

Cafe Worship January 28th 2024

Welcome

Introductory Prayer

From the darkness of the outside world

we have come into the light.

From the darkness of our own guilt and sorrow

we have come into the light.

From the darkness of our own lack of faith

we have come into the light.

Responsive Reading (based on Psalm 24:7-10)

Lift up, open up, gates and doors,

So the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

He is the Lord, strong and powerful, He is the Lord, mighty in battle

Who is this King of glory?

Lift up, open up, gates and doors, So the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord Almighty, He is the King of glory.

Song

LIGHT OF THE WORLD,

You stepped down into darkness,

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You,

Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship,

Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God;

And You're altogether lovely,

*Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

(Repeat)

We say sorry

The Light

Candle 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.

All: Father God thank you for the light.

Candle 2: I light a candle to say thank you for the moon and stars which light up the night sky.

All: Father God thank you for the light.

Candle 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 the Father.

All: Father God thank you for the light.

The Darkness

Silence

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world. Forgive us, heal us, bring us joy, and present us pure and holy to your Heavenly Father, your God and our God. Amen.

Song

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, Lord,

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You,

I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

*To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.*

*Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You,

I want to see You.

(Repeat)

Chorus x2

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see You.

Almighty God as we gather on this day to celebrate Candlemas, we thank you for the light of Christ that conquers darkness, and we seek Your light to guide us. May the glow of these candles reflect the warmth of Your love. Amen.

Introduction Activity: Who is this?

Reading: Interpretation of Luke 2: 22-40

Table talk - Discussion

Song

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 are 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 to one another,
Making Your kingdom come.

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 it is 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 forever. Amen.

Notices

Candle Prayer Activity

Closing song:

*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,
Ev'ry day, ev'ry day, ev'ry day, ev'ry day,
Gonna let my little light shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love;
Lights the darkness from above.
It shines on me and it shines on you,
And show what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I gonna shine my light both bright and clear.
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine. (oh)

Chorus

On Monday, He gave me the gift of love;
Tuesday, peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith;
On Thursday He gave me a little more grace.
Friday, He told me to watch and pray
Saturday, He told me just what to say,
On Sunday He gave me the power divine
To let my little light shine. (oh)

Chorus

Closing prayer

Bless us your children as we seek to follow the light of Jesus

Bless us as we seek to shine with the light of Jesus.

May we shine brightly with the light of Jesus in our hearts

As we leave this place with the light of Jesus

Strengthen us to live as children of the light, bringing hope and love wherever we go and to whoever we meet. Amen.