

CHRIST THE KING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. — 1 John 4:16a

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

I Wonder As I Wander
CTK A Cappella Choir

arr. J. Rutter

Advent is a season of waiting, expecting and hoping. For four Sundays prior to Christmas Day we prepare our hearts for the advent, or coming, of Christ at Christmas. As we do, we remember those who lived before Christ came and we recall their expectant hope of God coming to save. We also remember the Second Coming, or next advent, when Jesus will return and make all things new, even us. We wait in hope for that day.

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*

Call to Worship

Matt Sherrill

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,

Congregation: That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Leader: He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

Congregation: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Leader: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

Congregation: Neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

— from *Isaiah 2:3-5*

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.

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.

Jesus Shall Reign

Words: Isaac Watts;
Music: John Hatton

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es thron - to crown his head;
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
ho - nor and prais - es to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
the wea - ry find e - - ter - nal rest,
an - gels des - cend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peats the loud a - men!

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.

Confession of Sin

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.

Assurance of Grace

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.

Confession of Sin

All: Everlasting Father, you made us and all creation to live in a true and deep peace with you and each other. But our hearts are hard and fearful, and we break or fake the peace you meant for us to have in countless ways. We break your peace by misusing and hurting one another to get our way or protect our interests. We distance ourselves from each other and pretend there's no problem rather than strive for reconciliation, because we're more afraid of conflict than we are of losing relationship.

We need you, Lord Jesus, our Prince of Peace, to bring your peace into our fractured lives and our world. Teach us, Lord, to be true peacemakers like you. Fill us, Holy Spirit, with your peace which surpasses all understanding, that it may flow out from us like a river of life. Be the peace of our lives and our world, Lord. And in your great mercy, hear our prayers.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins... For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

— *Colossians 1:13, 19-20*

To those who repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, the forgiveness of sins is fully yours, by the grace of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

Hark! I Hear the Harps Resounding
CTK A Cappella Choir

arr. C. Carnahan

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be
low; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly
host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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

Janis Dietz, Tim Dietz, Lauren Easton, Ambrose Huang

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

Life Together

Scripture Reading

Psalm 72, p485 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Praying for a Perfect King

Rev. Troy Albee

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Words: Liturgy of St. James, adapted by Gerald Moultrie;

Music: French Melody, arr. by Ralph V. Williams

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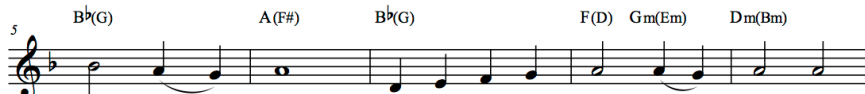
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Dm(Bm)

Cm(Am)



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -
in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
as with cease less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
faith - - - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - - - ish as the dark ness clears a - way.
lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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.

Life Together

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

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, followed by those on the main floor, starting in the back row.

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

At the end of the service, please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary.

Lord's Supper

Invitation and 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.

Partaking of the Elements

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Felix Mendelssohn,
arr. by William H. Cummings

1.Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2.Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er last - ing Lord!
3.Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous-ness!

5
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb,
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

9
Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

13
with th'an gel - ic host pro claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

17
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

Benediction

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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.
Please dispose of your communion cups as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you!*

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could join us. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAYS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday school classes for Kindergarten through Grade 8 are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. Adult Education will resume in the New Year.

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 age 4 thru 2nd grade are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to classes that teach about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in.
- Pick up from Children's Worship comes after the sermon, during the song prior to the Lord's Supper. A parent can head to the back foyer outside of the social hall; pick up will take place at the door at the top of the stairwell. Please remember your security tag during pick up.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions.

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.
- There are 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies in the front foyer of the church, and sermon worksheets available for kids to pick up during the Passing of the Peace to the right of the stage.

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 NIrV 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

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. Some groups are meeting in person and some are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Bible Study: Andy Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

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Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

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:

Whether you're 8 or 80, all **girls and women of the CTK Community** are cordially invited to the **CTK Annual Women's Christmas Tea** today after the service!

Celebrate the Advent season at **CTK's Tenth Annual Christmas Concert!** Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30p. Please invite neighbors, co-workers, and other friends! Contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Join us on **Christmas Eve at 4pm with a family-friendly service of Lessons and Carols**, in person or livestreamed. Invite friends and neighbors as we read through the Christmas story Genesis through the Gospels and sing Christmas hymns that celebrate the coming of our Lord. As with Sunday morning services, please register to attend. Also, please note, there is no childcare available during this service, but the upstairs nursery and social hall will be open to children and their parents as needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/calendar, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, Dec 4, 12:30p :: **Women's Christmas Tea** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

Sat, Dec 10, 6:30p :: **Christmas Concert** :: Sanctuary
ctkcambridge.org/calendar

Fri, Dec 16, 7p :: **Middle & High School Group** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/youth

Sat, Dec 24, 4p :: **Christmas Eve Service** :: Sanctuary
ctkcambridge.org/calendar

Sun, Dec 25, 11a :: **Christmas Day Service** :: Sanctuary
ctkcambridge.org/calendar

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

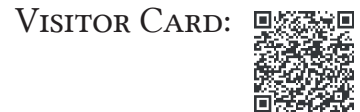
For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

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

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

Fri, 6a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/men

LINKS



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