Sunday 27th December

Introduction to Cornerstone

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Benediction

Song: Not Yet I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy my righteousness and freedom

My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus

For my life is wholly bound to his Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine

Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken

For by my side the Saviour he will stay

I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me

Through the deepest valley he will lead

Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome

Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven

The future sure the price it has been paid

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon

And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated

Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free

Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus

For he has said that he will bring me home

And day by day I know he will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus

All the glory evermore to him When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat

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Prayer of Adoration

Bible Reading: Luke 2:21-40

²¹On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

JESUS PRESENTED IN THE TEMPLE

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'. ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.' 33 The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Lectura Biblica: Lucas 2:21-40

PRESENTACIÓN DE JESÚS EN EL TEMPLO

²¹ Cuando se cumplieron los ocho días y fueron a circuncidarlo, lo llamaron Jesús, nombre que el ángel le había puesto antes de que fuera concebido. ²² Así mismo, cuando se cumplió el tiempo en que, según la ley de Moisés, ellos debían purificarse, José y María llevaron al niño a Jerusalén para presentarlo al Señor. ²³ Así cumplieron con lo que en la ley del Señor está escrito: «Todo varón primogénito será consagrado al Señor». ²⁴ También ofrecieron un sacrificio conforme a lo que la ley del Señor dice: «un par de tórtolas o dos pichones de paloma». ²⁵ Ahora bien, en Jerusalén había un hombre llamado Simeón, que era justo y devoto, y aguardaba con esperanza la redención de Israel. El Espíritu Santo estaba con él ²⁶ y le había revelado que no moriría sin antes ver al Cristo del Señor. ²⁷ Movido por el Espíritu, fue al templo. Cuando al niño Jesús lo llevaron sus padres para cumplir con la costumbre establecida por la ley, ²⁸ Simeón lo tomó en sus brazos y bendijo a Dios: ²⁹ «Según tu palabra, Soberano Señor, ya puedes despedir a tu siervo en paz. ³⁰ Porque han visto mis ojos tu salvación, ³¹que has preparado a la vista de todos los pueblos: ³² luz que ilumina a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo Israel». 33 El padre y la madre del niño se quedaron maravillados por lo que se decía de él. 34 Simeón les dio su bendición y le dijo a María, la madre de Jesús: «Este niño está destinado a causar la caída y el levantamiento de muchos en Israel, y a crear mucha oposición, 35 a fin de que se manifiesten las intenciones de muchos corazones. En cuanto a ti, una espada te atravesará el alma». ³⁶ Había también una profetisa, Ana, hija de Penuel, de la tribu de Aser. Era muy anciana; casada de joven, había vivido con su esposo siete años, ³⁷ y luego permaneció viuda hasta la edad de ochenta y cuatro. Nunca salía del templo, sino que día y noche adoraba a Dios con ayunos y oraciones. 38 Llegando en ese mismo momento, Ana dio gracias a Dios y comenzó a hablar del niño a todos los que esperaban la redención de Jerusalén.

³⁹ Después de haber cumplido con todo lo que exigía la ley del Señor, José y María regresaron a Galilea, a su propio pueblo de Nazaret. ⁴⁰ El niño crecía y se fortalecía; progresaba en sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios lo acompañaba.

Song: Psalm 126

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy

Restore us, O Lord Restore us, O Lord

Although we are weeping
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say, "He has done great things!" The nations will sing songs of joy

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

Talk

Song: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give us second birth.
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Benediction

Coming up

Women's Bible Study is having a break for the holidays so won't meet this week.

Old Schoolhouse Updates - Follow the latest at www.osh.org.uk/updates.

Hardship Fund - During this time we really want to help those who are struggling financially, and we've set up a fund for those connected to Cornerstone who need assistance.

If you would like to donate to this fund or apply for help, please contact: AnnaLauren on annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com or Laird (Colin) on colin@cornerstone-edinburgh.com for details.

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Pastoral Care for the whole Church

Our hope is that everyone connected to Cornerstone is taken care of during this time. Please also be proactive in connecting with your City Group leaders and letting them know how you are. Let's be creative about being in touch with others and finding our own ways to connect also. Feel free to contact me, Laird or AnnaLauren at any time if you need help of any kind.

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