

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. WILFRID, MOBBERLEY

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Introduction

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN - Make way, make way

Christ has brought us out of darkness:

to live in his marvellous light.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to St. Wilfrid's 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, the light which enlightens everyone, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world.

The candle on the Advent Wreath is lit

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

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.

**Father God, we are sorry for the things we say and do
which make you sad,
and for not thinking of others before ourselves.
We are sorry for times when we have seen people in need
and ignored them and walked on by.
Please forgive us and help us to love you and other people,
so we may share your light with others
and bring hope to the world.
Amen.**

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus Christ our Lord: for he was the word before all creation.

Through him all things come to be, not one thing has its being but through him. His life is the light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness cannot overpower.
Jesus, light of the world,
we worship and adore you.

He came to his own, and they did not accept him. But to all who accept him he gives power to become children of God. Jesus, light of the world,
we worship and adore you.

The Word was made flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.
Jesus, light of the world,
we worship and adore you.

To God our creator, born as one of us, be all praise and glory.
With all the company of heaven, we worship, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come;
to him be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The 1st Reading

This is the Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
**even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

The 2nd Reading

This is the Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

HYMN - Thou didst't leave thy throne

ADDRESS

PRESENTATION OF CHRISTINGLES

The Christingles are presented to the children whilst we sing together the following hymn

HYMN - The orange of Christingle

PRAYERS

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid
we pray to Jesus, saying
Maranatha,
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.
Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for
your rule.
Maranatha,
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.
Before you rulers will stand in silence.
Maranatha,
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your people with a message of victory and peace. Give
us the victory over death, temptation, and evil.
Maranatha, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as Saviour and Comforter.
Break in to those areas of our lives where we live with failure and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever.
Maranatha,
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us from heaven with power and great glory, to lift us up to meet you, with all your saints and angels, to live with you for ever.
Maranatha
Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your disciples, 'You are the light of the world': grant that The Children's Society may bring light, hope and happiness to children, young people, and families who face particular darkness or need; help all staff members and volunteers 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 with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

May God our Father grant us the light of Christ, that we may shine with his love, be prompt to serve, and ever eager to follow in his steps, who is the true light and source of life. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN - Shine, Jesus, shine

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.