



# CHRIST the KING

FIRST LORD'S DAY AFTER

## Christmas Day

DECEMBER 28, 2025

# The Lord's Service

Christ the King Church exists because of God's grace and for the sake of His glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to join us in our highest privilege—worshipping the Triune God. In the Lord's Service, the Father renews covenant with His people in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament, and respond in faithful prayer and sacrificial praise, through our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

Please use the prelude to prepare your heart for worship. Jesus taught us that if your brother has something against you, before any other act of worship, you ought to be reconciled to him. Please do not delay this, if necessary.

The congregation will stand after the prelude, and during portions of the service. Those who are able are encouraged to kneel during the confession of sin. We also invite you to give a hearty "Amen!" after each prayer and song and to raise your hands to our Father in heaven during the Lord's Prayer.

We delight having our covenant children worship with us. They are part of God's royal priesthood, just as much as their parents! Jesus singled them out as models for entering the kingdom because of their humble faith, saying "Of such is the kingdom of God!"

We have included some instructional helps [*in italics*] in the liturgy. If you'd like to learn more about why we worship the way we do, we would be glad to talk. If this is one of your first visits to Christ the King, we are grateful that you joined us today and would like to get to know you better.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need the Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; and to whomsoever will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to him as Lord and Liberator.

In Christ,  
The Session

Michael Hansen  
John Crawford  
Steve Roderer

## **Christmastide**

*Christmas Day begins the twelve day season of Christmastide which ends the day before Epiphany. In Christmastide we celebrate the birth of our King and Savior, Jesus Christ! The color white symbolizes our celebration, joy, and peace!*

# The Lord Calls Us

## Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Arise and let us worship God! *[stand]*

## Processional

### Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Guitar chords for unison singing only

Capo 3: G C G D7 G

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep-herds in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. *Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;*  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch-ing long in hope and fear,  
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

5 B Em A D

Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
*Seek the great De - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:*  
Sud - den - ly the Lord, de-scend-ing, In His tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing To th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

9 G C Am D G

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King.

Music: Henry Smart, 1867  
Text: James Montgomery, 1816

REGENT SQUARE  
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# Call to Worship

We are gathered in the name of God the Father,  
God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

**May the Lord our God favor you!**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord!

**Our feet are standing within Your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Our help is in the name of the LORD!

**Maker of heaven and earth!**

Christ is born!

**Glorify him!**

Christ comes from heaven, go out to meet him.

Christ descends to earth; be raised up!

Sing to the Lord all the whole earth;

and that I may join both in one word,

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad,

for him who is of heaven and then of earth.

Christ is in the flesh,

rejoice with trembling and with joy;

with trembling because of your sins,

with joy because of your hope.

**Amen!**

*Source: Nativity Prayer of Gregory of Nazianzus*

# Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

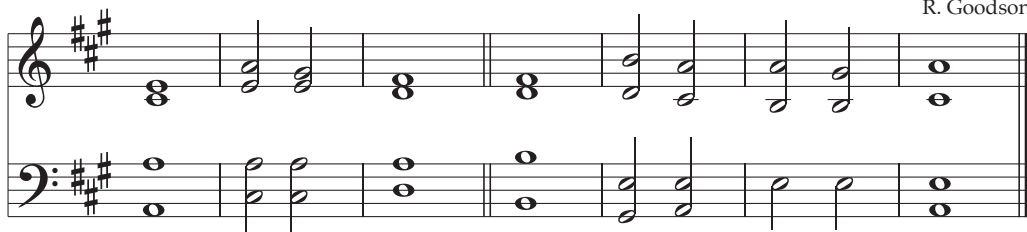
Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; alt.  
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH  
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# Invitatory THE VENITE PSALM 95

R. Goodson



Come, let us sing for | joy to | Yahweh;  
 Let us shout to the | Rock of | our sal- | vation;  
 Let us come before His face | with thanks- | giving;  
 With songs | let us | shout to | Him.  
 For a great | Mighty One • is | Yahweh,  
 And a great | King a- | bove all | gods.

In His hand are the | depths of • the | earth,  
 And the peaks | of the | mountains are | His.  
 His is the sea, | for He | made it,  
 And the | dry land | His hands | formed.

Come, let us worship and | **BOW** | down;  
 Let us kneel be- | fore Yah- | weh our | Maker.  
 For it is He | who is • our | God,  
 And we are the | peo-ple | of His | pasture,  
 And the | **SHEEP** | of His | hand.

Today His voice you will hear: Do not harden your hearts as at | Stri-ving | Waters,  
 As in the day of | Testing Place | in the | wilderness,  
 When your fathers | test-ed | Me;  
 They tried Me, though | they had | seen My | work.  
 For forty years I abhorred that generation, and said:  
 A people who wander in their | heart are | these,  
 And they do not ac- | knowl-edge | **MY** | ways.  
 Therefore, I swore | in Mine | anger:  
 Never shall they | en-ter | into My | rest.

Glory | to the | Father,  
 And to the | Son • and to the | Ho-ly | Spirit,  
 As it was | in the • be- | ginning,  
 Is now and ever shall be, | age after | age. A- | men.

[*please sit*]

# The Lord Cleanses Us

## THE SIN OFFERING

Covenant family of God, our Creator and Redeemer teaches us that he who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will find mercy. Let us call upon our merciful Father to hear our confession, that He might grant us forgiveness in Christ and strength to repent through the Holy Spirit.

### Psalm 51

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music features a variety of chords and melodic lines, with some measures containing triplets and others featuring sustained notes. The overall mood is solemn and reflective, appropriate for a sin offering.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The Lord calls upon us to make confession of our sin in the sure confidence that He is faithful and just to forgive us and restore us to the joy of our salvation.

Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins together.

## **Confession of Sin** *[please kneel]*

Most merciful God,  
**We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
By what we have done,  
And by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For these sins and for our sinfulness,  
We are truly contrite and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,  
Have mercy on us and forgive us;  
That we may delight in Your will,  
And walk in Your ways,  
To the glory of Your Name.  
Amen.**

Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

## **Declaration of Absolution** *[stand]*

Brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Know surely, your sins are fully and freely forgiven!  
Believe the gospel and rejoice in the hope of eternal life.  
**Amen!**



# The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

## Hymn of Ascent

### Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth re - ceive her  
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns. Let men their songs em -  
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room, And  
play While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Re -  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow Far  
prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness And

13. heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

1. And heav'n and na - ture sing, And

16. 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.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Music: *Psalmody Britanica*, before 1832  
Text: Isaac Watts, 1719

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Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

O Lord, open our lips!

**And our mouth will declare Your praise!**

## Sanctus

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*fff* Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the

High - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est!

## Collect

Our Father and Lord,  
We laud and magnify your name,  
For You sent from the heavens  
our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior,  
whom You foretold by ancient prophets,  
and now have revealed Him as the son of the virgin Mary,  
a babe lying in the manger, the bread of eternal life,  
a great light that shines on nations who once walked in darkness.  
Stir us to rejoice in your nativity by this yearly festival,  
through your mercy, our God, You are blessed  
and live and rule all things,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Source: Mozarabic Christmas Prayer and Acclamation*

[please sit]

# Scripture Lessons

The Word of God is living and powerful,  
**Sharper than any two-edged sword!**

Piercing to the division of soul and spirit,  
**And discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart!**

## First Lesson JUDGES 6

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Hymn

Thank the Lord and sing — His praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let ev - 'ry man who loves — the Lord re - joice — and glad - ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom - i-ses and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia!

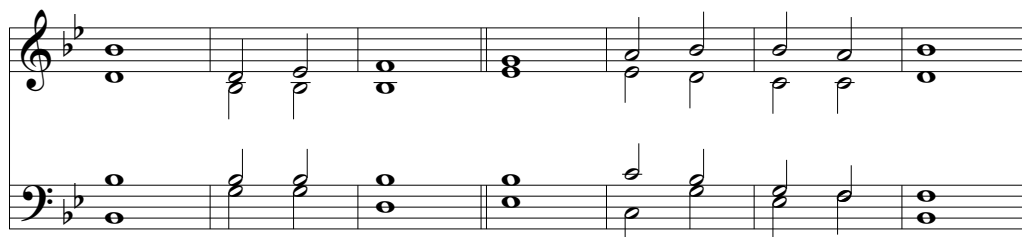
## Second Lesson     I CORINTHIANS 3:18–4:21

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### Gradual *[stand]*

#### Te Deum



We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to | be the | Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father | ev-er- | **LAST**- | ing.

To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the | pow'rs there- | in.

To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- | tin-ual- | ly do | cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sab-a- | oth:

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty | of Thy | **GLO**- | ry.

The glorious company of the apostles | **PRAISE** | Thee;

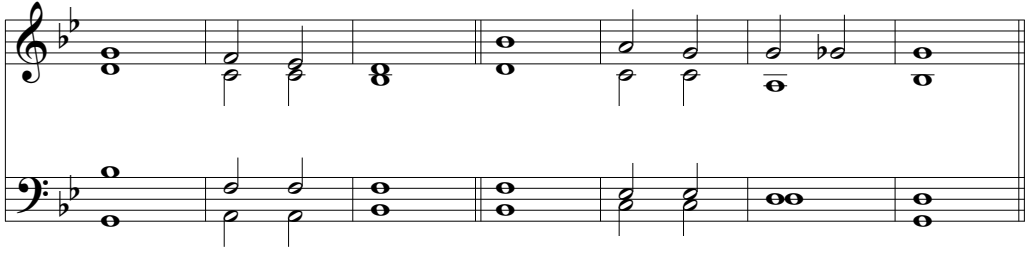
the goodly fellowship of the | pro-phets | **PRAISE** | Thee:

The noble army of martyrs | **PRAISE** | Thee:

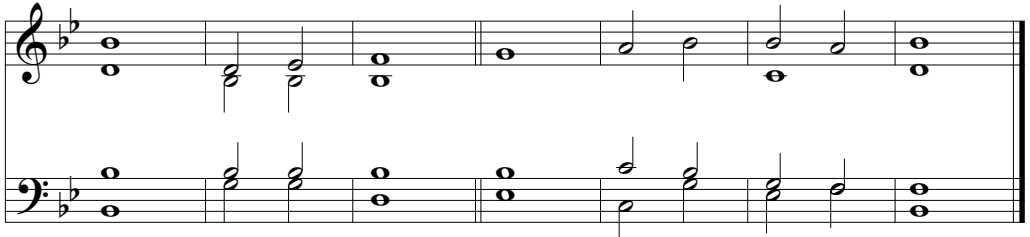
the holy Church throughout all the world | doth ac- | knowl-edge | Thee:

The Father, of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable, true and | on-ly | Son;

also the Holy | Spirit, the | Com-fort- | er.



Thou art the King of | Glory, O | Christ,  
 Thou are the everlasting | Son of + the | **FA-** | ther.  
 When Thou tookest upon Thee to de- | liv-er | man,  
 Thou didst humble Thyself to be | born of + a | **VIR-** | gin.  
 When Thou hadst overcome the | sharpness of | death,  
 Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all be- | **LIEV-** | ers.  
 Thou sittest at the right | hand of | God,  
 in the glory | of the | **FA-** | ther.  
 We believe that Thou shalt come to | be our | judge;  
 we therefore pray Thee:  
 help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed | with thy | pre-cious | blood:  
 Make them to be numbered | with Thy | saints  
 in glory | ev-er- | **LAST-** | ing.



O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine | her-it- | age;  
 govern them and lift them | up for- | **EV-** | er.  
 Day by day we | mag-ni- | fy Thee,  
 and we worship Thy name ever | **AGE** | af-ter | age.  
 Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day with- | **OUT** | sin.  
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy up- | **ON** | us.  
 O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust is | in Thee;  
 O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never | be con- | **FOUN-** | ded.

# Gospel Lesson     MATTHEW 2

This is the Gospel of Christ!  
Praise be to Christ!

## Gloria Patri

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men." The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a clear, legible style with standard musical notation.

Music: Henry W. Greatorex (1813–1858)  
Text: Traditional, c. 100s

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## Prayer for Illumination

## The Sermon     RESPONSES TO THE KING

## Prayer of Consecration

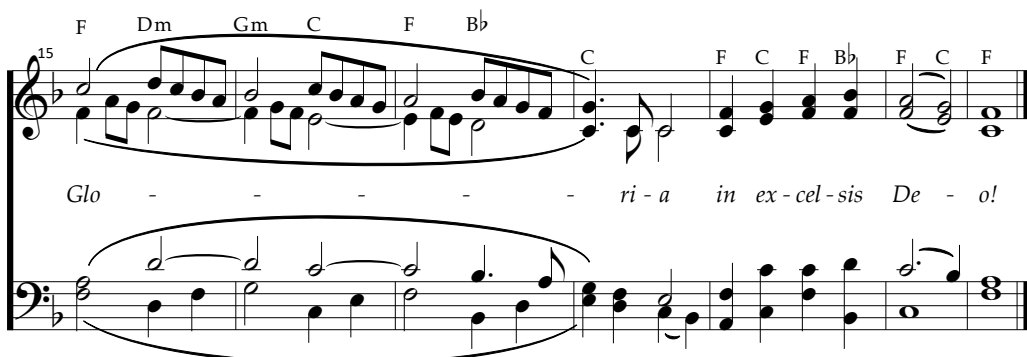

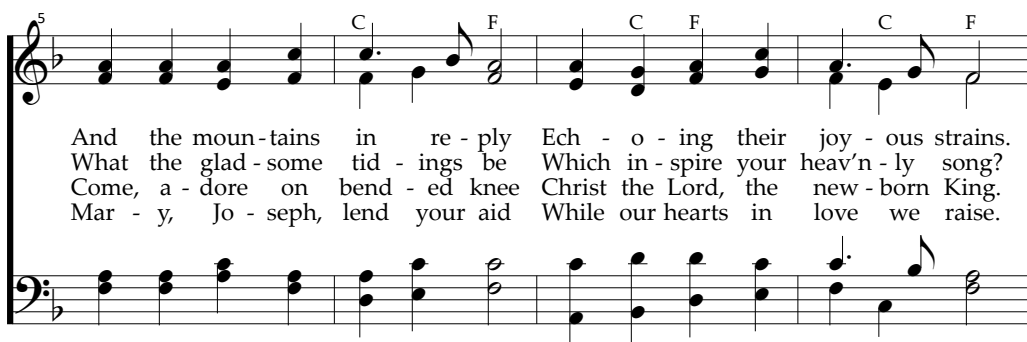
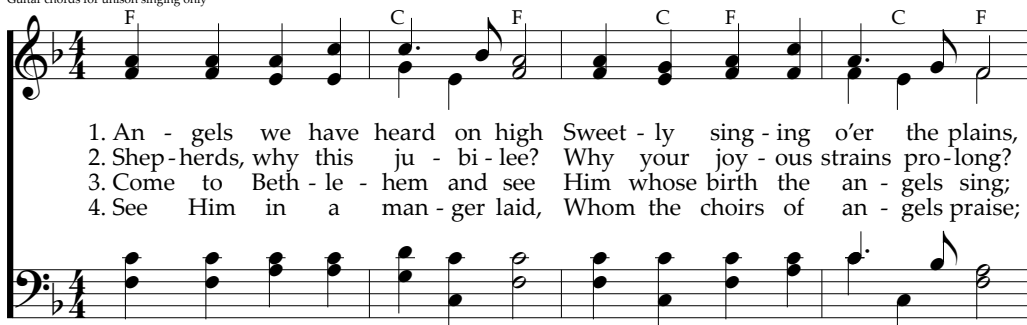
# The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

## Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings

### Angels We Have Heard on High

Guitar chords for unison singing only



\* This Latin phrase means Glory to God in the highest!

## Offertory Prayer

Father, receive now these gifts offered to You in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, as we return to You a portion of that which You have freely given us. Use these tithes and offerings to support the work of the Church, to care for the poor and needy, to promote the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up Your kingdom.

In the Name of Christ,  
**Amen!**

## Song of Intercession KYRIE

Lord\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ\_\_ have mer - cy.

Lord\_\_ have mer - cy. Ky-ri - e Chri - ste.

## Prayer for the Church and World

As God's royal priesthood, let us stand for prayer. [*stand*]

On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. We give You heartfelt thanks and praise for fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior.

**Unto us a child is born! Unto us a Son is given!**



What a great mystery of our faith this is: that God has become fully man for our salvation! Even though He is the all-powerful Lord of all, He is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

**Alleluia! Glory be to Christ our Savior!**

In the midst of our joy, we pray for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to reign and bring forgiveness and salvation. As the shepherds spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior to all peoples, make us bold and willing to proclaim the good tidings of great joy concerning the Babe in a manger.

**Grant your peace and comfort to all people.**

For our families who gather in this holy season, that your peace and truth may fill us, that we may have patience and be slow to judge and quick to forgive, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, that they may be comforted with Christ's presence and we may extend to them the welcome of our homes and the friendship of His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, lonely, grieving and poor in spirit, that they may find comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, the light no darkness can overcome, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

As the angels sang out their praise, move us to sing out our praise to You, today and every day, as the joy of your nativity overflows from our hearts.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now hear us as we join our hearts, voices, and hands  
in the prayer Your Son, our Savior, taught us:

[join hands]

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be Thy Name, Thy King - dom come,

This system contains the first line of musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Thy will— be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,

This system contains the second line of musical notation. The melody continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, showing the continuation of the prayer.

And for - give us our debts— as we for - give our debt - ors,

This system contains the third line of musical notation. The melody includes a small melisma (a dash) over the word "debts". The lyrics continue with the same alignment.

And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e-vil.

This system contains the fourth line of musical notation. The melody concludes the phrase with a final note. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

[lift joined hands]

For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry For-ev-er! A -men!

This system contains the fifth and final line of musical notation. The melody ends with a double bar line. The lyrics conclude with "A -men!".

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871–1940); arr. James B. Jordan & Sarah Garner, 2011  
Text: *Holy Bible, King James Version*, 1611; alt.

## Confession of Faith      NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith together.

Christian, in whom do you believe?

**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 the 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 men 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 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 worshipped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe 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 Lord Communes with us

## THE PEACE OFFERING

### Preface

Let us proclaim the faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again!**

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us:

**Therefore let us keep the feast!**

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but resting in your great mercy.

**Heavenly Father,**

**through the Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we offer ourselves to You as a living sacrifice.**

**As we break the bread together and share the cup,**

**make us to be the one body of Christ.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to the Lord.**

### The Lord's Supper *[sit and feast together]*

*This supper belongs to all Christians, not just Christ the King Church, and so we invite all members of God's family to partake with us, as the one body of Christ. If you are a baptized Christian, and not under church discipline—come and feast, celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and Satan.*

### The Bread

PRAYER, BREAKING OF BREAD, DISTRIBUTION, EATING

### Hymn *[page 19]*

### The Wine

*Our Lord Jesus Christ through his blood gives us peace with God. Having ascended to the throne, we are seated as kings at the Lord's royal table. Remain seated as we partake of the cup. After receiving, fellowship with those sitting nearby, and greet one another with "the peace of Christ."*

PRAYER, DISTRIBUTION, DRINKING & PASSING THE PEACE

### Hymn *[page 20]*

## Of the Father's Love Begotten

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
 2. At His word the worlds were fram - ed; He com - mand - ed; it was done;  
 3. *He is found in hu - man fash - ion, Death and sor - row here to know,*  
 4. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin, full of grace,  
 5. *This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with one ac - cord,*  
 6. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;  
 7. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end - ing He,  
 Heav'n and earth and depths of o - cean In their three-fold or - der one;  
*That the race of Ad - am's chil - dren, Doomed by law to end - less woe;*  
 By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bore the Sav - ior of our race;  
*Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets Prom - ised in their faith - ful word;*  
 Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King!  
 Hymn and chant with high thanks - giv - ing And un - wear - ied prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture  
 All that grows be - neath the shin - ing Of the moon and  
*May not hence - forth die and per - ish In the dread - ful*  
 And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, First re - vealed His  
*Now He shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion*  
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in  
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e - ter - nal

years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 burn - ing sun, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
*gulf be - low, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!*  
 sa - cred face, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
*praise its Lord, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!*  
 con - cert sing, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Music: plainchant, c. 1100s

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (343–413);

tr. John Mason Neale, 1851 & Henry W. Baker, 1861

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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# Wexford Carol – Good People All

1. Good peo - ple all, this Christ-mas time, Con - sid - er well and  
 2. The night be - fore that hap - py tide The no - ble vir - gin  
 3. *Let all your songs and prais - es be Un - to His Heav'n - ly*  
 4. Near Beth - le - hem did shep - herds keep Their flocks of lambs and  
 5. *With thank - ful heart and joy - ful mind, The shep - herds went the*  
 6. There were three wise men from a - far Di - rect - ed by a  
 7. Come, let us then our trib - utes pay To our good God, as

4 bear in mind What our good God for us has done, In  
 and her guide Were long time seek - ing up and down To  
*maj - es - ty; And ev - er - more, a - mongst our mirth, Re -*  
 feed - ing sheep; To whom God's an - gels did ap - pear Which  
*Babe to find, And as God's an - gel had fore - told, They*  
 glo - rious star, Came bold - ly on and made no stay Un -  
 well we may, For all His grace and mer - cy shown Through

7 send - ing His be - lov - ed Son. Then let us all both  
 find a lodg - ing in the town. But mark right well what  
*mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior's birth. That night the vir - gin*  
 put the shep - herds in great fear. "Pre - pare and go," the  
*did our Sav - ior Christ be - hold. With - in a man - ger*  
 til they came where Je - sus lay. And when they came un -  
 His Son to us till then un - known; And when through life we

10 sing and pray To God with love this Christ-mas Day; In  
 came to pass: From ev - 'ry door re - pelled, a - las! As  
*Mar - y mild, Was safe de - liv - ered of a child; Ac -*  
 an - gels said, "To Beth - le - hem, be not a - fraid; For  
*He was laid, And by His side the vir - gin maid At -*  
 to that place And looked with love on Je - sus' face, In  
 wind our way 'Mid trials and suf - f'rings, day by day, In

13 Beth - le - hem up - on that morn There was a blest Mes - si - ah born.  
 long fore - told, their re - fuge all Was but a hum - ble ox - en stall.  
*cord - ing un - to Heav'n's de - cree, Man's sweet sal - va - tion for to be.*  
 there you'll find, this hap - py morn, A prince - ly Babe, sweet Je - sus born."  
*tend - ing to the Lord of Life, Who came on earth to end all strife.*  
 faith they hum - bly knelt to greet, With gifts of gold and in - cense sweet.  
 faith and hope, what - e'er be - fall, We'll wait in peace His ho - ly call.

WEXFORD CAROL

8 8 . 8 8 . 8 8 . 8 8 .

Music & Text: Irish carol, c. 1100

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us stand and pray. [*stand*]

Heavenly Father,

**We thank You for making us partakers of the body and blood of Your Son,  
through the work of the Holy Spirit.**

**We praise You for serving us this heavenly food,  
which assures us that we belong, body and soul, in life and in death,  
to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Send us out in His strength to be salt and light wherever You lead us.**

**Draw many people to love and follow You,  
as they see Your truth, beauty, and goodness in us.**

**Amen.**

# The Lord Commissions Us

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King! Peace on earth, and  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; Late in time, be -  
 3. Come, De - sire of Na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home; Rise, the wom - an's  
 4. Ad - am's like - ness, Lord, ef - face; Stamp Thine im - age in its place: Sec - ond Ad - am  
 5. Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness! Light and life to

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise,  
 hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see;  
*con - qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head. Now dis - play Thy sav - ing pow'r,*  
 from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love. Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain,  
 all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. Mild He lays His glo - ry by,

Join the tri - umph of the skies; With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in  
 Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em -  
*Ru - ined na - ture now re - store; Now in mys - tic un - ion join Thine to ours, and*  
 Thee, the Life, the in - ner man: Oh, to all Thy - self im - part, Formed in each be -  
 Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them

Beth - le - hem!"  
 man - u - el.  
*ours to Thine.* Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"  
 liev - ing heart.  
 sec - ond birth.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855  
 Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

MENDELSSOHN  
 77.77.77.77. w/ refrain



# Benediction

Look up and receive the Lord's blessing.



# Contact & Announcements

We are a church of the CREC, a communion of churches in the Evangelical and Reformed tradition. We are grateful that you joined us today and would like to get to know you. If we can assist or pray for you in any way, or if you desire to join the church, contact Pastor Michael Hansen at [mhansen@christkingchurch.com](mailto:mhansen@christkingchurch.com) or 864-202-6920, Elder John Crawford at [jcrawford@christkingchurch.com](mailto:jcrawford@christkingchurch.com), or Elder Steve Roderer at [sroderer@christkingchurch.com](mailto:sroderer@christkingchurch.com).

- ✠ Christmastide Carols & Cocktails, South Wind Ranch, 5–9pm Friday, January 2
- ✠ Epiphany Vespers 6:30pm Tuesday, January 6
- ✠ Matins & LifeSing 8am, 2nd Thursdays, next January 8

To view our full upcoming schedule, please visit [ChristKingChurch.com](http://ChristKingChurch.com).

