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Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 12 December 2021

Christingle Service

(Supporting the work of The Children's Society)

Welcome & Introduction

Christ has brought us out of darkness

To live in his wonderful light.

Christ has brought us from death to life

To live in his glorious hope.

Song

Lord the light of Your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness shining

Jesus Light of the World shine upon us

Set us free by the truth You now bring us

Shine on me shine on me

Shine Jesus shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze Spirit blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow river flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth Your word

Lord and let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence

From the shadows into Your radiance

By the blood I may enter Your brightness

Search me try me consume all my darkness

Shine on me shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness

So our faces display Your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story

Shine on me shine on me

Words & Music:

Graham Kendrick

Lighting of the advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

Prayers of Penitence

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible Reading

Matthew 1.18-23

Talk

Nicholas Cooper

Song

The Christingle begins with an orange,
Like the world which the Lord God made,
For creation is full of his glory,
All around we see His love displayed.

*Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.*

Every year we give thanks for the seasons,
And the fruits of the earth to share,
The Christingle is here to remind us,
That the love of God is everywhere.

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus,
We remember his birth again,
But the red ribbon around the Christingle,
Tells the story of his cross and pain.

To complete the Christingle: a candle,
Telling us of the world's true light,
For the darkness shall not overcome it,
Jesus shines on in the darkest night!

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
who made the world
and gives us all we need
We believe in God the Son,
the Light of the World
who fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Lighting of Christingles

During this we listen to Like a Candle Flame

Like a candle flame
flickering small in our darkness.
uncreated light
shines through infant eyes.

*God is with us, alleluia. **Echo:** God is with us, alleluia.
Come to save us, alleluia. **Echo:** Come to save us alleluia!*

Stars and angels sing,
yet the earth sleeps in shadows;
can this tiny spark
set a world on fire?

Yet his light shall shine
from our lives, Spirit blazing,
as we touch the flame
of his holy fire.

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Prayers

Led by Sue Vallente-Kerr

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Offertory

The offertory is brought forward.



Because of COVID precautions we are not passing the collection plate around the congregation. Offerings may be left in it before the service.

However, because fewer people carry cash, you may like to make a donation by scanning this QR code on a smart phone.

It will take you to our donations page and you are able to choose the amount and whether to Gift Aid it. Why not give it a try!

Song

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, O-oh
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, O-oh
We are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God.
We are living, living, we are living, O-oh
We are living in the love of God.
We are living, living, we are living, O-oh
We are living in the love of God.

We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving, moving, we are moving, O-oh
We are moving in the power of God.
We are moving, moving, we are moving, O-oh
We are moving in the power of God.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Let us go in Peace

**We go into the world
to walk in God's Light,
to live in God's hope
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.**

Amen

May God himself, the God of peace,
make us perfect and holy,
and keep us safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you always.

Amen.

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