Primary Years Christmas Service

The Colours of Christmas

# Welcome & Intro:

Student 1/Principal: Welcome everyone, students and staff, parents and friends, to our closing Christmas worship service for [year]. This will be a colourful celebration of lessons and carols. So let’s get ready as I invite you to join in singing our processional song: O come all ye faithful. Please stand.

Opening Procession:

O Come all ye faithful (Community Song)

Procession - Cross-

* Student 2

Procession - Candles -

* Student 3
* Student 4

Procession - Bible -

* Student 5

### Invocation - Student 3, Student 1, Student 4 & Student 5 move to lectern

Student 3: We gather together on this last day of school, to celebrate and to prepare for Christmas in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Colours of Christmas:

## Black - In the Beginning (Genesis 1:1-3 & John 1:1-14)

Student 1: In the beginning God created the universe, the heavens, the earth, the land, the oceans, the plants and animals and people.

Student 4: In the beginning God was very pleased with what he had made. His creation was very beautiful. The whole world was filled with colour- the colours of peace and harmony.

Student 5: But then, the man and the woman God made thought they knew better than God and they disobeyed him. Sin entered the world.

Student 3: The beautiful colours of God’s creation were covered by the darkness of sin.

*Pause*

Student 1: But despite all that had happened, God had a plan to take away the darkness of people’s sin. God had a plan that the world would become a beautiful place full of colour again.

Student 4: At Christmas we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Just like the shining sun, he brings light to the world.

Student 5: He brings the ray of hope for us to be at peace with God. He brings beautiful colour into a darkened world of sin.

Student 3: Let us all journey to that first Christmas so many years ago and discover the colours that Christmas has given us.

## Blue - Mary -

### Luke 1:26-38 Student 6, Student 2, Student 7 & Student 4 move to stage

Student 6: Blue is the colour of Mary, the mother of Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke,it is written:

 God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth in Galilee with a message for a young woman named Mary. The angel greeted Mary and said,

Student 2: “You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you.”

Student 6: Mary was confused by the angel’s words and wondered what they meant. Then the angel told Mary,

Student 2: “Don’t be afraid! God is pleased with you, and you will have a son. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High. The Lord God will make him king, as his ancestor David was. He will rule the people of Israel forever, and his kingdom will never end.”

Student 6: Mary asked the angel,

Student 7: “How can this happen? I am not married!”

Student 6: The angel answered,

Student 2: “The Holy Spirit will come down to you, and God’s power will come over you. So your child will be called the holy Son of God.”

Student 7: “I am the Lord’s servant! Let it happen as you have described,”

Student 6: said Mary. And then the angel left her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Student 4: The “Alight” dance group will reflect on this reading with the song “Mary did you know” by the Pentatonix.

## Red - Joseph -

### Student 5, Student 8, Student 9, Student 10, Student 11 & Student 12 move to stage after the dance

Student 5: Red is the colour of Joseph, the Father of Jesus. We remember all that Jesus’ earthly father did for him in the poem “The Carpenter’s Son” by Julie Carro, read by Year 4s.

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### The Carpenter's Son by [Julie Carro](https://www.christart.com/poet/julie-carro)

Entering the world, at first breath, He cries...

Joseph is flooded with joy and tears in his eyes,

As this precious babe's life is placed in his care,

He looks on His face, caressing His soft baby hair.

What a wondrous blessing, he says to Mary, his wife,

We've been given this child to foster His life...

A moment in time to hold in our hearts,

Alone with our Son, before His ministry starts.

Instantly, their hearts are melted as one,

As he whispers His name Jesus...the Carpenter's Son,

Oh God, my Father, please guide all my ways,

Help me to raise Him, Joseph quietly prays.

God said, Joseph the carpenter, teach Him to build,

Each creation He holds with the love I instill.

Help Him to see past the cold block of wood,

To a finished masterpiece, and proclaim it as good.

Teach Him to build with His heart and His hands,

For one day this child will build hearts of man.

This is why you were chosen to raise My only Son,

He will build a bridge to humanity when He says, "It is done."

## Yellow - Straw/Baby Jesus -

### Luke 2:1-7 Student 4 & Student 3 move to lectern

Student 4: Yellow reminds us of the straw of the manger, the unconventional bed that held the little baby Jesus. We hear the story of how he came to have a manger as his bed in Luke chapter 2 verse 1 to 7:

Student 3: It came to pass that Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

Student 4: So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judea. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. He went there with Mary who was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby.

Student 3: While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger in the stable they were staying in. That’s because there was no guest room where they could stay.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Chaplain/School Pastor: The students of Prep would like to share with us the song “Little Baby Jesus cradled in the hay” (and short message while the preps move forward)

## White & Green - The Angels & The Shepherds

### Luke 2:8-16 - Student 13, Student 14, Student 12 & Student 3 move to lectern

Student 13: Green is the colour of the fields in which the shepherds sat watching their flocks. That special night they were surprised by the heavenly white light of the angel choir. We hear about that story in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2 beginning at verse 8:

Student 14: There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them,

Student 12h: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Student 14: Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God, saying

Student 13 & Student 12h: “Glory to God in the highest heaven!
 And peace to people on earth!”

Student 14: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger.

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Student 3: Let’s remember this event as we sing “Silent night, holy night”, Year 1s will sing verse 1 in German and then you are all invited to stand and sing the remaining verses together.

### Silent Night, Holy Night

## Silver - The Star

### Student 1 2:1-8 - Delilah & Student 1 move to lectern

Delilah: Silver is the colour of the star, moving across the skies and twinkling over the place where Jesus lay. The story of the silver star is written in the Gospel of Student 1, chapter 2 beginning at verse 1:

After Jesus’ birth, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked,

Student 1: “Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him.”

Delilah: Herod called together all the chief priests of the people. He also called the teachers of the law. He asked them where the Messiah was going to be born.

Student 1: “In Bethlehem in Judea,”

Delilah: they replied. Then Herod called for the Wise Men. He found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem.

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**Thanks be to God.**

Chaplain/School Pastor: Year 2s remember this story in their song “Silver star” (with a short message)

### Year 2 - Silver Star (Song)

## Gold & Purple - The Kings

### Student 1 2:9-11 Student 7 & Student 5 move to lectern

Student 7: Rich colours like purple and orange represent the Kings - the wise men who followed the star to search out the coming king. Gold represents the gifts that they brought to him. We hear their story in the Gospel of Student 1, chapter 2, beginning at verse 9:

Student 5: After the Wise Men had met with the king, they went on their way. The star they had seen went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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Chaplain/School Pastor: Year 3s sing of gold and those other presents given by the wise men in their song “The Gifts” (with short message)

### Year 3- The Gifts (Song)

# The message of the Colours of Christmas.

 Chaplain/School Pastor

# Prayers:

 Student 3, Student 1, Student 4 & Student 5 move to lectern

Student 3: We know that we have a God who came into this world to be with us. We experience a God who colours our lives with his promises. Knowing all this, we can talk with him and come to him in prayer. Let’s bow our heads as we pray:

Student 1: Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of your life. We thank you for all of the wonderful things you have given us this year. Thank you for the friendships we have made and the many fun memories we have had. Most of all, we thank you for sending your son Jesus into the world. You have changed our black lives into colourful ones. Help us to live our lives full of the colour that you give us.

Student 4: We ask that you would be with us in the years ahead – especially stay close to those who are preparing to leave our school. May those who go to other places next year remember all the good things that have happened for them, and may they always keep the friendships that they have made.

Student 5: Please help us not to forget Jesus during the busyness of this time of year. We ask that we all have a safe, fun and happy holiday and bring us all back together for a new and exciting year next year. Thank you for your great love. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

# Blessing:

Chaplain/School Pastor to announce

## Staff Choir: A Christmas Blessing

## Farewells & Video