

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Jesus the Mighty God, Isaiah
9:1-7 - Bradley Bell

December 6, 2020

The Royal Names of Jesus

Call to Worship - John 1:1, 4-5

Good morning and welcome to Antioch! Advent is the season in which we look back upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and look forward to his second coming. We worship him, and we wait for him.

The lighting of Advent candles symbolizes the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. Before we light today's candle, hear the word of the Lord from the apostle John:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1, 4-5

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Church, may you worship today with great joy and anticipation.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Confession - 1 Corinthians 15:25-26

The apostle Paul writes,

For [Jesus] must reign until [God] has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 1 Corinthians 15:25-26

Let's confess together our great need for a mighty Savior to take on our worst enemy. Pray the underlined portions with me:

You came to us, O Lord, as a lantern in our darkness

Congregation: Now illumine our way.

You came to us as a song in the midst of our sorrow.

Congregation: Now kindle our hope.

You came to us as a balm on the bed of our sufferings.

Congregation: Now be our healing.

You came to us as a shelter amidst the violence of storms.

Congregation: Now grant us peace.

You came to us as mercy in the place of our shame.

Congregation: Now be our righteousness.

You came to us as a king upon the fields of our defeat.

Congregation: Now be our salvation.

You came to us as a child in the midnight of our despair.

Congregation: Now be our God. Amen. (from Every Moment Holy)

All The Poor And Powerless

Baby Son

Sermon - Isaiah 9:1-7

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

King Of Kings

Announcements & Benediction - Acts 1:8

Thank you for joining us today! As we always say, this is only a small part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, where we seek to live out the Christian life together. If you would like to join one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Here are just a few quick announcements:

1) Giving and visitors - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed them on the back table; you may give there as you exit or through GivApp.

If you are a visitor with us this morning we are glad you're here! Please if you would like to find out more about Antioch or have a pastor contact you, feel free to fill out a visitor card also located in the basket on the back table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

2) Family Meeting - We will be having a Family Meeting on Sunday, December 13th at 6:30 PM. All covenant members please make plans to attend. This will replace Family Group meetings for that week.

3) MCT Calendars - MCT calendars are now on sale for \$10 each. We can accept cash, check, or credit card.

We begin each gathering with a Call to Worship and we end with a Benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. If you would like to receive this benediction, I invite you to open your hands before you.

Church, the cloak of Christ's power and authority has been laid upon you, because the Spirit of the mighty God has come upon you. Therefore may you go as royal witnesses of your King. (based on Acts 1:8)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: We are sent.
