



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
Christmas, the Curse, and the Cross

Christmas Sunday
December 23, 2018
LAGUNA

I. THE STORY BEHIND THE SONG

**Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
With the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Shout joyfully before the King, the Lord.**

**Let the sea roar and all it contains,
The world and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
Let the mountains sing together for joy
Before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth;
He will judge the world with righteousness
And the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98:4-9)**

II. PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS REIGN

**Joy to the World; The Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King:
Let every Heart prepare him Room,
And Heaven and Nature sing.**

**Joy to the Earth, The Saviour reigns;
Let Men their Songs employ;
While Fields & Floods, Rocks, Hills & Plains
Repeat the sounding Joy.**

III. PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS REDEEMING LOVE

**No more let Sins and Sorrows grow,
Nor Thorns infest the Ground:
He comes to make his Blessings flow
Far as the Curse is found.**

**He rules the World with Truth and Grace,
And makes the Nations prove
The Glories of his Righteousness,
And Wonders of his Love.**



Closing Thought

**Christians worship the God
who reigns AND redeems.**