

Gathering together

Welcome

Leader Christ is our light.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
**All And the darkness has never put it out.**

Leader Jesus the light of the world has come.  
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Leader Jesus is the Prince of Peace.  
Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Bible Story

**Song – He's got the whole world in his hands**

Hearing God's word

*Light in the darkness*

John 1.1-5 and Genesis 1.1-5

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Talk

**Song – Thou whose almighty word**

Prayers

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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**

Giving of Christingles

**Song – Sing Christingle**

**Song- Happy Birthday**

**Song – Colours of Day**

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore  
Amen**

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**HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS**

He's got the whole world in His hands  
 He's got the whole world in His hands  
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He's got the little tiny baby in His hands  
 He's got the little tiny baby in His hands  
 He's got the little tiny baby in His hands  
 He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands  
 He's got you and me sister in His hands  
 He's got you and me brother in His hands  
 He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands  
 He's got ev'rybody here in His hands  
 He's got ev'rybody here in His hands  
 He's got the whole world in His hands

**THOU WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD**

Chaos and darkness heard  
 And took their flight  
 Hear us we humbly pray  
 And where the Gospel day  
 Sheds not its glorious ray  
 Let there be light  
 Let there be light

Lord who once came to bring  
 On your redeeming wing  
 Healing and sight  
 Health to the sick in mind  
 Sight to the inly blind  
 To humankind let there be light  
 Let there be light

Spirit of truth and love  
 Life-giving holy dove  
 Speed forth Your flight  
 Move on the water's face  
 Bear the lamp of grace  
 And in earth's darkest place  
 Let there be light  
 Let there be light

Holy and blessed three  
 Glorious Trinity  
 Wisdom love might  
 Boundless as ocean's tide  
 Rolling in fullest pride  
 Through earth far and wide  
 Let there be light  
 O let there be light

**THE CHRISTINGLE IS MADE OF AN ORANGE,**

Which is round like the world God made.  
 For he showed us His love in creation;  
 In the world we see his power 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 God gives.  
 The Christingle is here to remind us,  
 Of the love of God for all that lives.  
*Sing Christingle! ...*

Then to show us His love, God sent Jesus.  
 We remember His birth again,  
 But the red ribbon round the Christingle  
 Shows our sin cost him blood and pain.  
*Sing Christingle!...*

To complete the Christingle - a candle,  
 Shining out with a bright new flame,  
 Telling us of the true Light of Jesus,  
 Shining on in those who love His name.  
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**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

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn*  
*Open the door let Jesus return*  
*Take seeds of His Spirit let the 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  
*So light up the fire...*

Open your eyes look into the sky  
 The darkness has come the Son came to die  
 The evening draws on the sun disappears  
 But Jesus is living His Spirit is near  
*So light up the fire...*