

Worship 1st February 2021

Candlemas



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The Song of Simeon (Choir)

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This story can be found in the Bible, Luke 2 vs 22-32, 36-38

If you would like to watch a video clip of the story, follow the link below or you can read the story on the next slide.

[Simeon and Anna](#)

At the time of Jesus' birth it was the custom to take the first boy born into a family to the Temple in Jerusalem, where the families would say thank you to God for the birth of the baby and offer the child to God.

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple. There they met a very old man called Simeon. Simeon was a good man and he seemed to be waiting for the baby Jesus, even expecting him. He took Jesus very gently into his arms and said that Jesus was going to be a very special person. He was going to be like a bright light shining in the world. Then he blessed the baby and gave him back to his mother and father.

As Simeon was praising God and blessing Mary and Joseph there was another person in the temple that day. Her name was Anna.

After her husband died she began serving God in the temple. She was known as a prophetess. She stayed in the temple praying and fasting every day and night. Because she had a close relationship with the Lord, she knew that God had promised a Saviour and as she heard Simeon's praises she came to see what was going on.

As soon as she saw the Child she immediately thanked the Lord for sending Jesus who was going to take away the sins of the world. She spread the news to all who were looking for God's promised Saviour.

In a world that can seem dark and lonely, may we shine like lights bringing joy and hope into each other's lives

This is a Christian prayer that is usually said at the end of the day:

Lighten our darkness,
Lord we pray;
And in your mercy defend us
From all perils and dangers of this night;
For the love of your only Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

As we come to the end of our worship, we offer each other a sign of peace.

Sign for peace in Makaton

Go through your day being the best that you can be and remembering that you can do all things.