



COME LET US ADORE HIM

CHRIST THE LORD



December 24, 2019

Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.

@ Arctic Rec. Center

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WELCOME & PRAYER

Welcome and Merry Christmas! As we begin our service please ***join us in reading aloud where it is bold*** and celebrating Gods goodness in song.

Please silence all phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.

Text in bold italics is read aloud together by the entire congregation.

READING

Isaiah 9:6-7 reading by Mike Chung

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ***Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.***

“Lectio Sacra” means “sacred reading.” It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s word.

SONG

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

READING

Micah 5:2-4 reading by Jameson Anders

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ***And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.***

SONG

“The Earth Stood Still”

READING

Luke 2:4-7 reading by Pearl Sarafin

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

SONG

"Away in a Manger”

READING

Luke 2:8-14 reading by Ed Guzman

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”**

Christmas means that God didn’t leave us all alone. He came to rescue us... and so we have joy, hope, love and peace with God, if we have placed our trust in Him. Here is what the Bible says about faith, repentance, and redemption...

...as it is written:
None is righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life... And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.
(Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 10:9-10, 13. John 3:16. Acts 4:12.)

SONGS

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

READING

Luke 2:15-20 reading by Chiharu Dewhurst
When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “**Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.**” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SONG

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Christmas Homily

Pastor Chris Cha, Kaleo Church

CANDLE LIGHTING

“O Holy Night”
“Silent night”
“Joy to the world”

PRAYER & SENDING

Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A prayer of belief might go something like this... the exact words are not important, but rather confession agreeing with God that you are a sinner and the stance of your heart in repentance and faith.

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

We are so glad you joined us. Please come again!
We hope this time has been helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. Our pastors and elders are available for any questions you might have.

Merry Christmas!