

Welcome

The Christingle

The Christingle is made of :

- The orange to remind us of God's creation
- The red band to remind us of His Son Jesus
- The candle to remind us of the light of Jesus.
- The fruits to remind us of the blessings which flow from God to us.

Introduction

Please stand to sing the Carol :

Joy to the world

1. Joy to the world ! – the Lord is come !
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
 2. Joy to the world ! – the Saviour reigns !
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.
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Please sit or kneel for the prayers

Leader Lord God, we thank You for Your wonderful creation
People **We give You thanks and praise.**
Leader We praise You, Lord, that You saw all that You had made and said, It is good
People **We give You thanks and praise.**
Leader We give thanks that You invited Adam and Eve to walk in the garden with You in the cool of the evening.
People **May we also enjoy fellowship with You.**
Leader Forgive us, Lord God, for the times when we disobey You and fail to do all that You desire.
People **Forgive us, Lord God**
Leader Help us, Lord God, to do better in the future
People **Help us, Lord God**
Leader Thank you for the gift of your son Jesus
People **We praise You, Lord God.**
Leader Help us, Lord God, to come closer and closer to You.
People **Help us, Lord God.**
Leader Thank You for the wonderful blessings You pour upon Your people.
People **Thank You, Lord God. Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Carol : **Angels from the realms of Glory**

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth :
Chorus
Come and worship Christ the new-born King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the new-born King.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light :
Chorus

3. Though an infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down;
Chorus

Please sit for the reading
Luke Chapter 2 verses 4-18

Good News Part 1

acted by ***** and *****

Please stand to sing the Carol :

The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep,
On a cold winters night that was so
deep.

Chorus
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and
night.

Chorus

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country
far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it
went.

Chorus

4. This star drew nigh to the
north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and
stay,
Right over the place where Jesus
lay.

Chorus

5. Then entered in those wise
men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His
presence
Their gold and myrrh and
frankincense.

Chorus

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our Heavenly
Lord,
That hath made heaven and
earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind
hath bought.

Chorus

Please sit for the reading
Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-11

Good News Part 2 acted by and

The story of Christmas is about the GOOD NEWS of the birth of JESUS, the SON OF GOD, who is SAVIOUR to all who WORSHIP Him.

Please stand to sing the Carol : Good Christians all rejoice

1. Good Christians all rejoice
With heart and soul and voice !
Give you heed to what we say :
News ! News !
Jesus Christ is born today,
Ox and Ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now :
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today !
2. Good Christians all rejoice
With heart and soul and voice !
Now you hear of endless bliss :
Joy ! Joy !
Jesus Christ was born for this,
He has oped the heavenly door,
And we are blest for evermore,
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this.
3. Good Christians all rejoice
With heart and soul and voice !
Now you need not fear the grave :
Peace ! Peace !
Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting Hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save.

Please sit
About our Christmas Tree

A reading :
Romans Chapter 8 verses 1-5

Good news Part 3 acted by and

Message

The Good News to all who follow Jesus is that when we SAY SORRY for our WRONG DOING we will be FORGIVEN, and if we ASK Jesus for the gift of His HOLY SPIRIT we will RECEIVE Him and begin to live a NEW LIFE.

Please stand for the Carol You did leave your throne and your kingly crown

1. You did leave your throne and your kingly crown,
When you camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For Your holy nativity :
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.
2. Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang
Proclaiming Your royal degree;
But in lowly birth did You come to earth,
And in great humility :
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.
3. You camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set Your people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore You to Calvary :
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.
4. When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
At Your coming to victory,
Let Your voice call me home, saying, "Yes, there is room,
There is room at My side for thee" :
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Please sit

The Advent Wreath

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The Good News continues with the blessings which flow from God through His Holy Spirit to His people. Blessings which include HEALING in body, mind, and spirit – and the fruit of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE and many other wonderful gifts.

Christingle explanation

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Please stand for

the Christingle Carol

Chorus

*Christingle, Christingle, pretty little ball,
Telling us of Jesus and His love for us all.*

1. The orange so round is the world that God made,
All people and creatures, the sun and the shade –
A beautiful orb in Gods limitless space,
Its future ensured by Gods limitless grace.

Chorus

2. The ribbon so red that encircles the ball
Is the blood Jesus shed through his love for us all
When He died on the cross that our sins be forgiven
So that we might at last be His children in heaven.

Chorus

3. The good things to eat bring us joy with each bite
As the love Jesus gives fills our hearts with delight;
We pass on that love in the kindness and care
We show to all those whom we meet everywhere.

Chorus

4. The candle above is the wonderful light
Jesus brings to our life leading us to the right;
He was born to bring hope to all people on earth –
Thank God for our Lord at the time of His birth !

Chorus

Making the Christingle

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Lighting and blessing the Christingle

Happy Birthday to You,
Happy Birthday to You,
Happy Birthday dear Jesus -
Happy Birthday to You.

(twice)

Candles out !

Please sit or kneel for the prayers

We sing 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.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.
Amen

Please stand for the Carol

Silent Night

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and
child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace;
Sleep in heavenly peace. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, loves pure light,
Radiance beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth. | |
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Blessing

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Overheads :

Organ :

There is no formal collection in this service, and none is required or expected. However, if you would like to follow the example of the shepherds and wise men by making an offering to the Christ child, we invite you to place it in one of the bags held by the children by the door as you leave.

Our next Family Service is on March 30th 2003;
we would love to see you there.

Kids' Club restarts on Tuesday March 4th 2003.

We wish you all a blessed and joyous Christmas,
and a happy New Year.

Forthcoming Services :

CHRISTMAS DAY	8.00am 8.00am 9.30am	Holy Trinity St Augustines Holy Trinity	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Eucharist
Sunday, 29th December	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Trinity Holy Trinity	Holy Communion Contemporary Eucharist
Throughout January :	8.00am 8.00am	Holy Trinity St Augustines	Holy Communion (Every Sunday) No morning services during January
January 5th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Family Services and Baptism
January 12th	9.30am 7.15pm	Holy Trinity St. Augustines	Holy Communion Evening Celebration
January 19th	9.30am 5.00pm	Holy Trinity Holy Trinity	Contemporary Eucharist (for children Magician, Uncle Maurice in Hall) Taize Service
January 26th	9.30am 6.00pm 7.15pm	Holy Trinity Holy Trinity St Augustines	Holy Communion Sunday Live Evening Celebration

*St Augustines church is open 10.30-NOON Monday-Friday
(not Public Holidays).*