

CHRIST THE KING

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

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

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

Congregation: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Leader: The mighty One has done great things for us!

Congregation: Holy is His name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

All: For He is our maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy. — Adapted from Luke 1:46-50

Invocation

Preparation

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

Tim Dietz

Call to Worship

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

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.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Traditional French Carol

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the mountains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
What the glad some tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

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Joy Has Dawned

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

F G m F/A B^b C D m G m7 F/C C

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion;
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels;
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
 4. Son of A - dam, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som

5 F G m F/A B^b C D m B^b C F

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 gifts of men from dis - tant lands pro - phe - sy the stor - y.
 re - con - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y Cham - pion!

9 F/A B^b F/A G m7 C D m G m7 F/C C

Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness.
 Gold, a King is born to - day; in - cense, God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior, what a friend, what a glo - rious mys - tery,

13 F G m F/C B^b C D m7 G m7 C F

but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus, born of Mar - y.
 Cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh, his death will make a way, by his blood he'll win us.
 once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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: Father in heaven, in your presence there is fullness of joy. But we confess, Lord, that we often do find joy in you. Neither do we find joy in the things you rejoice in. Rather, we look for joy in the wrong places, from the wrong things, for the wrong reasons, at the wrong times. Like Michal with David, we even try to hold others back from joy in you.

Lord, forgive us for all the ways we go astray. Give us to rediscover true joy in you. Teach us to share your joy and even celebrate it in others. Make us a people so marked by your joy that the world would know you through us. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Assurance of Grace

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– *John 3:17-18a, 2 Corinthians 5:21*

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.

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Words and Music: Matt Boswell,
Matt Papa, and Stuart Townend

E A E B



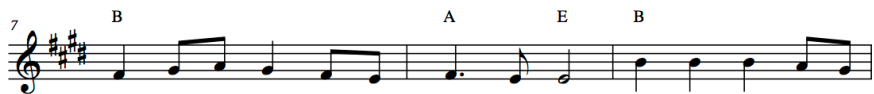
1. Sing we the song of Em-man-u-el; this the Christ who was
2. Come we to wel-come Em-man-u-el; King who came with no
3. Go spread the news of Em-man-u-el; joy and peace for the

4 A B E A E



long fore told. Lo in the sha-dows of Beth-le-hem,
crown or throne. Help-less he lay, the in-vin-ci-ble,
wea-ry heart. Lift up your heads, for your King has come;

7 B A E B



pro-mise of dawn now our eyes be-hold. God most high in a
Ma-ker of Ma-ry, now Ma-ry's son. O what wis-dom to
sing for the light o-ver-whelms the dark. Glo-ry shin-ing for

10 A E B A E



man-ger laid; lift your voi-ces and now proclaim:
save us all, Shep-herds, sa-ges, be-fore him fall.
all to see, hope a-live, let the gos-pel ring.

13 A E A E



Great and glo-ri-ous, Love has come to us;
Grace and ma-jes-ty, what hu-mi-li-ty;
God has made a way, he will have the praise;

15 A C#m B E



join now with the hosts of hea-ven.
come on bend-ed knee, a-dore him.
tell the world his name is Je-sus.

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 Bourgeois'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.

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

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you!**

Life Together

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

Life Together

Owen Andrews, Laura Bullock, Elizabeth Cantrell, Greg Russell

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10, p575 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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

A Shoot From a Stump

Rev. Troy Albee

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words: Charles Wesley and Mark Hunt;

Music: Rowland H. Prichard

(Capo III) F(D) B♭(G) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D)

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

9 F(D) B♭(G) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D)

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou his prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 king - dom bring.

17 A m(F#m) Dm(Bm) Gm(Em) C7(A7) F(D) Dm(Bm) Gm(Em) C(A)

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a lone;

25 F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) C(A) F(D) B♭(G) F(D) C(A) F(D)

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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

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

Joy to the World

Words: Isaac Watts;
Music: George Frederick Handel

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-
2. Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let men their
3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

6
ceive her King; let ev-'ry heart pre- pare him
songs em- ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless- ings
na- tions prove the glo- ries of his righ- teous -

11
room and heav'n and na- ture sing, and heav'n and na- ture
plains re- peat the sound- ing joy, re- peat the sound- ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won- ders of his love, and won- ders of his

15
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na- ture sing.
joy, re- peat, re- peat the sound ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won- ders, won- ders of his love.

Benediction

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

*Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.
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. A new Adult Education and High School Sunday school class will begin 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 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

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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Youth Ministry: Ariana Smartt (ariana@ctkcambridge.org)

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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:

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.

Please note, our **Sunday service on Christmas Day** will be at 11am and will be a shorter service.

Hear ye, hear ye! **Registration is now open for the 2023 CTK Getaway**, taking place January 27 thru January 29! Our speaker this year will be Rev. Glenn Hoburg, pastor at Grace Downtown in Washington, D.C. Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register!

Please note, there will be **no children's Sunday school or Children's Worship** on Sunday, December 25th or on Sunday, January 1st. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

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

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

Fri, Jan 27 - Sun, Jan 29 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway

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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