



Holy Trinity Geneva

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
15h00 - 19th January 2025



Welcome & Notices

Welcome to our Christingle service, in which we celebrate Jesus, the Light, coming into our world of darkness. We rejoice in the hope and new life He brings us and we resolve to share that light with others. During the service, we will also have a collection to raise money and awareness to support of the work of the Association RESILIAM who support young people who are suffering loss, handicap or serious illness.

Before the service, Toni and Lilian will play the piano for us.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES AT THE FRONT OF CHURCH

Some of our young people will light candles to as a sign of the light of Christ with us.

Christ has brought us out of darkness.

To live in his wonderful light.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in this place.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in our hearts.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in our lives.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in all the earth. Amen.

Carol The First Noel (NEH 36 vv1-3)

Let us stand to sing

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

2 They lookèd up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night: [*Refrain*]

3 And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went: [*Refrain*]

Prayers of Penitence

You were born for our salvation

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Forgiveness

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Young People of Holy Trinity - La Marche des Rois

Refrain

De bon matin j'ai rencontré le train

De trois grands Rois qui allaient en voyage.

De bon matin j'ai rencontré le train

De trois grand Rois dessus le grand chemin

1 With courage high all their guards passed by
Their knights-at-arms with the squires and the pages.
With courage high all their guards passed by,
With gilded armour shining like the sky. *[Refrain]*

2 They journeyed far to the guiding star
That shone where Jesus was lying in a manger.
And far away where the Christ Child lay
They found the shepherds come to watch and pray. *[Refrain]*

3 All we today to the Child must pray,
Who came to earth with His gifts of peace and blessing.
To Him we pray, and our homage pay
And with the kings we march along the way. *[Refrain]*

Bible Reading - Matthew 5.14-16

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Song - The Spirit lives to set us free (HON 732 vv1,2 and 6 and chorus)

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

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

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

6 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.

*D Lundy (1944-1997)
Unknown - arr C Tambling*

We hear the story of what the Christingle means

Lighting of the Christingle candles

We light the Christingle candles whilst Tose plays for us on the piano. When all the Christingles are lit, we remain seated, holding our Christingles, to sing this carol.



Carol Silent Night (HON 658)

We remain seated as we sing

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| 1 Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace | 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born! |
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3 Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

*Stille Nacht
F Grüber (1787-1863)
J Mohr (1782-1848)*

Prayers

Lord Jesus,
Light of the world,
**I hold this Christingle as a sign of your love.
May we share your light in the darkness.**

The candle, planted deep within the world,
as a sign that you made your home among us,
and lived with the poor and neglected.
May we share your light in the darkness.

The ribbon, wrapped around the earth,
a sign of your love shown on the cross,
enfolding the whole world with your saving love.
May we share your light in the darkness.

The fruits and sweets,
signs of all the good things you have made,
given to us that we might share them fairly so everyone can have enough.
May we share your light in the darkness.

Lord Jesus,
Light of the World,
as I hold this Christingle
and think about your great love for me,
help me to take this light out into the world
and to share your love with others,
especially those who need it most. Amen.

We end our prayers, with the Lord's Prayer, which we say together:

**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 forever. Amen.**

Carol Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos (HON 789) **(We are marching in the light of God)**

1 We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of,
the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of,
the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God. .. / ..

2 We are living in the love of God.

3 We are moving in the pow'r of God.

*Traditional South African, verse 1 translated by
Nyberg (b. 1955)*

Verses 2 + 3 translated by Maries (b. 1949)

Traditional South African, arranged Nyberg

*During the carol we blow out the Christingles and a collection is taken in aide of
the Association Resiliam:*

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Blessing & Dismissal

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Christ the Son of God
Gladden your hearts
With the good news of his kingdom;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

The Sending Out

We go in peace:
To share the peace of God with all we meet.

We go in love:
To share God's gift of love with the world.

We go in the light of Christ:
To shine as lights in the world.

To the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*After the service, you are warmly invited to join us for some
refreshments in the hall.*

