

## Candlemas: a recorded service for January or February

***In advance!*** Ask everyone to bring a candle - any shape or size will do - birthday, tall, short, colours, scented. Have a few spare candles handy, & a means of lighting them.

The candles are for 'Introducing the theme' and in that 1st video I suggest you press pause whilst people share what sort of candle they brought and why they have it. It's ok if you have none because I then share some of mine when you press play/continue. I wanted people to have opportunity to interact a bit with me and each other. If people want to light their candles, then go for it after the 1st video.

All song numbers are from Singing the Faith and can be swapped however you wish.

### Draft order of service

Welcome, notices

227 - Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, OR  
224 - As with gladness, men of old (*if it's not the last song*)

Prayers of praise, adoration, confession and thanks  
*Eg Methodist Worship p129 para 1,  
para 3 (skip 'as Bread and Wine. '),  
para 4 (leader reads it alone to save giving out the books),  
followed by two prayers from p528 - p532 chosen by date.*

The Lord's Prayer (*inside back cover of Singing the Faith, so everyone is included*)

228 - Hail to the Lord's anointed, OR  
227 - Brightest and best of the sons of the morning (*if it's not the first song*)

Introducing the theme - play video '2024 Draper Candlemas 1 of 2' (7 minutes)

175 - Light of the world, OR  
193 - Born in the night

Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon - play video '2024 Draper Candlemas 2 of 2' (15.5 minutes)

232 - Through long years of watchful waiting, OR  
210 - Love came down at Christmas

Intercessions  
*Eg Methodist Worship p132 - 134*

224 - As with gladness, men of old, OR  
208 - Let earth and heaven combine

Blessing  
*Eg share in reading 794 - Nunc dimittis [Song of Simeon]*