



# Christingle Service 2020

## 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 of the coming of Christ, & we offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer & 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 Christmas Tree Lights and singing of a Christmas Tree Carol

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
How lovely are your shining lights!  
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Your boughs so green in summertime,  
Stay bravely green in wintertime.  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
How lovely are your shining lights!

Let us all remember  
in all our gifts and merriment  
The meaning true of Christmas-time  
To mark the birth of Jesus Christ.

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How lovely are your shining lights!  
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How lovely are your shining lights!

**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.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Glory to Christ, Son of Mary, born a child, you share our humanity. Glory to Christ, Son of David, born to rule; you receive gifts from the wise; Glory to Christ, Son of Man; born our Saviour, you are the light of the world. **All: Glory to God in the highest!**

**Bible Reading: Luke 2: 1-15 - The Birth of Jesus**

**Carol**

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

## **Story**

### **Making up and Presentation of Christingles**

Minister: With the help of the Holy Spirit of God, keep 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 wherever 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* (Tune ‘The Holly & the Ivy’).**

The Orange of Christingle  
Reminds us of the World,  
And how our God created us,  
And on us shed 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. **Chorus.**

The red band of Christingle  
Which we can plainly see,  
Reminds us how Lord Jesus Christ  
Was hung upon that tree. **Chorus.**

The four sticks of Christingle  
And the tasty sweets they bear,  
Remind us how the gifts of God,  
Sustain us through the year. **Chorus.**

## The Prayers, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

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 **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**

## The Blessing

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On behalf of the Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all great joy, peace and safe-keeping this coming Christmas, and a very happy and blessed New Year.

Revd Ian Welch, Rector