

Liturgical Date: Year C, Christmas 1, 26th December 2021

Presenter ***Ashley Ray***

Focus Readings Luke 2: 41-52

Message 11 minutes 45 seconds

“Remembering Christmas”

Discussion Starters

- 1** Where is your source of peace?
- 2** How do you think Christ is glorified through your life?
- 3** Honestly, where are you personally focused on presently? Why?
- 4** How can your church grow in wisdom and stature?

Lectionary readings for the day

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26 Samuel, like the boy Jesus in today’s Gospel, remained in the temple as his parents returned home. Unlike Mary and Joseph, Samuel’s parents had agreed to allow their son to remain in temple service. Like Jesus, young Samuel grew in the estimation of God and people.

Psalms 148 The Psalmist calls all creation, including young men and women along with the old, to praise the Lord.

Colossians 3:12-17 Paul encourages his listeners to put on Christ and live with one another in peace. Related to the first reading and the Gospel, he asks us to teach and admonish one another in the spirit of true wisdom.

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All Age Message Laraine Chegwidden

“Where is Christ in Your Life Today”

Length 4 Minutes 10 seconds

Precis of AAM

Christmas is all over...do we just forget about it until 2022 and December comes around again? A Bishop in Germany wanted to remind children that Jesus is ‘the light of the world’ all the year, and so he gave all the children a candle tied with a red ribbon. In 1968 in UK this practice was adopted and known as Kris Tingle. When we blow out the candle, we are reminded that we can never blow out God’s love. That is what Christmas is really about.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book).** **Psalm 148 – is not listed**

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