



St Augustine's Christingle service



December 24, 2009 at 6pm

*We welcome you here in the blessed name of the Lord Jesus,
Whose birthday we celebrate tomorrow !*

Our theme for today's service is

"God loves us so much that He gave ..."

Please stand to sing the hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Chorus :

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

2. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing
colours,
He made their tiny wings.

*Chorus : All things bright and
beautiful.....*

3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

*Chorus : All things bright and
beautiful.....*

Please sit

4. The tall trees in the greenwood
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water
We gather every day.

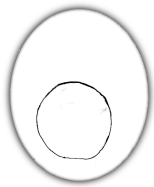
*Chorus : All things bright and
beautiful.....*

5. The farmers' sheep and cattle,
The dogs and cats we love,
The rats and mice and possums,
All come from God above.

*Chorus : All things bright and
beautiful.....*

6. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

*Chorus : All things bright and
beautiful.....*



The Orange

The orange represents
the wonderful world that God created.

Genesis Chapter 1 verse 31 :

God looked at everything that He had made, and He was very pleased.

Let us pause for a moment and think of -
some of the wonders of God's creation.

Narrator : God loves us so much that -
ALL : He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

The four Arms

The first arm represents
the wonderful variety
of the flowers of this world.



Matthew Chapter 6 verses 28-29 :

Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers.

Let us pause for a moment and think of -
the many different flowers in our world
and how beautifully they are made.

Narrator : God loves us so much that -
ALL : He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

The second arm represents
the wonderful variety
of the birds of this world.



Matthew Chapter 10 verse 29 :

Not one sparrow (What do they cost ? Two for a cent ?)
can fall to the ground without your Father God knowing it.

And the very hairs of your head are all counted. So don't worry !
You are more valuable to God than many sparrows.

Let us pause for a moment and think of -
the many different birds in our world and how beautifully they are
made, remembering their songs, their colours and the beauty of
their flight.

Narrator : God loves us so much that -
ALL : He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.



The third arm represents
the wonderful variety
of the trees of this world.

Psalms 1 verses 1,3 :

Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
for he is like a tree planted by streams of water.

Let us pause for a moment and think of -
the many different trees in this world - of their shade and
their fruits, and their majesty and beauty, and their
usefulness in providing nesting places, food, fuel and shade.

Narrator : God loves us so much that -
ALL : He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

The fourth arm represents

the wonderful variety
of the animals of this world.



Isaiah Chapter 11 verses 1 and 6 :

A shoot will come up from the root of Jesse, and the wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lamb and the yearling and a little child will lead them.

Let us pause for a moment and think of -

the loving pets we have cared for and
of the other wonderful animals that live in this world.

Narrator : God loves us so much that -

ALL : **He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.**

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.
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.
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.
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 Red Ribbon

The red ribbon represents

the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God's Son,
Who willingly gave His life for all people everywhere.

Jesus's birth

Luke Chapter 2 verses 1 - 7 :

While they were there the time came for the Baby to be born, and she gave birth to her Son.

Innkeeper : Isn't He beautiful ?

ALL : **Yes !**

Narrator : God loves us so much that -

ALL : **His Son was born in a humble stable to
indicate that He is available to all
people everywhere.**

The shepherds and the angels

adapted from Luke Chapter 2 verses 8 - 20 :

**Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel
praising God and singing**

ALL SING : All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.

Narrator : God loves us so much that -

ALL : **He sent His angels to announce His
Son's birth to a group of ordinary
shepherds.**

The visit of the Wisemen from the East

adapted from Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1 - 12 :

**I have brought gold for this precious King ...
I have brought frankincense for this special King ...
I have brought myrrh for this King Who is born to be Saviour of the world.**

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.

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

Narrator : God loves us so much that -
ALL : ***He gave His only Son, so that everyone
who believes in Him may not die but
have eternal life.***

Message

The Candle

The candle represents

Jesus, the light of the world
and also

the shining lights of God's people in this world.

John Chapter 8 verse 12 :

**I am the light of the world ! Whoever follows Me
will have the light of life, and will never walk in darkness.**



Please stand to sing the hymn

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light.

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night:
In the world of darkness, so we must shine;
You in your small corner, and I in mine
2. Jesus bids us shine first of all for Him;
Well He sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
He looks down from heav'n to see us shine;
You in your small corner, and I in mine
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
Many kinds of darkness in the world abound -
Sin, and want, and sorrow; so we must shine;
You in your small corner, and I in mine

Narrator : God loves us so much that -

ALL : ***He invites us to join His family and
become His light in the world.***

Please sit

Making and lighting the Christingle

Please stand to sing (twice !)

Happy Birthday to Jesus

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

Blessing the Christingles

Please blow out the candles !

Please sit or kneel to 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 to sing 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 contributing :

Names omitted

There will be no church services at St Augustine's in January.