

Parishes of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and
Peper Harow

Christingle at Home





MOTHERING SUNDAY
Sunday 14th March
10 am in Church

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit,
let His fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus,
let His love show.

Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.
Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

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GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

The Blessing

God the Father, who created light,
God the Son, who shone as light,
And the Holy Spirit, who came as light,
Be with us all in the darkness, and make us light;
And the blessing of God Almighty
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be with you and remain with you always.
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

WELCOME

Words of welcome and notices may be said

Christ has brought us out of darkness:
to live in his marvellous light.

We light our worship candle

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;
Jesus is our Way.
With Jesus even dark places are light;
Jesus is the Truth.
In Jesus we shall live for ever:
Jesus is our Life.

OPENING RESPONSES

This is the day the Lord has made;
We shall rejoice and be glad in it!
The Lord is here!
His Spirit is with us!
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us praise the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise!

HYMN

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk, walk in the light, walk in the light,
walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.

He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light,
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.

We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light

Damian Lundy

CONFESSION

Jesus said:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us bring our sins into his light
and ask him to forgive us.

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.

THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

We share a greeting with one another

HYMN

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord Jesus Christ,
come as light into our world,
bringing food where there is hunger,
peace where there is war
and justice where there is exploitation.
Gracious Lord,
Shine upon us.

Come as light into our lives,
bringing happiness in our homes,
joy in our relationships
and contentment in our work and leisure.
Gracious Lord,
Shine upon us.

Come as light into our darkness,
bringing love instead of hatred,
good instead of evil
and hope instead of despair.
Gracious Lord,
Shine upon us.

Come as light into our souls,
bringing faith instead of doubt,
fulfilment instead of emptiness
and life instead of death.
Gracious Lord,
Shine upon us.

Come, Lord Jesus,
and shine in the hearts of all
Amen

Dear Lord,
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**

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COLLECT

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Silence is kept.

Living Lord, light to the nations,
light of our lives, shine, we pray, into our world,
banishing all darkness and lighting the way which leads to hope,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Second Reading Isaiah 9: 2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

HYMN

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are living in the love of God,
We are living in the love of God,

(Repeat)

We are living, living,
We are living, living,
We are living in the love of God,

(Repeat)

We are moving in the power of God,
We are moving in the power of God,

(Repeat)

We are moving, moving,
We are moving, moving,
We are moving in the power of God.

(Repeat)

GOSPEL

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you O Lord

Matthew 5: 14-16

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

TALK AND CHRISTINGLE MAKING

LIGHT CHRISTINGLES

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.

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.

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.

Mark Earey