

Welwyn Team Ministry
Online Christingle Service
Sunday 13th December 2020 3:30pm



Welcome

Opening Prayer

Eternal God in the darkness of winter, and in the darkness of our broken world, the light of Jesus shines to give us courage and hope. Light up our hearts as we praise you, and our minds as we hear your word. **Amen.**

Song

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 the 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, Jesus, shine...*

Bible reading John 1:1-5

Talk and the building of Christingles

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 in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Christingle Prayer

God of light we give thanks for our Christingle and all that it
represents: May the orange at the centre of each Christingle remind us
of the amazing earth you have created. May the red ribbon remind us
of your love, wrapped around the earth. May the cocktail sticks remind
us of the part we play in your world. May the brightly lit candle remind
us of the light Jesus shines into dark places. **Amen**

Prayers for Others

God of all we pray for all families

We pray for people who are homeless and refugees

We pray for your earth and all creatures who live on it.

We pray for people who are ill, sad or lonely. **Amen**

A prayer for The Children's Society

God of love we thank you for the work that The Children Society does,
drawing alongside young people who feel lonely or afraid.

When we light our Christingles at home, help us to remember the part
we can play to help vulnerable young people who need our support.

Amen

**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.

Song

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 around 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...*

The Blessing and Dismissal

May the Lord open your eyes to see the face of Jesus in all who are in need. May the Lord open your heart to welcome and care for each of God's children. May the Lord pour out his Spirit upon us all that we may light up the world with the love of Jesus Christ. And may Almighty God bless you and watch over you, this *night* and evermore.

Go out in love and good will.
Do not fear the darkness.
Shine as lights in the world to the glory of God.
All Amen.

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