

CHRIST THE KING

For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*This is the irrational season
When love blooms bright and wild.
Had Mary been filled with reason
There'd have been no room for the child. — Madeleine L'Engle, After Annunciation*

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Call to Worship

Nathan Carter

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Congregation: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Leader: In Christ was life, and the life was the light of men.

Congregation: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Congregation: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor...

Leader: Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Congregation: Christ has become to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Leader: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord!

Congregation: Give glory to the only wise God forevermore through Jesus Christ! – from *Isaiah 9:2,6; John 1:4,9; 1 Cor. 1:20,30-31; Romans 16:27*

Invocation

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Words: Latin hymn, trans. by John Mason Neale;

Music: 13th Century Plainsong, arr. by Thomas Helmore

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and plainsong-like. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, corresponding to the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

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| 1. | O | come, | O | come, | Em | man | - | u | el, | and | ran | - | som | cap | - | tive |
| 2. | O | come, | O | come, | thou | Lord | of | might, | who | to | thy | tribes, | on | | | |
| 3. | O | come, | thou | Rod | of | Jes | - | se, | free | thine | own | from | Sa | - | tan's | |
| 4. | come, | thou | Day | - | spring, | come | and | cheer | our | spir | - | its | by | thine | | |
| 5. | come, | thou | Key | of | Da | - | vid, | come | and | o | - | pen | wide | our | | |

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Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - - - ple
 ad - vent here; dis perse the gloom - y clouds of
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on

10

here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save, and give them vic - try and the grave. Re - joice! Re -
 night, and death's dark shad - ows - put the to flight.
 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

15

joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Come, Oh Redeemer, Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega

Em D C

Fa - ther en - throned on high, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Lord save us from the dark of our stri - ving,
 Look now up - on our need; Lord, be with us.

5 Em D 1. Em

an - cient, e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
 faith - less and troub - led hearts, weighed
 Heal us and make us free from our

10 2, 3. Em Am Em

down. Come, oh Re - deem - er, come, grant us mer - cy.
 sin.

15 Am D Em

Come, oh Re - deem - er, come, grant us peace.

Call to Confession

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Call to Confession

Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." — *Isaiah 1:18*

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Worship*

Declaration of Absolution

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God;
begotten of his Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;**

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
 And ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
 And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;
 Whose Kingdom shall have no end;

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
 Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
 Who spoke by the prophets;
 And I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church;
 I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
 And I look for the resurrection of the Dead;
 And the life of the world to come. Amen. — *The Nicene Creed*

Give Thanks to the Lord

Words and Music: Brad Smith

D G A

1. Give thanks to the Lord for the works of his hand, for a
 2. Give thanks to the Fa - ther for send - ing his Son, give

G Bm Asus A D D/F#

king - dom that can - not be sha - ken. Give thanks to the Lord for we
 thanks to the Son for his Spi - rit. Now lift up your voic - es to

G A G Bm Asus A D

all now can stand and fear not of be - ing for - sa ken. Give
 God, three in one, and shout so the whole world can hear it.

D/F# G Asus A D D/F# G

thanks to the Lord for his right - eousness. Give thanks to the Lord for his

Asus A D/F# G Asus A Bm G2

love. Let us wor - ship his name and his ho - li ness. Give thanks to the

Asus A C6 Asus A D G

Lord, Oh, give thanks to the Lord Give thanks.

Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

Life Together

Prayers of the People

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Prayers of the People

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

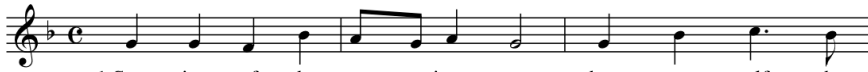
Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

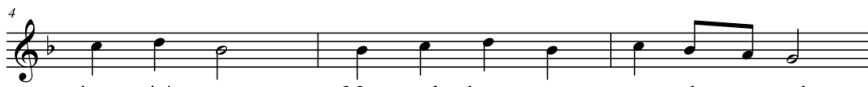
Congregation: And also with you!

Savior of the Nations, Come

Words: St. Ambrose and Martin Luther,
trans. by Calvin Seerveld;
Music: Johann Walther



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; show your - self, the
2. Not by hu - man pow'r or seed did the wo - man's
3. Christ laid down his ma - jes - ty, passed through dark Geth -
4. Praise to you, O Lord, we sing. Praise to Christ, our



vir - gin's son. Mar - vel heav - en, won - der earth,
womb con - ceive; on - ly by the Spi - rit's breath
se - ma - ne. Though he left his Fa - ther's home,
new - born King! With the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, one,



that our God chose such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh.
Christ now sits on God's own throne.
let your last - ing king - dom come.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Clyde Godwin

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward as liturgy begins.

We ask that those in the balcony come forward first; those seated in the outer pews can then come forward, starting from the back rows; finally, those in the center pews can come forward, starting from the back row.

Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and a plate of gluten-free bread on either aisle for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacons' Fund Offering

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words: James Montgomery;
Music: Sandra McCracken

Musical notation for the hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed". The notation is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is written on a single staff. Above the staff, the chords G/D, D, G/D, D, G/D, D, Bm, and A are indicated. The lyrics are: "Hail to the Lord's a-noin - ted, great Da - vid's great er Son!"

Alecia Augspurg, Justin Augspurg, Janis Dietz, Tim Dietz

5 G/D D G/D D A Bm
Hail in the time ap-point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!

9 G A D G/D D
His reign on earth be - gun!
1.He comes to break
3.To give them songs
5.To him shall prayer

13 G/D D G/D D Em A G/D D
op-pres sion, to set the cap-tive free, to take a - way
for sigh-ing, their dark - ness turn to light, whose souls, con-demned
un-ces-ing and dai - ly vows as - cend; his king - dom still

17 G/D D Em D
trans-gres-sion and rule in e - qui - ty.
and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
in - creas-ing, a king - dom with-out end.

20 G/D D G/D D G/D D Em A
2.He comes with com - fort speed-y to those who suf - fer wrong,
4.Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
6.The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

24 G/D D G/D D Em D
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong.
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.
his name shall stand for - ev - er; his name to us is Love.

Benediction

Minister: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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 it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. — *Isaiah 9:6-7*

All: Amen.

Benediction

We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org. For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus.

SUNDAYS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. Currently, we are offering Adult Education on Zoom, but our children's Sunday school gatherings are on hiatus.

In the Adult education class, we have been pursuing the themes of Micah 6:8 - act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. During the summer, we went through Michael Card's wonderful study on Heseid (mercy) and Morgan Crago led us through an insightful study of racism in the Presbyterian Church. In our current class, we are using Tim Keller's book *Generous Justice* to pursue what it means to act justly.

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

- Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years, with a waitlist available. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
- Please contact Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org) with questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

Children's Worship

- Children 4–5 years are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to a class that teaches about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in and pick them up after the service.
- Class capacity is 10 registered students, with a waitlist available. Parents may sign up children for class when registering for the service.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.
- During the sermon, kids may complete one of the worship activities available at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids or in the church foyer along with 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies.

During the week

- Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIV available at biblegateway.com.
- Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide (ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids). Have everyone recall a part of the service that stood out to them.
- Listen to and discuss the songs from the service at ctkcambridge.org/songs. Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, and Quincy. We also have sister congregations worshipping in East Boston (in Portuguese), Newton, Hanover, West Roxbury, and Somerville. See ctkboston.org to find out more.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Now as always, Community groups are central to our life together at CTK as a way to study and pray together and serve each other and our communities. Right now, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

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Overseas Partner Liaison: Morgan Crago (missions@ctkcambridge.org)

ONLINE RESOURCES

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with **the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit ctkcambridge.org/giving.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Registration Reminder: We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need. **Registering by Friday is most helpful.**

When registering for the service, you may also **register children for either nursery** (ages 6 months through 3 years) **or children's worship** (age 4 and Kindergarten). Space is limited, but wait lists are available.

Women, join us for our annual CTK Women's Christmas Brunch this Saturday, December 4th at 10am to noon. Please sign up online through the paperless post email you receive (or email marthabwolson@gmail.com if you have not received an invite). There is also a sign up for which food or beverage item you would like to bring to this potluck.

Save the Date: Celebrate the Advent season at CTK's Ninth Annual Christmas Concert! Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 11 at 6:30p. Please invite neighbors, co-workers, and other friends! The concert will be in person as well as livestreamed on CTK's YouTube channel. Contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Do you have clothes that your young child has outgrown? **The deacons are collecting warm children's clothing** for a family with a boy (1 year) and a girl (5 years). You may bring appropriately sized items for donation to church one Sunday in November. Please contact Janis Dietz (jandietz6@gmail.com) or Rosemary Boyle (romaryboyle@gmail.com) with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

Thu, 7p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

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