# Christ Church Primary School

## Christingle Service

Thursday 5th December 2024

**CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL**

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## The Greeting

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.**

Christ has brought us out of darkness:
**to live in his marvellous light.**

We have come together in the presence of God our Father to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the Light of the World. In this service we hear the story and message of the coming of Christ, and we give thanks to God in prayer and song.

We give thanks together for Jesus, the Light of the World.

## The Thanksgiving

Glory to Christ, Son of Mary,
born as a child, you are one with us:
**Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of David;
born to rule, you reign in our hearts:
**Glory to God in the highest.**

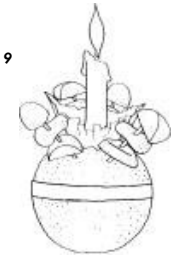
Glory to Christ, Son of Man
born to save, you are the Light of the World.
**Glory to God in the highest.**

***Blessing***

***At the end of the service***
***Children will remain seated until they are led from the church by their teachers.***

***Parents are requested to collect their children from the classrooms as usual.***





## Carol

O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels:

***O come let us adore Him***
***O come let us adore Him,***
***O come let us adore Him,***
***Christ the Lord!***

God of God
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten not created:
***O come ...***

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exaltation
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above:
"Glory to God
In the highest":
***O come ...***

***All sit for the first reading.***

## First Reading **Isaiah 9:2,6**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

## Song

I saw a star up high above the heavens
I heard the angels singing in the sky
I watched the shepherds coming from the sheepfold
I even thought I heard a baby cry.

***No one would listen to my story***
***And no one seemed to care about the child***
***But he was beautiful***
***The baby born to save us***
***As in his mother's arms he gently lay***

I saw the star shine down on upon the stable
I watched the kings with gifts go riding by
I crept up close and looked into the manger
And it was then I heard the baby cry.

***No one would listen to my story...***

I hurried home and there I met the townsfolk
I wandered in the hills and far around
I tried to tell my friends about the story
Of angels shepherds kings and babe I'd found.

***Cont……..***

***But all alone I knelt before that manger***
***The sheep and cows and oxen standing by.***
***And he was beautiful***
***The baby born to save us***
***As in his mother's arms he gently lay***
***Yes he was beautiful,***
***The baby Jesus born on Christmas Day.***

***We sit for the second reading.***

## Second Reading

**Luke 2:1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

***Yes, this is my Christingle ...***

The ribbon of Christingle
that circle of bright red,
It's love of God for all the world
and blood that Jesus shed:

***Yes, this is my Christingle...***

The candle of Christingle
which burns so bright and clear,
It is hope and joy for all the world
and Jesus who is here:

***Yes, this is my Christingle...***

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| ***Priest*** | Jesus is the Light of the World. |
| ***All*** | **Jesus is the Light of the World. Alleluia** |
| ***Priest*** | His Light is our life: |
| ***All*** | **His Light is our life. Alleluia! Alleluia.** |

***Please help the children to extinguish their candles***

Y6 return back to their places

## Blessing

May the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts, and transform your lives,
to bring his light to others.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be
amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

***Cont...***

## The Presentation of the Gifts

***Priest*** I thank those who have given to the Children's Society and ask you all to come forward to collect your Christingles.

***Child*** Receive our gifts we have offered to God for the work of the Society.

(These donations are now made online)

***At this point, the congregation remain seated for the presentation of the Christingles. Children come forward as they present their gifts for the Children's Society and collect their Christingle oranges. When directed the Christingle candles will be lit, Year Six proceed to the front of the church with their candles and we will sing together:***

## Song

***Verse 1 to be sung by Year 6***

The orange of Christingle
is like a little earth,
For the God who holds us in his
hands also gave our planet birth:

***Yes, this is my Christingle***
***It tells of God above;***
***It is showing me this Christmas***
***about Jesus and his love***
***about Jesus and his love.***

The four sticks of Christingle
all loaded with good things,
They're the seasons four of every
year and the gifts that each one brings:

## Song

**AWAY IN A MANGER**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus, laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky, looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my bedside 'till morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children, in thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

***We sit for the third and fourth reading.***

## Third Reading **Luke 2: 8-14**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

## Fourth Reading **Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## The Sermon

## Prayers *(led by the children)*

Dear Lord,

We thank you for this service in which we can remember that you are the Light of the World, and that you love every one of us.

We thank you for our Christ Church Christingle, in which we can share your light with our friends and families, and we pray for all Christingle services taking place this year, for the schools and families taking part all over the country, raising funds for the work of the Children's Society.

We pray for all children whose lives are painful or difficult this Christmas, for those without homes or families who care for them, for refugee children who have lost everything, for children who have lost family members or friends in acts of war or violence

We give thanks for the work of the Children's Society, as they provide care and hope for thousands of children and teenagers who have been hurt or neglected.

We pray for our Government and all in power, that they may remember to make the welfare of children a high priority, and we pray for the Church, that it will always be a safe and welcoming place for children and adults of all ages.

We ask all these prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

**Amen**

## The Lord's 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***