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Holy Trinity Leverstock Green

Christingle service

Sunday 21st January 2024



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 or in the bucket, loose collection (or contactless card terminal) for the mission of the church.

Hymn: O round as the world

O round as the world is the orange you give us!
And happy are they who to Jesus belong:
so let the world know, as we join in Christingle,
that Jesus, the hope of the world, is our song.

O bright is the flame of the candle you give us!
And happy are they who to Jesus belong:
so let the world know, as we join in Christingle,
that Jesus, the light of the world, is our song.

Go northward or southward, go eastward or westward,
how happy are they who to Jesus belong!
So let the world know, as they join in Christingle,
that Jesus, the peace of the world, is our song.

When homeward we go, we must take Jesus with us,
for happy are they who to Jesus belong:
so let the world know, as we join in Christingle,
that Jesus, the Saviour of all, is our song.

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 shine in the darkness. May his light show us those dark corners of our hearts, as we say sorry for failing to live up to his vision for us:

**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 Reading: John 1: 1-5

At the end the readers may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Hymn 71: Born in the night

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.**

Hymn 393: Like a candle flame

The Christingles are distributed and lit

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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

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