

PRAYERS

Lord in your mercy
Hear our 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.**

Notices

HYMN 513 – Lord, the light of your love is
shining
We light the Christingles

THE BLESSING
We hold the Christingles high.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

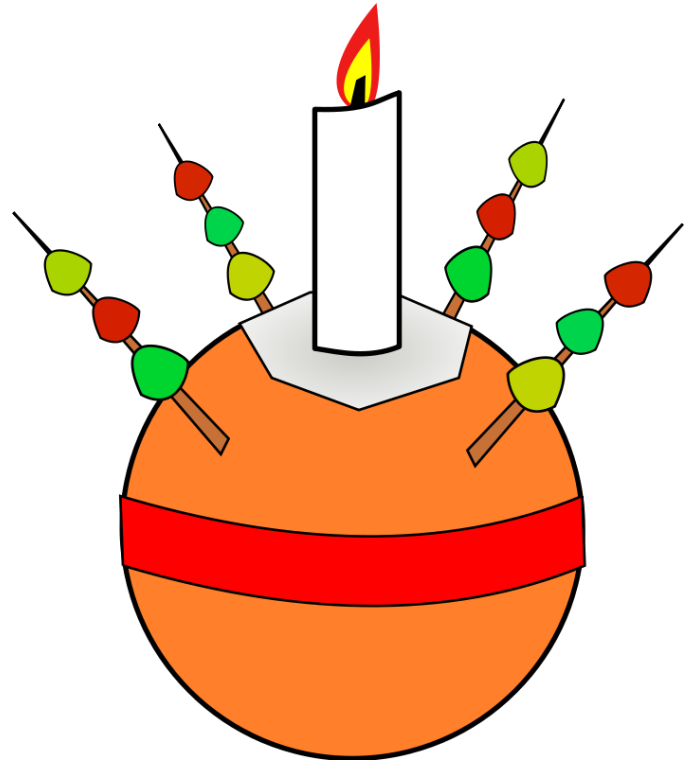
Christ the Sun of Righteousness
shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he
comes in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

We extinguish the Christingles.

Christingle Service



THE GATHERING

HYMN 29 – Hills of the North, rejoice

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome

The lighting of the Easter Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness but will have the light of life"

**Jesus, we thank you that
you are the Light of the World.
Help us to walk always in your light.
Amen.**

The lighting of the Advent Ring

Lord Jesus, the prophets foretold your coming
as a descendent of King David,
to be born in Bethlehem of Judea.

**Jesus, we thank you that you came
into the world at Christmas time. Amen**

THE COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen.

FIRST READING - Genesis 1: 28-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We remember God's love in creation.
We put the fruit and sweets on the cocktail
sticks.*

Hymn 272 – Praise and thanksgiving

SECOND READING - 1 John 4: 9-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We remember Jesus' love in dying for us.
We notice the red ribbon on our orange.
We put the four cocktail sticks in the orange.*

HYMN – There is a redeemer

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit,
'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. *Thank you...*

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place. *Thank you...*

THIRD READING - John 1: 3-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We remember Christ the true light, coming into
the world.*

We fix our candle into our Christingle.

HYMN – Christingle Song

The Collection is taken

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. *Sing ...*

God of love we give thanks now for Jesus:
we remember his birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
tells the story of his cross and pain. *Sing...*

To complete the Christingle: a candle,
telling of the world's true light.
For the darkness shall not overcome it.
Jesus shines on in the darkest night. *Sing...*