

Christmas Message 2023



Dear friends,

Greetings to you! As we start a new Advent season, we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, who came among us as a human being more than 2,000 years ago. The Gospel of John says, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” Jesus was referred to as the “Word” of God. The living Word helps us grasp the meaning and purpose of our lives, and it also helps us know who God is, just as words do. Jesus took on human form and was just like the rest of us in every way. He settled down to live among people. God brought his Son to earth to live among us because he is interested in the entire human race.

What exactly was wrong with humanity? The human race permitted sin to enter their life and disobeyed God. With every generation of humans, the rebellion persists. We are no longer in contact with God as a result of that rebellion. But God made the initial move to make amends with us. Jesus came to fully experience life as a human being in order to identify with our frailties and shortcomings and to be able to support us when we are tempted.

And above all, God sent his own Son, Jesus, to die on the cross in our place, granting us eternal life. In addition to calling individuals to become members of God’s kingdom by extending forgiveness of sins, Jesus came to this world to establish the kingdom of God. Jesus came primarily to have each one of us from our sins. His earthly mission with his life, death and resurrection made this possible.

Heaven and Earth rejoiced greatly at his birth because he was bringing about the healing and reconciliation of humanity and God. Although prophets had predicted his arrival, he had now appeared as a person. They were able to comprehend who God was by looking at Jesus. He was like us, yet without sin. He exuded grace and veracity. Jesus discloses the grace of God and the reality that he is the life, the truth, and the way. We live in between the two eras of Christ’s first and second coming. We look forward to his second coming with great anticipation, even as we rejoice and celebrate his birth at Christmas.

Wishing each one of you a meaningful Christmas and a very happy and blessed New Year!  
Shalom

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
ADVENT

<b>3.12.2023 Sunday (Advent 1)</b>	
Theme :	<b>Thanksgiving for our unity in Christ</b>
9.00 AM	Joint Thanksgiving Service to mark 53 years of inauguration of the CNI.
11.00 AM	EKTA UTSAV - Delhi Diocesan Fete
<b>10.12.2023 Sunday (Advent 2)</b>	
Theme :	<b>The word of God demands a response from its hearers</b>
08.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - English
10.15 AM	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols— by Tamil Choir, Special songs by Sunday School, WFCS, Youth & Men.
12.00 Noon	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - by Hindi Choir, Special songs by WFCS, Youth & Sunday School Nativity Play.
06.00 PM	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - by English Choir, Special songs by Sunday School, WFCS, Youth
<b>16.12.2023 Saturday</b>	
11.00 AM	Cathedral Nursery School (CNS) Annual Sports Day
<b>17.12.2023 Sunday (Advent 3)</b>	
Theme :	<b>The coming of Christ is good news for the oppressed</b>
08.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - English - Sunday School Nativity Play
10.15 AM	Sung Eucharist - Tamil
12.00 Noon	Sung Eucharist - Hindi
02:00 PM	Tamil Sunday School Christmas Tree
04.30 PM	Ordination Service at Free Church Parliament Street
06.00 PM	Christmas Concert by DCC
<b>24.12.2023 Sunday (Advent 4)</b>	
Theme :	<b>The Lord’s coming gives joy and peace to his people</b>
08.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - English
10.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - Tamil
12.00 Noon	Sung Eucharist - Hindi



<b>24.12.2023 Sunday, CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
11.45 PM	<b>Midnight Sung Eucharist (English) with blessing of the Crib, Lectern &amp; Font</b>
<b>25.12.2023 Monday, CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	
Theme :	<b>The birth of the Saviour who is the Word made flesh.</b>
08.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - English
10.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - Tamil
12.15 PM	Sung Eucharist - Hindi
<b>30.12 2023 Saturday</b>	
10.00 am.	<b>Christmas celebration with Leprosy Patients’s Children Education Fund (LPCEF)</b>
<b>31.12.2023 Sunday after Christmas</b>	
Theme :	<b>Family Life &amp; Holy Innocents</b>
08.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - English
10.15 AM	Sung Eucharist - Tamil
12.00 Noon	Sung Eucharist - Hindi
05.30 PM	Thanksgiving Service - Tamil
11.45 PM	Mid-Night Sung Eucharist
<b>01.01.2024 Monday, NEW YEAR DAY</b>	
Theme :	<b>The Naming of Jesus</b>
08.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - English
10.30 AM	Sung Eucharist - Tamil
12.15 PM	Sung Eucharist - Hindi
<b>07.01.2024 Epiphany Sunday</b>	
Theme :	<b>The Coming of the wise men from the East is a sign that Christ is for all the peoples of the earth</b>
09.30 AM	Combined Covenant Service
05.30 PM	Contemporary Worship in English.



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Wishes you and your family a  
blessed Christmas and a bright  
New Year 2024**

### Sunday Services

#### (November to February)

08.30 AM Sung Eucharist - English  
10.15 AM Sung Eucharist - Tamil  
12.00 Noon Sung Eucharist - Hindi  
05.30 PM Contemporary Worship in English

#### (March to October)

08.00 AM Sung Eucharist - English  
09.45 AM Sung Eucharist - Tamil  
11.30 AM Sung Eucharist - Hindi  
06.00 PM Contemporary Worship in English

### Important Dates to Remember in 2024)

Ash Wednesday : February 14  
Palm Sunday : March 24  
Good Friday : March 29  
Easter Day : March 31  
Ascension Day : May 9  
Pentecost : May 19  
Advent Sunday : December 1

### Annual Garden Fete

Lucky Draw House Hold Items Food Stalls  
Win Prizes White Elephant Nearly New  
Fun Food Games  
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## PROGRAM FOR ADVENT, CHRISTMAS 2023

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## NEW YEAR 2024



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