



Christingle

Order of Service

Sunday 12th December 2021

The
Children's
Society

St Mary's, Alderley



What's on at St Mary's this Christmas:

Sunday 19th December

9.45am: Holy Communion

6.30pm: Nine Lessons & Carols

Friday 24th December

3.00pm: Family Service with the Blessing of the Nativity Scene

Christmas Day

9.45am: Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 26th December (St.Stephen)

9.45am: Family Service with Christmas Carols (Common Worship)

Do come and join us in the celebration!

Welcome and opening prayer

Introduction: Traditions old and new

Opening Hymn: Sing Christingle (to the tune of Give me Oil)

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! 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! 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! Sing Christingle!

Opening prayer:

Light of the world

Shine in this place

Light of the world

Shine in our hearts

Light of the world

Shine in our lives

Light of the world

Shine in all the earth

Jesus Christ is hope for all the world

Jesus is the way

With Jesus even dark places are light

Jesus is the truth

In Jesus we have hope for ever

Jesus is our life

Part one: Our world

Talk: The orange is our world

Hymn: He's got the whole in this world in his
hands HON 206

Lighting of the three advent candles

Collect for the third Sunday in Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Part two: God's love and forgiveness

Reading: The story of John the Baptist

Talk: The red ribbon is God's love and forgiveness

Sorry prayer:

Heavenly Father

You have created a universe of light

Forgive us when we return to darkness

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus

You are the light of the world

Cleanse and heal our blinded sight

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Holy Spirit
You give us light in our hearts
Renew us in faith and love
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Absolution

Part two: God has given us so much

Talk: The sweets are God's goodness to us

Hymn: All things bring and beautiful HON21

Thank you prayers

Organ music as we collect gift tags for the
Christmas Tree

Part four: The light of Christ

Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7

Talk: The candle is the light of Christ

Hymn: Colours of Day HON 87 (the collection is taken)

Prayers of intercession

After each petition the response is:

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son,
Our saviour, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Final notices

Final hymn: Away in a manger HON51

Closing prayer and 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**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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