

Resurrection Church
Online Worship Gathering | 12.27.20
The Third Day of Christmastide

CALLED BY GOD INTO WORSHIP

The Lighting of the Christ Candle - Tricia

One: God of power and might, we humbly offer our praise to you.
All: The coming of your Son breaks our night like the coming of the dawn.
One: The Sun of Righteousness warms our faith and stokes our hope that one day your kingdom will fully come in grace and truth.
All: Amen.

** Light your candles!*

The Call to Worship - *based on the Worship Sourcebook* - **Justin**

One: God is here! The Messiah has come! We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.
All: We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King, and to bring glory to God the Father.
One: We bow down before him in submission to our Lord and King.
All: Come, worship the Lord!

Song of Adoration - *O Come Let Us Adore Him - Ebonee Marrow*

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him;
Born the King of Angels!

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Oh, come, oh come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Corporate Confession of Sin - *from the Worship Sourcebook* - **Justin**

Almighty God who inhabits eternity
but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit:
before you and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins.
We have ignored the presence of your Spirit.
We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge.
We have been blind to your coming
in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled,
the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned.
In your great goodness put away our offenses,
cleanse us from our sin,
and lead us in the way everlasting,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace - **Justin**

The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us, has come to us in Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. He binds up the broken-hearted, heals our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin. While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. God has shown his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ came for us, lived among us, died and rose victorious for us. Arise, shine; for the Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving - The Doxology - *all together!*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above you heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITED BY GOD INTO COMMUNITY

Passing of Peace - Justin

One: The peace of Christ be with you
Many: And also with you!

Community Prayer - Sarah R.

- Where do we need God to meet us? (pray for needs, griefs, burdens, etc)
- What are we celebrating? (birthdays, anniversaries, new jobs, etc) - answers to prayer?

The Lord's Prayer - Sarah R.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements - Justin

- Join our email list and our Slack space to stay in the loop!
- **Sunday, January 3, 4:30-6p,** Online Christmastide Worship Gathering
- **Sunday, January 10, 4:30-6p,** Online Worship Gathering - Ephesians series resumes
    - Note: we are moving our hybrid gathering to 1/17 to allow space for post-holiday travel quarantine, etc.
- **Thursday, January 14, 7-8:30p,** How Do We Interpret *That*!?!?!
- **Sunday, January 17, 4:30-6p,** Hybrid Worship Gathering, In-person and Online
- **Generous Together**
    - A pastoral encouragement: As you close out the calendar year...
    - **Take time to evaluate your financial life.** What has changed this year? Have you seen an abundance or been stretched thin? How can you plan to be both generous and wise in 2020? Might God be calling you to grow in generosity this coming year?
    - **Look for needs that God wants you to address.** Are there people in your life who are in need? Are there organizations doing work that aligns with the mission of God that need your support? What community organization might you want to begin supporting?
    - **Consider adjusting or beginning regular giving to Resurrection Church.** We are a young organization entirely funded by generous donations. Many of our regular attendees are very generous! However, heading into 2021 we are still primarily funded by external donors. Can you help us take a step toward future stability and independence by giving generously and consistently to our local church?
- To give to the work of the church, head to www.resurrectionbos.org/give to make a recurring or one-time gift.

ADDRESSED BY GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Scripture Reading (English) - Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV) - Peter

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been
betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy
Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved
to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your
wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you
shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to
fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

> 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
> and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his
wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading (Spanish) - Mateo 1:18-25 (RVR) - Abe

18 El nacimiento de Jesucristo fue así: Estando comprometida María, su madre, con José, antes
que vivieran juntos se halló que había concebido del Espíritu Santo. 19 José, su marido, como

era justo y no quería infamarla, quiso dejarla secretamente. [20] Pensando él en esto, un ángel del Señor se le apareció en sueños y le dijo: “José, hijo de David, no temas recibir a María tu mujer, porque lo que en ella es engendrado, del Espíritu Santo es. [21] Dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrás por nombre Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados.” [22] Todo esto aconteció para que se cumpliera lo que dijo el Señor por medio del profeta:

[23] “Una virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo
y le pondrás por nombre Emanuel” (que significa: “Dios con nosotros”).
[24] Cuando despertó José del sueño, hizo como el ángel del Señor le había mandado y recibió a su mujer. [25] Pero no la conoció hasta que dio a luz a su hijo primogénito, y le puso por nombre Jesús.

One: La palabra del Señor.
All: ¡Gracias a Dios!

Message: Supernatural Thriller (Matthew 1:18-25) - Justin

Discussion in Breakout Groups (~ 10 minutes) - Justin

1) What did you find most encouraging or challenging about the passage or message?
2) What would it look like for you to move from “main character” to “supporting” actor/ess in God’s story in 2021?

Song of Response - *Jesus Be The Center - Israel Houghton & New Breed*

Jesus at the center of it all
Jesus at the center of it all
From beginning to the end
It will always be, it's always been You,
Jesus, Jesus

Nothing else matters
Nothing in this world will do
Jesus, You're the center
And everything revolves around You
Jesus, You

Jesus be the center of my life
Jesus be the center of my life
From beginning to the endIt will always be,
it's always been You,

From my heart to the heavens
Jesus, be the center
It's all about You
Yes, it's all about You

Jesus, be the center of Your church
Jesus, be the center of Your church
And every knee shall bow
And every tongue shall confess You
Jesus, Jesus

SENT BY GOD INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing - Justin

Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.
May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.
Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary.
May his birth among us renew your hope.
Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. Amen.

Extinguishing of the Candles - Justin

Sending - **Justin**

One: Now we disperse, but not without purpose!
We are sent out as Christ's church,
spread throughout the world to declare and demonstrate the good news that the Light has come;
and the darkness has not and will not overcome it!
May the light of Christ shine brightly in us and through us.

All: Amen! Let it be so!