

Upper Thames Worship Light in Darkness Jan 10th 2021

Gathering In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**

Greeting

God in Christ has revealed his glory. **All Come let us worship.**
From the rising of the sun to its setting
All the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw *you* to himself, and cleanse *you* from all *your* sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers we pray for others by lighting a candle... If you have a
candle at home do light it now... lighting a candle, makes space to
pray. The candle symbolizes your prayer and is a sign of love and
hope.

At the end of our prayers

Light of Christ **Scatter the darkness in our world. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn.... All earth was dark... then all was light and all was
peace...

Invitation and Gathering to Remember, with bread and wine
The body of Christ broken for you **Amen**
the blood of Christ shed for you **Amen.**

Prayer

**God of love, with hearts open to you,
we bless you and give you thanks for these signs,
of broken bread and poured-out wine.
May they speak to us of the everyday made holy,
of anxiousness turned to peace,
of doubt turned to faith
of lament to joy and hope.
May we not cling to what is past,
but answer joyfully to the calling
to live your risen life in the world you make new. Amen.**

Blessing

The light of Christ scatter the darkness from before you
The light of Christ guide you into the ways of peace
And the blessing of God Almighty... **Amen.**

Hymn Shine, Jesus, shine (Lord the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining)