

## ACCLAMATIONS

**Either Alleluia.**

*Alleluia = Praise the Lord!*

**Or Kyrie**

*Kyrie eleison = Lord, have mercy*

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy      Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy

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*The dots in the music mean, repeat this part. So you sing the first 2 bars twice, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 bars twice, and the last line straight through. The words are part of an ancient pagan song; Christians used it and made it Christian by adding "Christ have mercy" !*

**OR Agnus Dei**

*Agnus Dei = Lamb of God*

Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of God, you take away the sins of the world \_\_\_\_\_ havemer-cy on us. *(twice)*

*third time.....* grant \_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

## SONGS, CANTICLE and ANTHEM

### 1 He became poor

Weeks 14 and 16 Epiphany season (nothing in week 13)

He became poor that we may be rich,  
loving the world and leaving his throne;  
King of all kings and Lord of all lords,  
flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.

*This short song is by John Bell of the Iona community –  
Iona is an island off the west coast of Scotland. More from there next week.*



### 2 Simeon's Song

Week 15 (Candlemas/Presentation)

Take, Lord, and fold my life away;  
its purpose is fulfilled.

*purpose = reason*

I clasp, expressed in mortal clay,  
all that your love has willed.

*clasp = hold tightly    mortal clay = a body which can die*

This babe reveals your costly grace  
to Israel, and the human race.

*reveals= shows      costly = expensive  
Israel = the Jewish people*



May we, like Simeon, receive  
this new reality;  
And, living by it, now believe  
Christ came to set folk free, *folk= people*  
Till kingdoms of the earth appear  
marked by God's rule and presence here.

*This song is a paraphrase – that is, a re-wording of something. The story comes from the reading you will hear today, and the words are what Simeon said when he'd seen Jesus at last, having waited all his life. Verse 2 is a prayer for our time, 2 thousand years later.*