Evening Prayer for Caius Chapel

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple,
also known as CANDLEMAS: 2nd February 2021

The God of peace and love remain with us always

PSALMS 122, 123
FIRST LESSON Haggai 2.1-9
SECOND LESSON John 2.18-22

The Psalm and readings can be found online at
www.biblegateway.com, where alternative translations are available:
I suggest NRSV, RSV, or KJV.

1 THE COLLECT FOR CANDLEMAS
ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty,
that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the
.temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto
thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

2 THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER.
O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just
works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the
world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy
commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the
fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

3 THE THIRD COLLECT for aid against all perils.
LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great
mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYERS

Lord hear us  Lord graciously hear us.

Tonight’s prayers reflect upon the Presentation of Christ.

Father, your Son is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
let his light shine in your Church: we pray for our home churches,
and everywhere we find refuge in prayer...

Father, your Son in your holy temple calls judgement
on the world: let his light shine on the nations,
and answer their longing for justice...

Father, your Son was the exact imprint of your very being,
yet for our sakes he became poor:
let his light shine on the needy, that as they suffer with him,
they may also find comfort with him...

Father, in your Son your faithful servants find their peace:
let his light shine on the departed,
that they may find their long home in you...

Father, your Son was revealed as the one destined
to be despised and rejected: now let his light shine on us
as we turn our minds towards his passion...

Father, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the Messiah, your anointed.
Help us all to trust in your promises,
and to wait patiently for their fulfilment...

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.