

Aching and Waiting with Joy

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 and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this. Isaiah 9:7

King Jesus, Your righteousness is our surety, Your love is our freedom, and Your sovereignty is our sanity. How could we possibly have known Your birth in a stable would lead to the “stable-ization” of the universe? And that Your cradle would rock our broken, divided, peace-craving world? Joy to the world, indeed.

Truly, there’s only one government and one peace sufficient to meet the needs of our sinful hearts and restless world. In this December 2018, we rejoice in what You’ve already accomplished by Your first Advent, but we ache and wait for the joy and completion of Your second Advent.

Through Your resurrection, You’ve already been installed as “the Ruler of kings on earth” (Rev. 1:5), and of everything else. King David’s throne has become your throne of grace, from which you are actively ruling the world with your truth and grace. Eternal discretion, not local elections, determine the future.

You are zealously working all things together after the counsel of Your will. You—the Lamb of God, the Lord of Lords, and the Lamp of the New Jerusalem—are working in all things, for Your glory, and for our good. No one and nothing can derail, deter, or distract You from bringing to completion Your good work of redemption and restoration.

You don’t promise to do all things easy, but You always do all things well. Forgive us when we get impatient with Your timing, don’t like all Your providences, or second-guess Your engagement. You are the King we always wanted.

As the gospel of Your kingdom continues its transforming work in our lives, may it advance through our lives. Free us to show up joyfully, love boldly, and hope patiently. You WILL finish making all things new. Hallelujah! So very Amen we pray, in Your mighty and merciful name.

From <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scotty-smith/aching-waiting-joy/>



Welcome, we’re glad you’re here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Encounters with Jesus—The Boy at Home

Jesus’ understanding of the priority of His relationship with His Father and knowledge of the Scriptures astonishes everyone, and yet He submits to His parents as He grows in wisdom and favour.

Next Week: Luke 7:36-50



Today’s Service

Welcome and Singing	O Come , O Come Emmanuel Glorious Christ It Was Love
Holy Communion	
Offering	
Community News	
Bible Reading	Luke 1:26-38; 2:41-52
Sermon	By Pastor Steven Tran
Song of Response	O Holy Night (Hear The Gospel Story)

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Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$3,463.85
Weekly Required	\$5,520
Shortfall 2018	\$2,082.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD FOR WISDOM REVEALED!

Praise God that the Scriptures reveal wisdom, a wisdom beyond our own human capability, and a wisdom open to all who humbly come to Jesus in faith and trust. Pray that we grow in wisdom all the days of our lives!

PRAY THAT WE WOULD WRESTLE with what Scripture says about our lives from a place of faith and trust. Pray that we would humbly submit our thinking, our motivations, and our actions to the loving direction of God in His Word. Pray that we would grow in wisdom to discern what is true and faithful, and ask God to expose the blindspots in our hearts.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR our children's friends who attended the recent Sunday School Christmas celebrations. Pray that the seeds sown through the songs, skits, and short talks would be used by God to bring about saving faith. Pray for the follow up by teachers and our children with their friends.

PRAY FOR OUR HOLIDAY PLANS

whether we are staying or going. Pray that our time of rest (and eating!) will be well used, to rest, to meet with others and encourage them, and to rejoice in the birth of our Savior.

PRAY FOR THOSE GETTING BAPTIZED

TODAY! Pray that today's testifying of Jesus' work in their lives will continue on for the rest of their days. Pray that Jeff and Yiming will always trust Jesus, faithfully serve His church, and encourage others as we finish the race together.

Community News

IGNITE TRAINING CONFERENCE 2019 | 14-18 JANUARY

Head to <https://ignitetrainingconference.com/> for registration and conference details.

SERVICE TIME CHANGES ETC OVER DECEMBER–JANUARY

Please note that from 16 December to 27 January, the 11:30am service at the South Hall will be changed to 11am service at the North Hall.

Please note that from 9 December to 27 January, for both 9am service and the 11:30/11am service will have the overflow available at the White Door Room.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE INFORMATION

Christmas Day service will happen on 25 December, 9am. Do start thinking about who you may like to invite to the service. Please do bring a plate to share at morning tea.

Serving

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Mervin	Simeon
Preach	Ps Steven	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Andrew <i>Ps Steven</i>	Matthew <i>Dan Lowe</i>
M.Tea	Daniel Tania	Corina Ethel
Wash Up	Clay	SOS Central
Welcome	Ken Steph Dan <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Jessica</i> <i>Joy</i>	Ken Steph Dan <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Jessica</i> <i>Joy</i>
Stewards	Richard Jeffrey <i>Helen</i> <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i>	Richard Jeffrey <i>Helen</i> <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i>
Piano	Sylvia	Joanna
Guitar	Ivan	Joachim
Bass	Chuans	Aaron
Drums		
Vocal	Joachim	Shaun
PA	Matt <i>Daniel</i>	William <i>William</i>

The Boy At Home [Luke 2:41-52]

Intro: "That's a ... Bible??"

1. A Traditional family journey (2:41-45)

2. You lost the Son of God? (2:46-48)

3. The Son at home (2:49-52)

So what?