

A Service for the
FEAST of CANDLEMAS



Miller Chapel
Princeton Theological Seminary

Wednesday, 2 February 2011
11:30 a.m.

Please gather in silence

Introduction

Candles are lit. As the light is spreading, we sing:

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion:
in him I trust, in him I trust. The

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a repeat sign at the beginning. The lyrics 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion:' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'in him I trust, in him I trust. The' are written below the second staff.

I. THE INCARNATION

Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 1-20

Collect for Christmas

Congregational Carol

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

HUMILITY



1. See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
2. Say, you ho - ly shep - herds, say, Tell your joy - ful news to - day.
3. “As we watched at dead of night, There ap - peared a won - drous light;



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
Why have you now left your sheep On the lone - ly moun - tain steep?
An - gels sing - ing ‘Peace on earth’ Told us of the Sav - ior's birth.”

Refrain



Hail that ev - er - bless - ed morn, Hail re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn,



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

II. THE EPIPHANY

Scripture Reading Matthew 2: 1-12

Collect for The Epiphany

Choral Anthem “Brightest and Best”

text: Reginald Heber
music: Paul Sjolund

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all!*

*Shall we then yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine.
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?*

*Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

III. THE PRESENTATION

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 22-39

Carol for The Feast of Candlemas

LAND OF REST
text: Gordon Graham

When Mary to the temple came
And brought her new born son
She brought to God His own best gift
That sin might be undone.

When Joseph to the temple came
In hands of toil he bore
The world's great hope, this tiny child
Who would the world restore.

When Simeon lifted up his hands
To bless the Son of God
He pointed to a new-lit road
That countless feet have trod.

Now let our souls be present there
So we may hear that voice
And see the light that Simeon saw
And in our hearts rejoice.

Collect for Candlemas and the Lord's Prayer

Congregational Hymn

"Servant Song"

Richard Gillard

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
3 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you,
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.
speak the peace you long to hear.
let you be my ser - vant too.

Blessing and Exchange of Peace

Liturgists: Gordon Graham, John Boopalan, Austin Shelley, Stephen Hawkins

Musicians: Noel Werner, Chi Yi Chen, Chapel Choir, Chris Samsen (cellist)

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