



Come Celebrate
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Christingle Service Advent 2

Welcome

Opening Verse of Scripture
Mark 1:2,3

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"-- "a voice of one calling in the desert, '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 and message of the coming of Christ, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and 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 Second Advent Candle

May your hearts be filled with peace as you hear the words of the prophet Isaiah who told of one who would be born the Prince of Peace.

All: Thanks be to God

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle of Hope in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs. We light it again as we place our hope in Jesus the blessing of God for all nations.

(A person now lights the first candle)

The prophet Isaiah said

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty

God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.'

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

(A person lights the second candle)

Let us pray:

All: Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love.

Hymn

The orange of Christingle

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.

The minister will declare God's word of forgiveness

The Offering

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Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

The Collect Prayer and Bible Readings

You may follow the Bible readings in Partnership News

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

Sermon

Hymn

Round orange, round orange,

Making and Presentation of Christingles

Minister With the help of the Holy Spirit of God, take 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 in the places where 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

In a world where people walk in darkness,

The Prayers

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.

Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

The Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you and those you love, this day and evermore
Amen.

Go in peace in the light of our Lord to love and serve him.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.



For many years churches all over the world have made Christingles to remind them that Christ is the light who came into the world at Christmas.