All Age Communion Service - 14 December 2025 - CHRISTINGLE

Collect:

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading Isaiah 42:5-7

God, the Lord, said these things.

He created the skies and stretched them out. He spread out the earth and everything on it.

He gives life to all people on earth.

He gives life to everyone who walks on the earth.

The Lord says, "I called you to do right.

And I will hold your hand. I will protect you.

You will be the sign of my agreement with the people. You will be a light to shine for all people.

You will help the blind to see. You will free those who are in prison.

You will lead those who live in darkness out of their prison.

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

We do not preach about ourselves.

But we preach that Jesus Christ is Lord; and we preach that we are your servants for Jesus.

God once said, "Let the light shine out of the darkness!" And this is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts.

He gave us light by letting us know the glory of God that is in the face of Christ.

We have this treasure from God. But we are only like clay jars that hold the treasure.

This shows that this great power is from God, not from us.

Gospel John 1:1-9, 14

Before the world began, there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. All things were made through him.

Nothing was made without him.

In him there was life.
That life was light for the people of the world.
The Light shines in the darkness.
And the darkness has not overpowered the Light.

There was a man named John who was sent by God. He came to tell people about the Light. Through him all people could hear about the Light and believe. John was not the Light, but he came to tell people about the Light. The true Light was coming into the world. The true Light gives light to all.

The Word became a man and lived among us. We saw his glory - the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father.

The Word was full of grace and truth.