

## COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
Like a little candle burning in the night.  
In this world is darkness; so let us shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him;  
Well He sees and knows it, if our light grows dim.  
He looks down from heaven to see us shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;  
Many kinds of darkness in the world are found -  
Sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Followed by A&M 40, SoF 317

*We light the Christingles, starting from the front.*

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!**

**From your hands we receive these gifts of your creation.**

**Bless us who bless your holy name,  
and grant that we may be used  
in the service of your kingdom.**

### Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you  
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 upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## SONG

Shine, Jesus, shine (front of blue book)

God shines in our 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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## NOTICES

*Please join us for coffee after the service. And please  
make yourself known to us if you are new in Berne??—  
speak to any council member (wearing name tags) or to  
the Chaplain and ministry team.*

Ushers Sue Higson & helper  
Coffee Ruth Fenner and helpers  
Server Joanna Wenger  
Chalice Janet Wenger, Brian Morgan  
Council Duty Officer David Low

This Week:

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| Christmas Eve  | 2030 | Sung Eucharist  |
|                | 2300 | Sung Eucharist  |
| Christmas Day  | 1000 | Family Lessons and Carols<br>followed by Holy Communion |
| Sunday 30 Dec. | 0830 | No service  |
|                | 1000 | Sung Eucharist  |

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: whoever  
follows me will never walk in darkness, but will  
have the light of life." (John 8:12)

## St Ursula's Church, Berne Christingle Service 2001

*Welcome to our celebration of the Light of Christ!*

*Ingle is an old word meaning 'firelight', and it is right that  
at Christmas, at the turning of the year, we remember  
Jesus coming as the Light of the World, to lighten our  
own darkness, to light up the dark sinful corners of our  
lives, and to show God's glory.*

### WORSHIP SONGS

This is the day that the Lord has made (SoF 547)  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, children of  
the Lord.

Jesus, the light of the world (on next page)

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning (then from  
AM 459)

### The Greeting

Christ has brought us out of darkness:  
**to live in his marvellous light.**

*Introduction, concluding:*

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.

**CAROL**, during which we light the four Advent Candles.

O come, O come Emmanuel (AM 26, vv 1 and 3)

### Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets  
are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily  
magnify your holy name; through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

### Confession

Let us be quiet, and tell God how sorry we are  
for the wrong things we have done, and for all  
the right things we have not done.

**SILENCE**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

### The Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed  
Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son;  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our  
saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when  
he comes again as our judge; who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Readings

*There are several short readings from Scripture. At the end of each the reader says*

God's word is a lantern to our feet:  
**and a light to our path.**

## Short Talk – Light

**We sing:**

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. (3x)

Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm going to let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.

## Short Talk – Making our Christingles

**We sing:**

Jesus, the light, the light of the world.

Jesus, the light of the world.

My soul has found a refuge in Him,

Jesus, the light of the world.

Jesus the Son, the Son of God etc.

Jesus the Way, the Way to God etc.

Jesus the King, the King of kings etc.

## Prayers of Intercession

*At the end*

God our Saviour,  
**you know us and love us  
and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal fellowship  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

## Preparation of the Table

**HYMN** (during which the collection is taken)

A&M 346: Christ is the world's true light.

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*Children gather round the altar*

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.**

*We praise God for his mighty acts.*

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*We recall the Last Supper.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of 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.**

By the shedding of Christ's blood we are redeemed:

**Praise to Christ our Saviour!**

In Christ's death is our life:

**Praise to Christ our Saviour!**

*The children return to their places. We receive communion.*