

## Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready  
to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God  
Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and  
remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

**Hymn** *Shine, Jesus, shine!*

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 shadow 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 ...*

**We hope you will enjoy the many different online services  
at St Mary's over the festive period to come.**

**Do visit our outdoor display of lights, enjoy the Maranatha Christmas  
Carol Service (3—7pm) and outdoor nativity display in the churchyard.**

## CHRISTMAS DONATION TO ST MARY'S — Thank you.

This year is quite different for everyone and we know times are  
tough for many. If you are able to help us with a financial gift to  
St Mary's, please contact the Parish Office for details of how to  
send a gift or set up a standing order and gift-aid your donation:

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# St Mary's Church, Thorpe CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2020

Online at

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## Welcome to St Mary's Christingle Service ONLINE 2020

This year we gather online in the season of Advent to  
prepare for our celebration of the great feast of  
Christmas. This service reminds us that Jesus is the  
light of the world. The four essential components of the  
Christingle are: the *orange*, representing the *world*; the  
*red ribbon*, symbolising the *Blood of Christ*; the *four  
cocktail sticks with sweets and fruit* to illustrate God's  
*gifts in creation* and the *four seasons*; and the *candle or  
glow stick*, representing *Jesus the Light of the World*.

We hope you can download our Christingle making  
pack to make at home and enjoy as a family. Glow  
sticks are available from St Mary's at £1. each.



St Mary's Tower Christmas  
Lights are all LED and supplied  
by 100% renewable electricity.  
Lit until 6 January!

## Order of Service

### Welcome and Introduction

We will watch for the Lord; we will wait confidently for God, who  
will save us. We are in darkness now, but the Lord will give us light.

All **O Lord, you give us light. You dispel our darkness.**

**Song** *Long ago, prophets knew (ring bells during the chorus!)*

Long ago, prophets knew, Christ would come, born a Jew,  
come to make all things new; bear his people's burden,  
freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man, born himself of woman,  
God divinely human.

*Ring, bells, ring...*

Mary hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb, God is laid: till the time expected,  
nurtured and protected.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?*

Journey ends! Where afar, Bethlehem shines, like a star,  
stable door stands ajar: unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, the creator of all things, as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may  
be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

**Reading** *Isaiah 9: 2b, 6-7*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Meaning of the Christingle** *by Fr Damian Miles, Vicar of Thorpe*

### Carol

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.

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 forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.



**Gospel Reading** *John 8:12*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Talk** *by Mother Jo Winn-Smith, Curate.*

### Prayers

Jesus, Saviour,  
*All* **hear our prayer.**



*The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:*

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Hymn

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 God loves his people everywhere!

*Sing Christingle...*

In his great plan of love God sent Jesus;  
we remember his birth again.  
But the 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 and fills our lives with light!

*Sing Christingle...*

### Blessing of the Christingles

*We pray a prayer of blessing:*

*All* **May our lights remind us to shine as lights in the world,  
bringing light and hope to those who walk in darkness.**

