

The Blessing

May the light of Christ lead you always.
May your heart be open to the people around you.
May you reach out in love to those in need with God's generous compassion,
for the sake of all God's children,
and for the glory of God's name.
And the blessing...

Amen.

Let us go in peace.

**We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**

Please join us for tea or coffee in the Trinity Room after the service

You can give to Holy Trinity:
in cash in the plate at the back of church
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Thank you!

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Holy Trinity Leverstock Green

Christingle service

Sunday 16th January 2022



Welcome to this service! Activity boxes are available in the children's corner for young children, and there are toilets and baby-changing facilities through the Trinity Room.

A collection will be received during the service: donations for the Children's Society in their own gift envelopes, loose collection (or contactless card terminal) for the mission of the church.

Hymn 401: Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Opening Responses

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome

The Paschal candle is lit.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

All: Jesus is our Way.

With Jesus even dark places are light;

All: Jesus is the Truth.

In Jesus we shall live for ever;

All: Jesus is our Life.

The Collect

Holy Jesus, by being born one of us,
and lying humbly in a manger,
you show us how much God loves the world.
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
until we reach our home in heaven,
and see you on your throne of glory.

All Amen.

We say sorry...

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**All: Father God, we are sorry
for the things we do and say and think
which make you sad,
and for not thinking of others before ourselves.
Please forgive us,
and help us to love you and other people
more and more. Amen.**

... and are assured of God's forgiveness

Bible Readings: Genesis 1: 1-5 and John 1: 1-5

At the end the readers may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Presentation: The Christingle

Hymn: The Christingle begins with an orange

The Christingle begins with an orange,
telling us of the world 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! Sing Christingle!...

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
we remember his birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
tells the story of his cross and pain.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

To complete the Christingle: a candle,
shining out in the darkest night.
Jesus promised to lead us and guide us;
Come and celebrate the world's true light!
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

We declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Presentation: How Christingle helps

The Christingle is lit

Hymn 393: Like a candle flame sung by the choir

The Prayers

The prayers may have the following response:

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

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.
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.**

Notices

Hymn 416: Shine, Jesus, shine