



CHRIST the KING

SECOND LORD'S DAY AFTER

Christmas Day

JANUARY 4, 2026

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—worshiping 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

O Come, All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faithful, 2. True God of true God, 3. Sing choirs of an-gels; sing in ex- ul- ta- tion, 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap- py morn- ing: come ye, O come ye to Beth- le- hem; Come and be- low- ly na- ture He has not ab- horred; Son of the Sing, all ye cit- i- zens of heav'n a- bove; Glo- ry to Je- sus, to Thee be all glo- ry giv'n; Word of the hold Him, born the King of an- gels: Fa- ther, Be- got- ten, not cre- at- ed: God, All glo- ry in the high- est: O come, let us a- dore Him, O Fa- ther, now in flesh ap- pear- ing: come, let us a- dore Him, O come, let us a- dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Music: *Cantus Diversi*, 1751
Text: attr. John Francis Wade, c. 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

ADESTE FIDE LIS
Irregular

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 blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; alt.

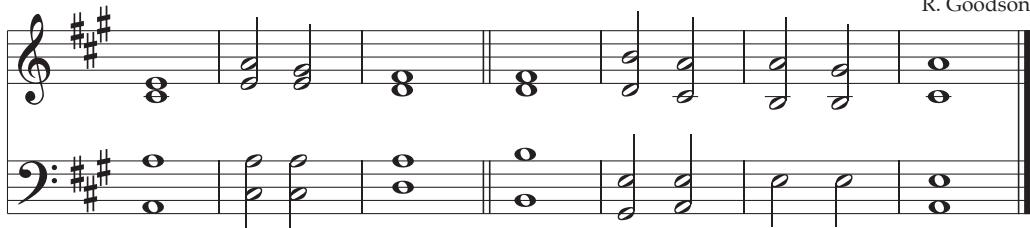
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

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



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

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may.
2. In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el, This bless - ed Babe was born
3. *From God our Heav'n - ly Fa - ther A* bless - ed an - gel came
4. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
5. *The shep - herds at those tid - ings Re - joic - ed much in mind*
6. But when to Beth - le - hem they came Where our dear Sav - ior lay,
7. Now to the Lord sing prais - es All you with - in this place

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day
And laid with - in a man - ger Up - on this bless - ed morn,
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
This day is born a Sav - ior Of a pure vir - gin bright,
And left their flocks a - feed - ing In tem - pest, storm and wind,
They found Him in a man - ger Where ox - en feed on hay;
And with true love and bro - ther - hood Each oth - er now em - brace.

To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
The which His moth - er Mar - y Did noth - ing take in scorn.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
To free all those who trust in Him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
And went to Beth - le - hem straight-way This bless - ed Babe to find.
His moth - er Mar - y kneel - ing Un - to the Lord did pray.
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Doth bring re - deem-ing grace.

Oh, tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy;
Oh, tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

GOD REST YE MERRY
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Lift up your hearts!

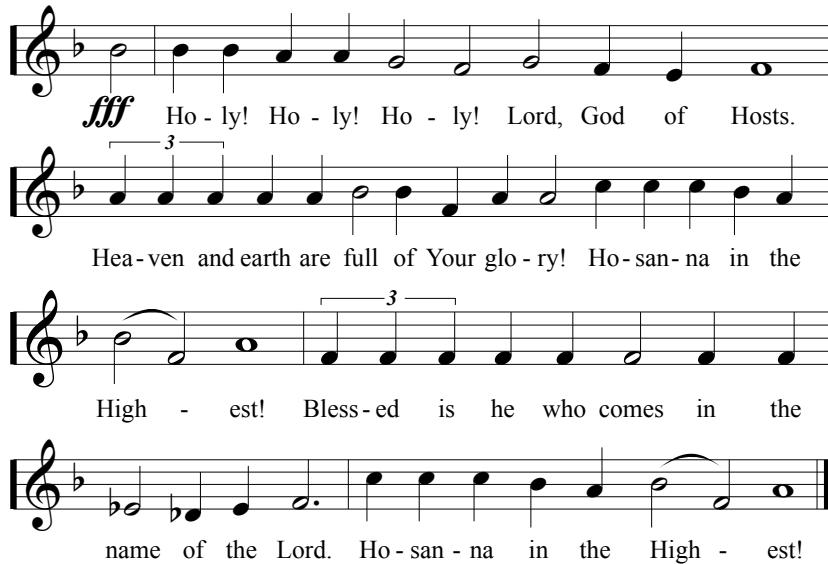
We lift them up to the Lord!

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

O Great God,
who wonderfully created,
and yet more wonderfully restored,
the dignity of human nature:
Grant that we may share
the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Source: Anglican Collect 2019

[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 7

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 5

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Gradual *[stand]*

Psalm 1

Blest and merry | is the | man,
Who walks not in the counsel | **oF** the | wicked.

And in the way of sinners | does not | stand,
And in the seat of mockers | **DOES** not | **SIT**;

But rather in Yahweh's Instruction is | his de- | light,
And on His Instruction he | med-i-tates | day and + night.

And he is like a tree planted by | streams of | waters,
Who yields his | fruit in his | season,

And his leaf | does not | wither,
And whatever he | **DOES** | prospers.

Not | so the | wicked!
But rather they are like the chaff that | Spir-it-wind | blows a-way.

Therefore the wicked will not | stand in + the | judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation | **oF** the | righteous.

For Yahweh knows the | way of + the | righteous,
But the way of the | wick-ed shall | perish.

*Praise to Yahweh, the | God of | Israel.
From everlasting and unto | e-ver- | last-ing.

A- | + + | men
Yes! | A-- | **MEN**!

Gospel Lesson MATTHEW 3:1-12

This is the Gospel of Christ!

Praise be to Christ!

Gloria Patri

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.

Music: Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

Text: Traditional, c. 100s

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Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon XXX

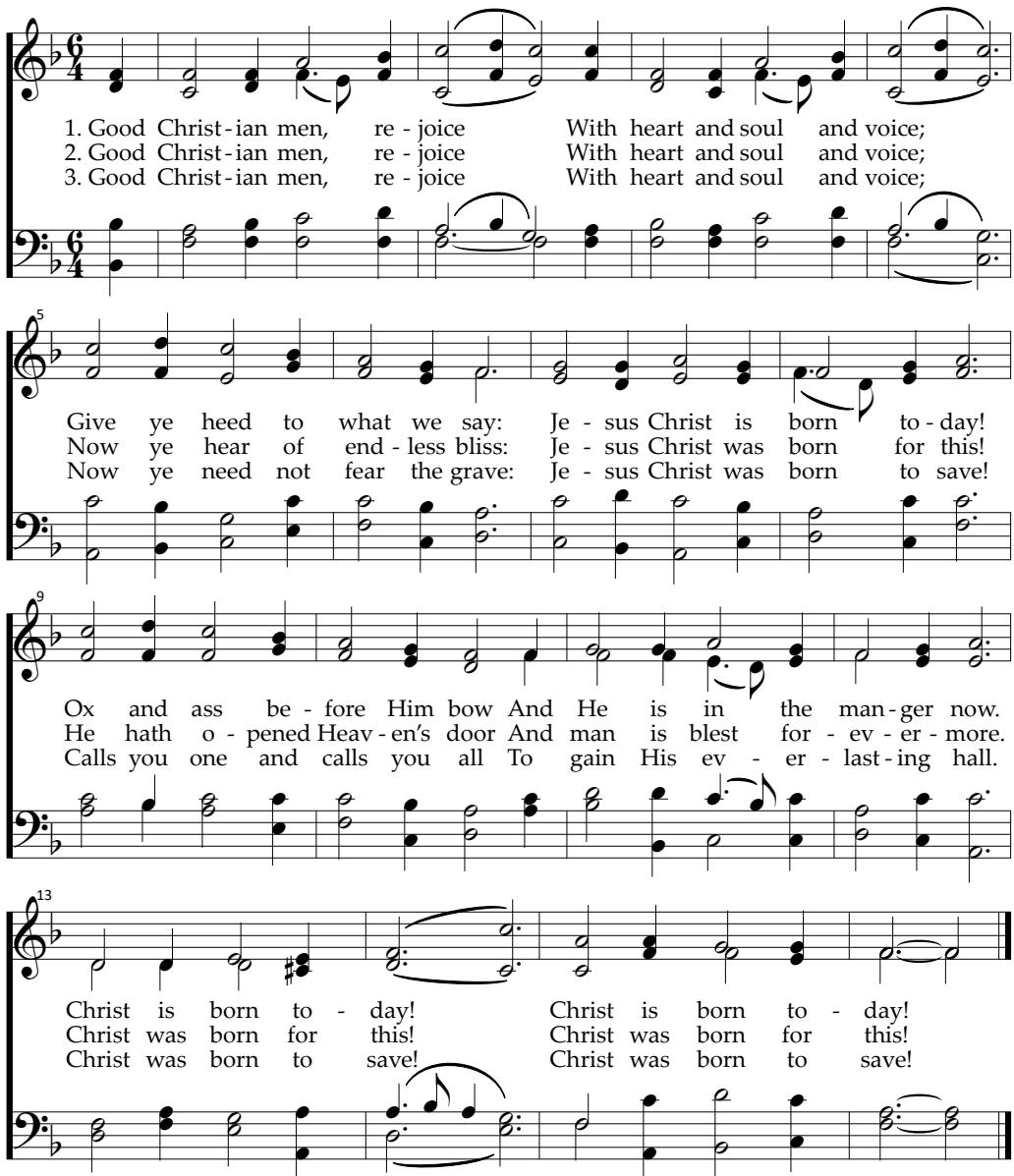
Prayer of Consecration

The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings

Good Christian Men, Rejoice



1. Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day!
Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be-fore Him bow And He is in the man-ger now.
He hath o-pened Heav-en's door And man is blest for ev-er-more.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev-er-last-ing hall.

Christ is born to-day!
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!

Christ is born to-day!
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!

Music: German traditional melody, c. 1300s; harm. John Stainer (1840–1901); alt.

Text: Latin carol, c. 1300s; tr. John Mason Neale, 1853

IN DULCI JUBILO

6 6. 7 7. 7 8. 5 5.

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



The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature (4/4). It features a series of eighth and sixteenth note chords. The lyrics "Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy." are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature (4/4). It also features eighth and sixteenth note chords. The lyrics "Lord have mer - cy. Ky-ri - e Chri - ste." are written below the notes.

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, [especially _____,] 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]

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, featuring a soprano and basso continuo. The soprano staff uses a treble clef, and the basso continuo staff uses a bass clef. The music is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some quarter notes and rests. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a specific section of the Lord's Prayer. The score is divided into four sections, each with its own musical line and text. The first section starts with a dotted half note followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second section begins with a dotted half note followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The third section starts with a dotted half note followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth section starts with a dotted half note followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are as follows:

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be Thy Name, Thy King - dom come,
Thy will— be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
And for - give us our debts — as we for - give our debt - ors,
And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv - er us from e-vil.

[lift joined hands]

For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry For-ev-er! 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 17]

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 18]

Guitar chords are for unison singing only

Sing We Now of Christmas

1. Sing we now of Christ - mas, No - el sing we here!
2. An - gels called to shep - herds, "Leave your flocks at rest;
3. *In the stall they found Him; Joseph and Mary mild*
4. From the east - ern coun - try Came the kings a - far,
5. Gold and myrrh they took there, Gifts of great - est price;

List - en to our prai - ses To the Babe so dear.
Jour - ney forth to Beth - leh'm, Find the Lamb - kin blest."
Seat - ed 'round the man - ger, Watch - ing the ho - ly Child.
Bear - ing gifts to Beth - leh'm Guid - ed by a star.
There was ne'er a sta - ble So like Par - a - dise.

Sing we No - el, the King is born, No - el!

Sing we now of Christ - mas, Sing we all No - el.

Music: French carol, 1400's; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Text: French carol, 1400's

NOËL NOUVELET

6 5. 6 5. w/ refrain

Once in Royal David's City

Guitar chords for unison singing only

1. Once in royal Dav-id's ci - ty Stood a low - ly cat - tle - shed,
 2. He came down to earth from Hea - ven Who is God and Lord of all,
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; Day by day like us He grew;
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re-deem-ing love;
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en stand - ing by.

Where a moth - er laid her Ba - by In a man - ger for His bed:
 And His shel - ter was a sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall;
He was lit - tle, weak and help - less; Tears and smiles like us He knew;
 For that Child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in Heav'n a - bove;
 We shall see Him, but in Heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
 With the poor and meek and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
And He feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 And He leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
 When like stars His chil - dren crowned All in white His praise will sound.

Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919
 Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

IRBY
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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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3. He shall come down like show - ers, Up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4. A - ra - bia's de - sert rang - er To Him shall bow the knee,
 5. Kings shall bow down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 6. O'er ev - ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest.

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong.
 And joy and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 The E - thi - o - pian stran - ger His glo - ry come to see;
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All - bless - ing and all - blest.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go
 With of - frings of de - vo - tion Ships from the isles shall meet
 To Him shall pray'r un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend,
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;

To take a - way trans - gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Are pre - cious in His sight.
 And right - eous - ness, in foun - tains, From hill to val - ley flow.
 To pour the wealth of o - cean In trib - ute at His feet.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for ev - er - That name to us is Love.

Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl.*, 1784

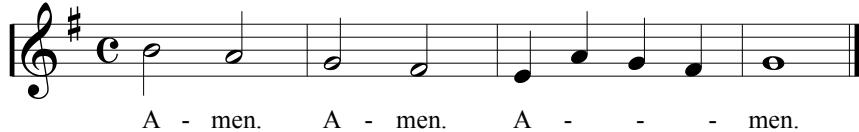
Text: James Montgomery, 1821

ELLACOMBE

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Benediction

Look up and receive the Lord's blessing.



A musical notation in common time (C) and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are: A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

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 or 864-202-6920, Elder John Crawford at jcrawford@christkingchurch.com, or Elder Steve Roderer at sroderer@christkingchurch.com.

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.

