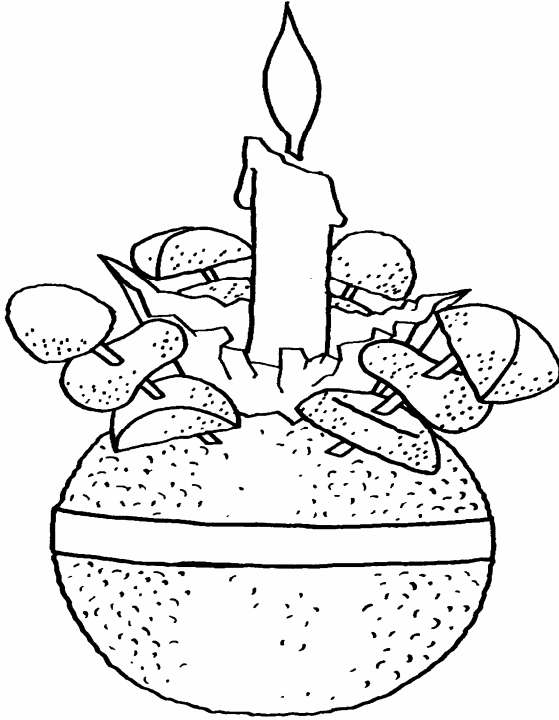


Christingle Service



St. James, Hampton Hill

Greeting

The Vicar says words of welcome

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

Words of introduction

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 your blood
I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me,
consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine...***

**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.
*Shine, etc.***

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Lighting of a Candle

*On the first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle
on the Advent wreath*

Vicar Today we remember Jesus, the light of the world:
All Jesus is our King.

As the candle is lit

Vicar Jesus Christ is the light of the world;
All Jesus is our Way.

Vicar With Jesus even dark places are light;
All Jesus is the Truth.

Vicar In Jesus we shall live for ever.
All Jesus is our Life.

Saying sorry to God

The Vicar introduces the prayer and then says

Vicar Father God,
we are sorry for the things we do and say and think
which make you sad,
and for not thinking of others
before ourselves.
Please forgive us,
and help us to love you and other people
more and more.

All Amen.

Vicar Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Vicar Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Vicar Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Vicar May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Thanksgiving

Vicar Glory to Christ, Son of Mary;
born a child, you are one with us

All **Glory to God in the highest.**

Vicar Glory to Christ, Son of David;
born to rule, you reign in our hearts:

All **Glory to God in the highest.**

Vicar Glory to Christ, Son of Man;
born to save, you are the light of the world:

All **Glory to God in the highest.**

Readings from the Bible

Isaiah 40.3-5

A voice is shouting,
“Clear a path in the desert! Make a straight road for
the Lord our God. Fill in the valleys; flatten every hill
and mountain.

Level the rough and rugged ground.
Then the glory of the Lord will appear for all to see.
The Lord has promised this!”

John 3.16-17

God loved the people of this world so much that he
gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in
him will have eternal life and never really die. God did
not send his Son into the world to condemn its people.
He sent him to save them!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**You are the King of Glory,
you are the Prince of Peace,
you are the Lord of heav'n and earth,
you're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
worship and adore, for
you have the words of eternal life,
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of kings!
Glory in the highest heaven,
for Jesus the Messiah reigns.**

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Talk

The Offering of Gifts

*During the hymn a collection will be taken for the work
of the Children's Society*

**The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light (x3)
*walk in the light of the Lord.***

**Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light...***

**He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light,
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light...***

**We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light...***

**By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light...***

**The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light...***

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Vicar God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen

Prayers of Intercession

The Prayers end with the Lord's Prayer

All **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 Presentation and Lighting of Christingles

*The Christingles will be brought to a part of the church
near you*

Please then encircle the church with light as we sing

**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 Christingle...***

**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...***

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

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The Blessing

Vicar May the light of Christ shine in your
hearts so that you may be filled with his
joy and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Hymn

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the
Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of
wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible
swift sword;
his truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred
circling camps
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews
and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and
flaring lamps;
his day is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never
call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before His
judgment seat;
oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant,
my feet;
our God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across
the sea,
with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and
me;
as he died to make us holy, let us live to make all
free;
while God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! While God is marching on.**

The Sending Out

Vicar Let us go in the light of Christ, to bring
light to all whom we meet.

All With the help of God. Amen.

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