, who came to show us the way to God our Father.  
We thank God and say: **Thank you for the light**

### Darkness

Leader :           Some people in our world today don't have a lot of light in their lives. Perhaps they experience the darkness of bullying, of hunger, of lonlieness, or of violence.  
*Dim lights in silence leaving only candles, which have just been lit.*

Leader           We bring to mind any part of our own lives that feel dark or lonely.  
*Blow out one candle*  
We think of people who have dark and sad times in their lives.  
*Blow out one candle*  
We remember how our world somtimes judges people, discriminates or ignores people, leaving them alone and in the dark  
*Blow out final candle*  
Without the love of God, we can too easily live in darkness



Help us to share friendship with children who live in poverty and are not able to go to school. May all children receive education.

**Response Hear me Jesus**

Leader: Let us join with all the children of the world and pray to God the Father as Jesus taught us **- Our Father, who art in heaven ....**

Jesus needs us to be his followers to continue his work and to spread the light of his love.

*Play, sing or dance to the Prayer of St Theresa: Christ has no body now but yours*

Christ has no body now but yours

No hands, no feet on earth but yours

Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world

Christ has no body now on earth but yours

## **GOING FORTH**

Child: Children can take the light of Jesus love around the world when we pray with other children.

### Childrens commissioning

*Each child comes forward with candle.*

*Leader blesses candles and takes light from Paschal candle.*

Leader:

I send you out to be a warm and friendly light for other children.

Take the light of Christ into the lives of other children through your sharing and your prayers.



Hymn: This little light of Mine *Hymns Old & New no 566*

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*Based on children's liturgies available at: [www.liturgies.net](http://www.liturgies.net)*