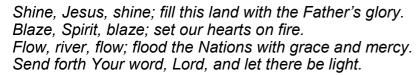
#### **Blessing and Dismissal**

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.

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!



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 guite 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: Comfo



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# CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2020

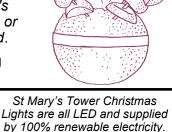


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#### Welcome to St Mary's Christingle Service ONLINE 2020

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.



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

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

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! 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. **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.