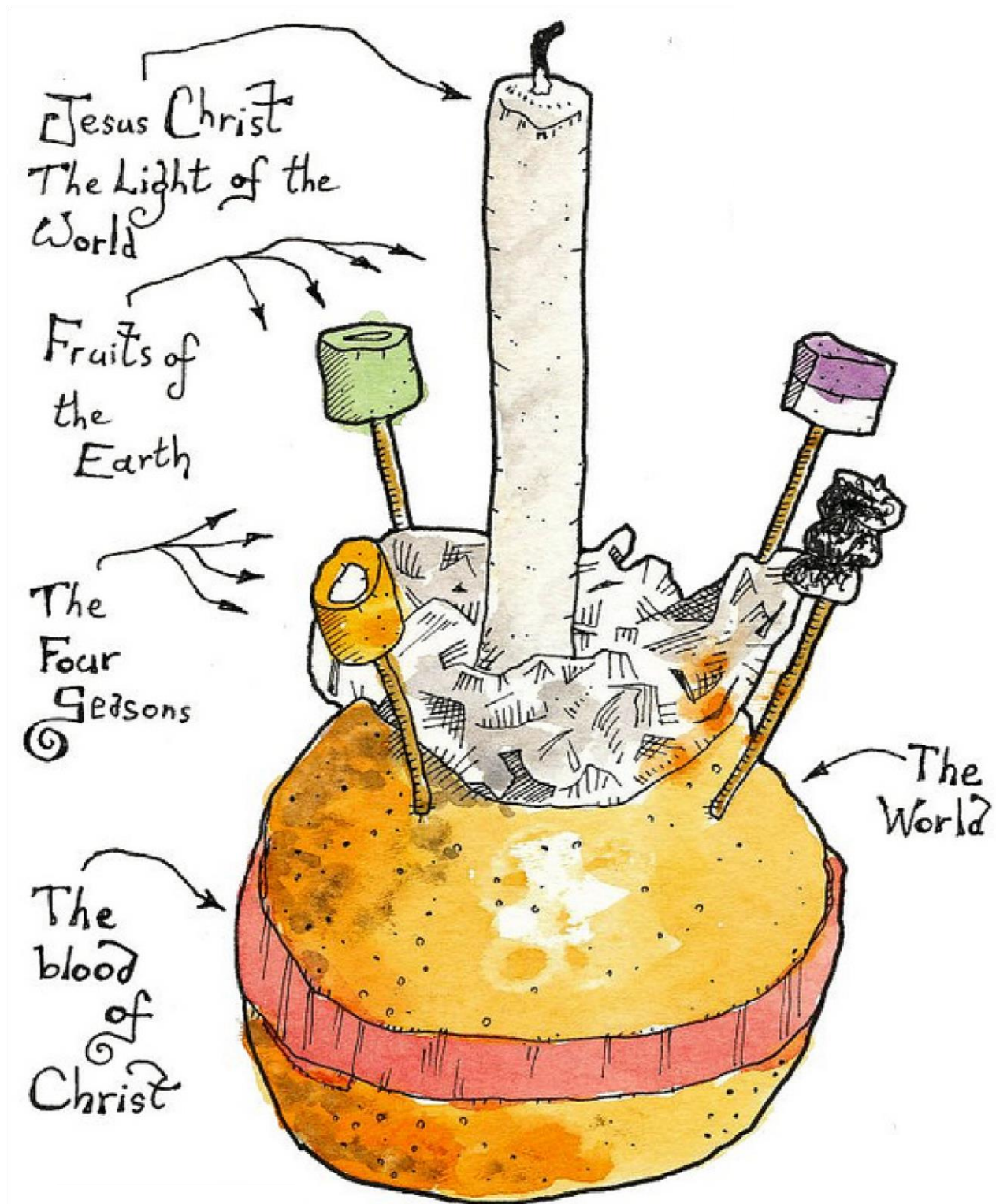




# Holy Trinity Millhouses



# CHRISTINGLE

Welcome to our Christingle service. Christingle was established by the Moravian Church in 1747 as a symbol of Christ's light and love. Families gathered together in their own homes. The children were given a Christingle and by the light of these alone, sang their favourite carols.

The Christingle oranges were kept by the children and re-lit on Christmas Day as a reminder of their meaning.

The Children's Society introduced The Christingle to the Church of England in 1968, and over the years has raised millions of pounds for the children that the Children's Society supports.

The orange represents the world, the candle Jesus, the light of the world, the sticks the four seasons, the fruits, nuts and sweets the earth, and the red band the blood of Christ shed for us all. As we share in our Christingle Service today, let us pray that the 'light of Christ' may shine in each of our hearts this Christmas.

## **Greeting**

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The glory of the Lord Jesus has risen upon us.  
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise forever.**

Christ has brought us out of darkness;  
**To live in his marvellous light.**

The lighting of the candle on the Advent wreath.

**We Say Sorry**  
Please kneel or sit

Father God  
we are sorry  
for the things we do and say and think  
which make you sad,  
and for not thinking of others before  
ourselves.



Please forgive us  
and help us to love you and other people  
more and more. **Amen**

*The priest declares God's forgiveness.*

## **Thanksgiving**

Glory to Christ, Son of Mary;  
Born a child, you are one with us:  
**Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of David;  
born to rule, you reign in our hearts:  
**Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of Man; born to  
save, you are the light of the world:  
**Glory to God in the highest.**

## **The Collect**

### **Reading from the Bible**

### **All Age Talk**

Making of the Christingles

Lighting of the Christingles

### **Christingle Song** (*To "Away in a Manger" tune*)

Round orange, round orange, you serve as a sign  
that God made the round world with purpose divine.  
The power of love is always the same:  
Be glad, give thanks, and rejoice in God's name.

Red ribbon, you tell of the bloodshed and pain  
which led to forgiveness when Jesus was slain.  
Ripe fruits, freely given, this truth you recall,  
when God hands out presents they're meant for us all.



Bright candle, the message you carry is clear,  
the true light from God found a home with us here.  
Christingle, christingle, shine out in the night  
to kindle among us the marvellous light.

### **The Prayers**

The response to Jesus, light of the world  
is **Please hear our prayer**

### **The Peace**

The God of peace makes us holy in all things  
that we may be ready at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Hymn**

*During which the bread and wine are placed on the altar and all  
say:*

**God of all goodness and grace,  
receive the gifts we offer; and  
grant that our whole life may give  
you glory and praise; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Kneel or sit for the **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.



You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,  
everything that gives us light,  
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be  
for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus  
took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his  
disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to  
remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and  
shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured  
out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his  
death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your  
Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our  
Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that  
day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your  
loving arms.

And now with Mary and all your saints we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for  
ever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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**

### **Breaking the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**



**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*Before the distribution the presidents says:*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## **Giving of the bread and wine**

All are welcome to come up to the altar  
to receive communion or a blessing.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have called us to be lights in the world.  
Grant that we may so shine,  
that people may see the good we do,  
and praise Almighty God. **Amen**

All then say together:

**Generous God,  
you have fed us at your heavenly table.  
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit  
that when Christ comes again  
we may shine like lights before his face;  
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.  
The Blessing**

## **Hymn**

### **The Dismissal**

God shines in your hearts:  
**Praise to Christ our light!**  
Christ is the light of the world!  
**Praise to Christ our light!**  
Go, in the power of the Spirit, to bring light to others:  
**Praise to Christ our light!**





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