

## CONCLUSION

Christ the Sun of Righteousness  
shine upon you  
and scatter the darkness from  
before you;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with  
you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

**Jesus is the Light of the world:  
A light no darkness can put out**

Go and share the light of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

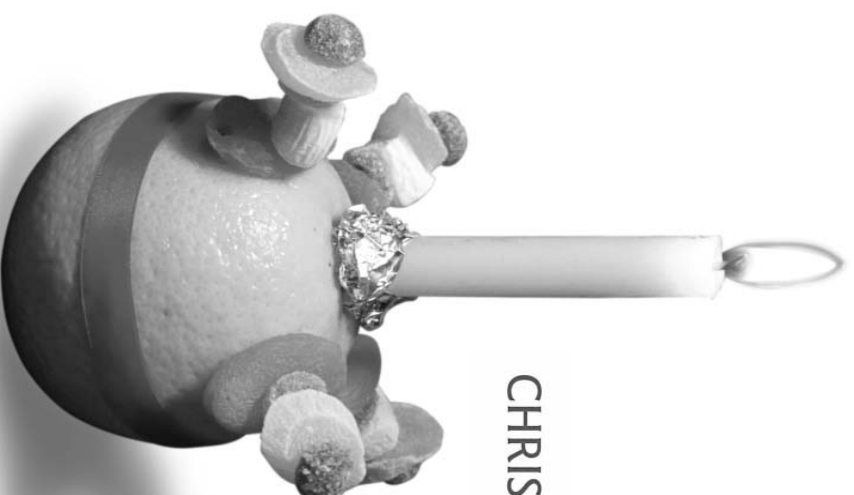
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## PREPARATION

Jesus is the Light of the world  
A light no darkness can ever put out.

In the name of Christ, welcome to today. We have come together in the presence of God our Father to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the light of the world. In this service we hear and receive the story and message of the coming of Christ, and we offer our thanksgiving to God in prayer and song.

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## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

*An appropriate hymn may be sung*

## THANKSGIVING

Lord Jesus,  
thank you for Mary,  
who was visited by an angel  
and became your mother.

Jesus, light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

Thank you for being born as one of  
us,  
not rich and in a palace,  
but poor and in a stable.

Jesus, light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

Thank you for the shepherds,  
who listened to the song of the  
angels,  
left sheep and fields  
and hurried to worship you.

Jesus, light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

Thank you for the wise men,  
who brought three wonderful gifts:  
gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Jesus, light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

Thank you for Simeon and Anna,  
who waited a lifetime to see you,  
praised God in the Temple,  
and welcomed you as the light of

the world.

Jesus, light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

Lord Jesus,  
with Mary and the shepherds,  
with the wise men, Simeon and  
Anna,  
we worship and adore you,  
light of the world,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*An appropriate reading – see  
suggestions in the lectionary for each  
season.*

*At the beginning or end of each  
reading the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## TALK

*An appropriate hymn*

## PRAYERS

The Christingle reminds us of our  
world, and so we pray:

For all people in their daily life and  
work:

for our families, friends and  
neighbours, and for all those who  
are alone;

for all Christians, that we may shine  
in the dark places of the world;

In faith we pray:  
**We pray to you, Lord God.**

For help to care for your world:  
for those who do not share the good  
things we take for granted;  
for those who do not know the light  
of Jesus in their lives;

In faith we pray:  
**We pray to you, Lord God.**

For the peace of the world:  
for our own needs and for the needs  
of others;  
for those who lead us, teach us, and  
help us to live together;

In faith we pray:  
**We pray to you, Lord God.**

For everyone who is sad, in danger,  
or in trouble:  
for all children and young people  
who have no food, home, or clothes;  
for those who need God's help,  
especially the sick and anxious, the  
lonely and afraid;  
and for those who look after them.

In faith we pray:  
**We pray to you, Lord God.**

We bring all our prayers before  
God, saying together, as Jesus

taught us

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.

## PRAYER FOR NEEDY AND TROUBLED CHILDREN

God of peace,  
your love reaches out to hold us in  
your embrace.

Bless the children, young people,  
and families of this nation,  
especially those who face particular  
darkness or need.

Help all who work in Church  
projects with needy children  
to be inspired by your  
understanding and strengthened by  
your grace,

that the care they give may be both  
a special support and a sign of your  
kingdom, where you live and reign,  
one God: Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit,  
now and for ever. Amen.