

# Family Christingle Service



## Welcome

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given. His name shall be called: wonderful counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, and the prince of peace.

*(Isaiah 9)*

## Hymn

## Thanksgiving prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we praise thee for the glory of creation, and for all the joys of life that we have: for family love and security; for the activities of village, church and school; and for good neighbourliness and friendship. Above all, we thank thee for the love of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Candlemas Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

## Hymn

## The Address / Children's Presentation

## An anthem may be sung

## The Blessing of the Candles and Christingle Procession

*After the blessing of the candles, children present are asked to come up the centre aisle to receive a Christingle. While they gather at the front of Church, quiet music is played. The congregation remain seated.*

*When all have a Christingle, the following prayer is said or sung:*

**Keep me shining, Lord,  
Keep me shining, Lord, in all I say and do,  
That the world may see Christ lives in me,  
And learns to love him too.**

*(said by the adults to the children)*

**Amazing God,  
You bless us**

in the good smell of the orange;  
You bless us  
in the good taste of the fruits;  
You bless us  
in the warm light of the candle;  
You wrap your arms, like the ribbon,  
round the suffering world.  
Let these Christingles  
bring your blessing to our children  
and to us.  
And as these little lights  
glow in our hands,  
So may your light shine in our hearts  
this Christmas, and forever.  
Amen.

### **The Acclamation**

Live as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Therefore it says, "sleepers awake! rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you".

*(Ephesians 5)*

*The congregation responds:*

**Heavenly Father, help us all to be as lights that shine in the darkness of the world. May we proclaim thy Son as our Saviour, by all we do and say. Amen.**

*The candles are blown out and the children return to their seats.*

### **Hymn**

*Prayers of Intercession using the response:*

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*concluding with the Children's Prayer*

**Two eyes to look to God,  
two ears to hear his word,  
Two lips to sing his praise,  
two feet to walk in his ways.**

**Two hands to do his will,  
one heart to love him still;**

**O Lord Jesus, let me be  
loving, gentle, true to thee. Amen.**

### **The Grace**

#### **Final hymn**

*(Collection for the Children's Society)*

#### **The Christingle Prayer**

**We offer thee our gifts, O Lord, as tokens of our desire to serve thee and people everywhere. Use us and our gifts, to help those in the care of the Children's Society, and children the world over who have special needs. Amen.**

## The Blessing

### 1) *Additional Hymn used by permission*

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 love  
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.

### *Chorus*

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.

### *Chorus*

### 2) *A Christingle hymn – used by permission*

The Christingle is made like a circle,  
Which is round like the world God made;  
For he showed us his love in creation,  
In the world we see his power displayed.

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

Every year we give thanks for the seasons,  
And the fruits of the earth God gives.  
The Christingle is here to remind us  
Of the love of God for all that lives.

*Chorus*

Then to show us his love God sent Jesus;  
We proclaimed that on Christmas Day,  
But the red cross upon the Christingle  
Makes us mindful of the price he paid.

*Chorus*

To complete the Christingle, a candle  
Shining out with a bright new flame;  
Telling us of the true light of Jesus  
Shining on in those who love his name.

*Chorus*

*Taken from a Service by St. George's Church Brailes*