



Christingle Service 2010

Welcome

Opening Verse of Scripture *Luke Chapter 3*

Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

Opening Words

We have come together in the presence of God to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the light of the world. In this service we hear and receive the story and message of the coming of Christ, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

All **O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel. Amen.**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Hymn

Come thou long expected Jesus 102

Confession

All **We confess those times when we have failed to bring light
into the world around us. We are sorry for those things
which we have done which have hurt others or damaged the
world in which we live.**

Minister You were born for our salvation.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The minister will declare God's word of forgiveness

The Offering

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Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Hymn

Lord the light of your love is shining 445

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister Glory to Christ, Son of Mary; born a child,
you share our humanity:

All Glory to God in the highest.

Minister Glory to Christ, Son of David;
born to rule, you receive gifts from the wise;

All Glory to God in the highest.

Minister Glory to Christ, Son of Man;
born our Saviour, you are the light of the world:

All Glory to God in the highest.

Minister We celebrate the coming of our God
with all the voices of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Collect Prayer and Bible Readings

You may follow the Bible readings in Partnership News

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Darkness like a shroud 110

Sermon

The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman

Making and Presentation of Christingles

Minister With the help of the Holy Spirit of God, take this Christingle as a reminder of the light of Christ in your home. Take the light of Christ within you, and seek to share that light in the places where you go. Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**All Father of all, may we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world. Alleluia, thanks be to God**

Hymn

The orange of Christingle
the world reminds us of,
And how our God created us,
And on us sheds his love.

*O sing about Christingle,
Your voices loud employ.
Your praises bring to God our King;
For Jesus and his joy.*

The candle of Christingle,
With shining flame so bright;
Reminds us of our loving Lord
Who is the world's true light.

The red band of Christingle
Which plainly we can see;
Reminds us of how Jesus Christ
was killed upon that tree.

The four sticks of Christingle,
With which the orb we spear,
Remind us how God cares for us,
thro' the seasons of the year.

The whole of the Christingle,
It is a joy to see;
It shines to show how our Father God,
Loves even you and me.

(Tune The Holly and the Ivy, trad.)

THE PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed 204

The Blessing

Go in peace in the light of our Lord
to love and serve him.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.



For many years churches all over the world have made Christingles to remind them that Christ is the light who came into the world at Christmas.