

**Morning Worship Christ Church 9.30am 29th January
– Candlemas**

Call to Worship - Psalm 24

¹The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

²for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
**who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.**

⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Saviour.

Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song: Into the darkness of this world

Creed

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 of 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.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:24-27. This is the word of the Lord; Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 3:10-15. This is the word of the Lord; Thanks be to God

Praise Songs: Jesus is the name we honour; All
heaven declares

Sermon

Hymn: Christ is our corner-stone

Prayers

Hymn: Lord for the years (during which prayer candles
will be lit)

Final prayer and blessing