



Candlemas Service 2022

Sunday 30th Jan. 3pm



Opening Prayer:

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen**

In our service we remember the time when Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple. Simeon and Anna had been waiting a long time, and they rejoiced that they were seeing the arrival of the Saviour.

But we begin by listening to the song that Mary sang, when she heard that she was going to be the mother of Jesus

*My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.*

*For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.*

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.*

*And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.*

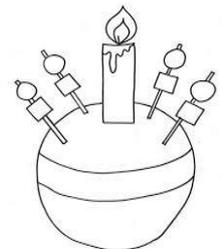
*He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

*He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.*

As we make our Christingles
we remember God's love for the world



**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.**

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

**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.**

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

**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.**

We listen to the words Simeon used when he thanked God for baby Jesus

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

Prayers, concluding with these words, which we say together

**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 to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

