

Welcome to

The Christmass Eve
Celebration of the
Nativity with Christingle

Holy Trinity Eltham 2021

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Priest Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth;
All **Jesus is our King.**

A candle is lit

Priest Jesus came into the world to show us the meaning of love.
All **Jesus is our Hope.**

Priest Jesus Christ is the light of the world;
All **Jesus is our Way.**

Priest With Jesus even dark places are light;
All **Jesus is the Truth.**

Priest In Jesus we shall live for ever:
All **Jesus is our Life.**

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the needy, poor and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Preparing our hearts

After each prayer of penitence, the following is said

Priest Lord, bring us your light.
All **Lord, have mercy.**



The Christmass story unfolds

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.



1
O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.



2
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all the earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

3
How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.



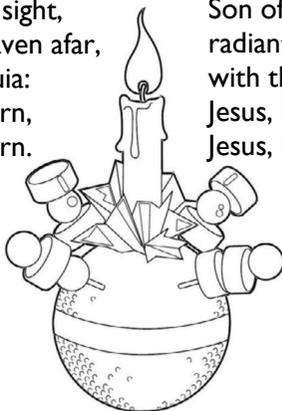
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Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child;
holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.



2

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.



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.

Please take your Christingles home with you.

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