

Theme: Testify To The Light

(December 17th, 2017)

Meditation Prayer:

Light of the world so clear and bright,
Enter our homes on Christmas night;
Re-light our souls so tenderly
That we may grow to be like Thee.

Meditation Music (played by Tory)

Advent Moment

Hymn # 431- *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Hymn #408 – *Joy To The World* (**Presider lights peace candle**)

Welcome

Good News and Prayer Requests

Call To Worship – Doctrine and Covenants 153: 9a-b

*Hymn #423 – *Hark The Herald Angel Sings*

*Prayer

*Response

Morning message

Hymn #434 – *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **** (1st & 3 verses only)**

Offertory Statement – If You Were God (see attached)

Ministry of Music (Hymn # 35 – *We Would See Jesus* (Sally or Sally and Tory)

Offertory Prayer

*Hymn # 421 – *Silent Night*

*Our Christmas Prayer (see attached)

*Response

*Recessional

If You Were God

(offertory for 12-17-2017)

If you were God, would you be in every hospital room where a person is being told that he has a terminal illness, and give him courage? Would you then sponsor a healing and invite all the sick of the earth? Would you comfort every family who has suffered pain and suffering?

If you were God, would you have a banquet and invite all the hungry people in this world? Would you help every child's parent find a job? Would you attend the board meetings of the power makers and veto the actions that manipulate the oppressed?

If you were God, would you build several bonfires around the globe to attract all the cold people? Would you then give them warm clothes for the winter, clean clothes for school and work, and bright clothes for parties? Would you do something about the intolerable physical conditions under which they live?

If you were God, would you put on a celebration of dignity and ask all who feel badly about themselves to come, no matter their condition or station in life? Would you send send invitations, especially to sinners, and tell them how much worth that they have in your eyes?

If you were God, would you start a "peace" everywhere that there is a war, and where wars of liberation are necessary, would you get to the root of the problem and correct the conditions that led to such desparate actions? Where war had already strewn its carnage, would you stand beside every homeless child and comfort every mother who had lost her children?

You would do all of those things if you were God. But could you send your son into an obscure part of this world and tell him to show a few people what redemptive love is . . . knowing that he would be killed . . . and trust them to take up his work?

Our Christmas Prayer

God grant you peace at Christmas
And fill your heart with cheer;
God grant you health and happiness
Throughout the coming year.

God guide you with His wisdom
And keep you in His care;
This is our special wish for you . . . This is our Christmas prayer.