

Welcome

Please stand to sing the Carol :

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

1. **Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

2. **Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

3. **Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the Sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.**

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Please sit.

ABOUT OUR DECORATIONS

Peace and Shalom;

symbols – our Christmas tree, with Doves of peace, and

The CHRISTINGLE

is made up of four main parts :

- The **orange**, which represents the world that God made;
- The **four arms**, which represent protection, peace, provision and purpose;
- The **red ribbon**, which represents the blood of Jesus given for all people.
- The **candle**, to remind us that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world".

As we introduce each part of the Christingle we will sing the Christingle chorus –

ALL : Christingle, Christingle,
Pretty little ball –
telling us of Jesus
And His love for us all.

The first part of the Christingle is the orange

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED
Genesis Chapter 1.

Please stand to sing the hymn :

“God created”.

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| 1. God created, God created,
Night and day, night and day;
That was on the first day,
That was on the first day.
It was good, it was good. | 5. God created, God created,
Birds and fish, birds and fish;
That was on the fifth day,
That was on the fifth day.
It was good, it was good. |
| 2. God created, God created,
Sky and clouds, sky and clouds;
That was on the second day,
That was on the second day.
It was good, it was good. | 6. God created, God created,
Creatures on the land, people too;
That was on the sixth day,
That was on the sixth day.
It was good, it was good. |
| 3. God created, God created,
Lands and plants, lands and
plants;
That was on the third day,
That was on the third day.
It was good, it was good. | 7. Then God rested, then God
rested,
From His work, from His work;
That was on the seventh day,
That was on the seventh day.
All was good, all was good. |
| 4. God created, God created,
Sun, moon, stars, Sun, moon,
stars;
That was on the fourth day,
That was on the fourth day.
It was good, it was good. | 8. Let's sing praises, let's sing
praises,
To our God, to our God;
He is all around us,
Spreading peace among us.
God is good, God is good. |

Please sit.

SHALOM

Let us share God's peace with each other by turning and saying to one another,

“Shalom”, “Peace be with you”.

ALL : **Shalom, Peace be with you.**

The second part of the Christingle is the arms

The first arm : “PROTECTION”

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ADAM AND EVE
adapted from Genesis Chapters 2 and 3.

Narrator Through their disobedience, Adam and Eve, lost the comfort and security of living in the garden of Eden and life became hard for them.
Lord, help us to turn away from and resist temptation.

ALL **Help us, Lord, to turn away from temptation.**

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
from Exodus 20 1-17

God said :

I AM the Lord Your God.

- Worship no God but me.
- Do not make idols or worship them.
- Use my name with respect.
- Rest on the seventh day and remember me.
- Respect your father and mother.
- Do not murder.
- Husbands and wives, be faithful to one another.
- Do not steal.
- Do not tell lies about anyone.
- Do not envy other people or want what belongs to them.

Narrator Help us, Lord God, to follow Your ways.

ALL **Help us, Lord.**

All through these years prophets kept promising that God was going to send a special King, a Saviour who would be Lord of all.

Please stand to sing the hymn :

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless
sleep
The silent stars go by –
Yet in thy dark street shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive
Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

2. For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

4. 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.

Please sit.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.
Luke Chapter 2 verses 1-7.

Narrator Thank You, Lord, for protecting Mary and Joseph and finding a quiet,
sheltered place for Jesus to be born.

ALL **Thank You, Lord, for quiet, sheltered places.**

Please stand to sing the Carol :

“Away in a manger”

1. 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.

2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love You, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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

Please sit.

The second arm : “PEACE”

ALL :

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Pretty little ball
telling us of Jesus
And His love for us all.

THE ANGELS VISIT THE SHEPHERDS.
Luke Chapter 2 verses 8-20.

Narrator Thank You, God, for the peace that comes from knowing and trusting
You.

ALL **Thank You for Your peace.**

The third arm : “PROVISION”

ALL :

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Pretty little ball –
telling us of Jesus
And His love for us all.

THE WISE MEN VISIT JESUS.
Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-2, 11-12.

Wise men Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star
in the east and have come to worship Him.

ALL **He was born in Bethlehem.**

“they presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh”

Narrator Thank You, God, for Your bountiful provisions.

ALL **Thank You, God.**

Please stand to sing the hymn :

“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 winter's night that was so
deep.

2. When they looked up they 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 :

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Chorus

(continued ...)

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

Please sit.

The fourth arm : "PURPOSE"

**Christingle, Christingle,
Pretty little ball –
telling us of Jesus
And His love for us all.**

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Mark Chapter 12 verses 29-33.

*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one, Love the Lord Your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and
with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as you love
yourself. There is no commandment greater than these two.*

Narrator Lord God, help us to fill our lives with purpose : the purpose of loving
You and loving others.

ALL **Fill our lives with love for You and others. Amen**

The third part of the Christingle is the red ribbon

The red ribbon represents the blood of Jesus given for ALL PEOPLE.

ALL : **Christingle, Christingle,
Pretty little ball –
telling us of Jesus
And His love for us all.**

THE PROMISE OF SALVATION

John Chapter 3 verses 16-21.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that
whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For
God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to
save the world through Him.*

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

Chorus

6. Now let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who brought forth heaven and
earth from nought
and with His blood mankind has
bought.

Chorus

The fourth part of the Christingle is the candle

The candle represents Jesus, the light of the world.

ALL : **Christingle, Christingle,
Pretty little ball –
telling us of Jesus
And His love for us all.**

Narrator Thank You, Lord, for the light of Jesus that shines through His people.

ALL **Thank You, Lord.**

Narrator May we be people who reflect Your light too.

ALL **Amen.**

Please stand to sing :

"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.

Please sit.

The Christingle !

We stand to sing (twice) :

**Happy Birthday to You,
Happy Birthday to You,
Happy Birthday, dear Jesus –
Happy Birthday to You !**

Blessing the Christingle.

Candles out !

Please sit or kneel for the prayers for

Protection; Peace; Provision; Purpose

ALL : **Amen.**

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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| 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. | 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. |
| 3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiance beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth. | |

Please remain standing for the Blessing.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year !

Those taking part :



Names omitted

Our next Family Service is on April 8th, Easter Sunday at 10 am; we would love to see you here then.

Kids' Club restarts on Tuesday March 6th 2007.