Liturgy for Burning of the Greens

**Presider**  Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**People**  To you be glory and praise for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
Your name is proclaimed in all the world.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

When the time had fully come
You sent the Son of Righteousness.
In him the fullness of your glory dwells.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

The Gospel

**Lector**  A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The greens are lighted while a hymn is sung.

**Hymn**  Joy to the World  The Hymnal 100

Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

Joy to the world! the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.
Litany for Epiphany

At the conclusion of each petition the response is:

Presider Light of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and the splendor of your Father:
Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life:
Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the poor in spirit:
Lord Jesus, you are the hope of all who put their trust in you:
Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness of our hearts:
Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord Jesus, uphold your Church to be your Body in the world:
Lord Jesus, make known your salvation to those in despair:
Lord Jesus, inspire us to proclaim your kingdom in word and action:
Lord Jesus, be gracious to us and bless us,
Lord Jesus, make your face to shine upon us and be gracious to us:
Lord Jesus, lift up your countenance upon us and give us peace:

The Presider prays a concluding collect:

Lord Jesus, your light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Shine the bright light of your grace and mercy in our hearts, and help us to be conduits of your light to all the darkened places of our world. We pray this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Dismissal

Presider We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations. Go in the peace of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.