



All-Age Service
Sunday 5 February 2017
Christ the Light of the World
Christingle

The service is led by Revd Gareth Atha, Ben Merrell, and the All-Age team

★ We Gather Together

Welcome and Notices

All people of the world, Jesus is our light
Come, worship and adore him.

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord
be thou my great Father, and I thy true Son,
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun;
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Introduction to the theme : A church-sized Christingle...

Light of the world, you stepped down
into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you
created
All for love's sake became poor.

*And here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross X 2

Words and Music: Tim Hughes © 2001, Thankyou Music

★We Confess Our Sins

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Forgive us
Forgive us
Forgive us

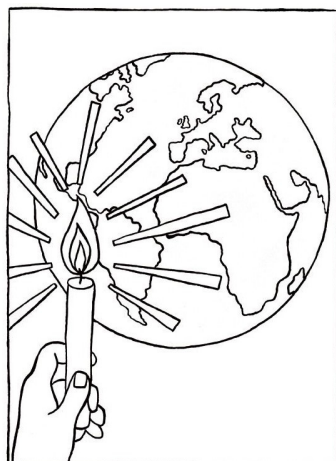
Lord, restore us to your service and make us whole

Words of forgiveness then follow.

★We Listen To God's Word

Bible Reading *Matthew 5:13-20*

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.



“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

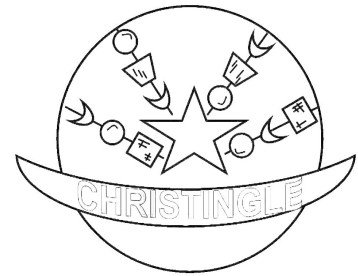
“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is

accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Collect (**Prayer for the Day**)

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **Amen.**



Talk: Ben Merrell

★The Christingle

The Christingle begins with an orange,
telling us of the world God made.
By the fruits of the earth in their seasons
We can see the love of God displayed

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

To complete the Christingle: a candle,
shining out in the darkest night.
Jesus promised to lead us and guide us;
come and celebrate the world's true light! *Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...*

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Tune: SING HOSANNA

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and 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.

★ We Worship, and Pray Together

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light!
Shine on our hearts! Shine through the darkness!
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church, gathered today!*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, still many thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

2. Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)

*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love;
Lights the darkness from above.
It shines on me and it shines on you,
And shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I gonna shine my light both bright and clear.
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday, He gave me the gift of love;
Tuesday, peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith;
On Thursday He gave me a little more grace.
Friday, He told me just to watch and pray
Saturday, He told me just what to say,
On Sunday He gave me the power divine
To let my little light shine.

Traditional

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Revd Gareth Atha

The intercessions end as we say

**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.**



The Last Word : God's light in our hands

Offertory Hymn

Christ is the world's true light,
its captain of salvation,
the daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where'er we own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

Words: G.W. Briggs.

Tune: NUN DANKET

Closing Response

Let us go in Peace
**We go into the world
to walk in God's Light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory. Amen**

Prayer of Blessing

You are invited to coffee in the South Transept after the service.

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