

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020  
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

*What he was, he laid aside; what he was not, he assumed. He takes upon himself the poverty of my flesh so that I may receive the riches of his divinity. — Gregory Nazianzen*

*Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising  
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.*

— Frank Houghton, *Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor*

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

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

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

Congregation: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God...

Leader: For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things

Congregation: Whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader: Let us hear what God the LORD will speak,

Congregation: For he will speak peace to his people, to his saints!

— from *Isaiah 9:2,6; John 1:9; Colossians 1:19-20; Psalm 85:8*

## Invocation

### O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

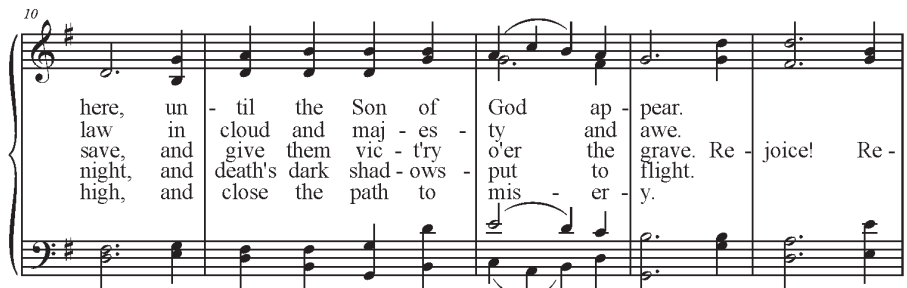
Music: 13th Century Plainsong, arr. by Thomas Helmore

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in five lines, corresponding to the five verses listed on the left. The first system covers the first five lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The piano accompaniment features a simple, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes, typical of a plainsong arrangement.

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


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

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here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re -  
night, and death's dark shad - ows - put to flight.  
high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

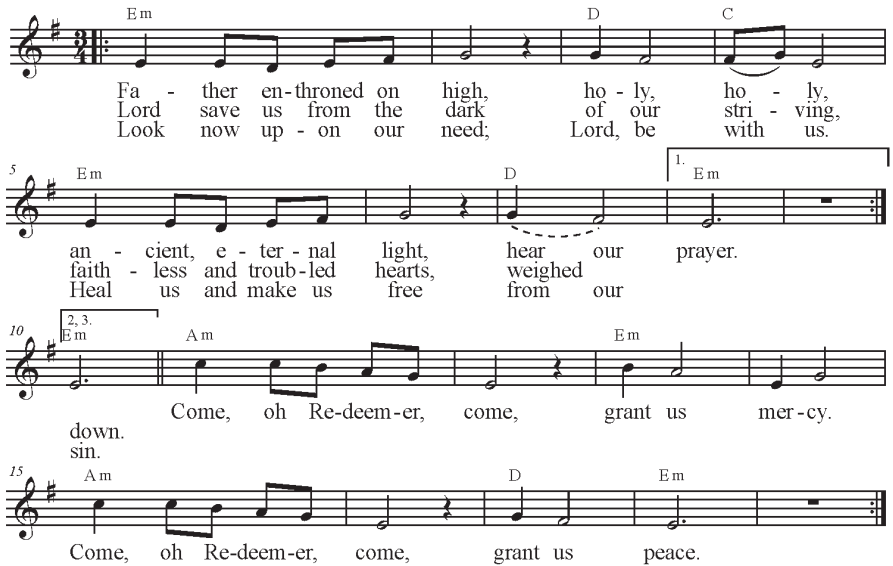
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joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

## Come, Oh Redeemer, Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega



Em D C

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

5 Em D 1. Em

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

10 2, 3. Em Am Em

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

15 Am D Em

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

## Call to Confession

Leader: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”  
— *Isaiah 30:15*

## Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. – from John Knox, *Liturgy of 1560*

## Declaration of Absolution

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

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

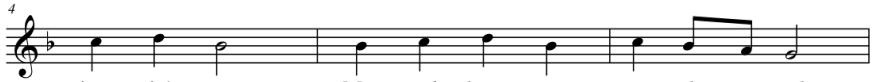
**Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

# 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.

## Offertory

### Doxology

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

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.

### Pastoral Prayer

**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

## Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

## Lord's Supper

*Invitation*

Minister: What do you believe?

**Congregation: There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.**

- 1 Timothy 2:5-6a

*Words of Institution*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

# 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!

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.

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,

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.

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

## Benediction



# WELCOME

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

## SUNDAYS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education and Sunday school gatherings on Sunday mornings via Zoom:

**Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism.** Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion on Zoom! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

### FOR FAMILIES

Parents, you might try some of these ideas to help your child(ren) understand and better connect with our worship service.

#### During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. During the sermon, children might then complete one of the worship activities provided at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids).
- For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.

#### After the service / 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](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids)) to help children understand each part. 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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs). Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

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# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

*Currently there are no groups meeting in person, but some ministries and groups are still meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person to learn more.*

**Men's Fellowship Groups:** Rev. Nathan Barczy ([nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

**Women's Ministry:** Laura Martin ([laura.a.martin87@gmail.com](mailto:laura.a.martin87@gmail.com))

**Youth Community Group:** Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org))

**Vocational Fellowship Groups:** Rev. Nathan Barczy ([nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

**College Students** can join Reformed University Fellowships

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MIT: [solomon.kim@ruf.org](mailto:solomon.kim@ruf.org).

**Meals Ministry:** Erin Ward ([meals@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:meals@ctkcambridge.org))

**Overseas Partner Liaison:** Morgan Crago ([missions@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [ctkcambridge.org/giving](http://ctkcambridge.org/giving).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Saturday, December 12, CTK is glad to let Starlight ministries use our church for their **Annual Christmas Banquet**. Starlight ministries is a branch of the Emmanuel Gospel Center and works to alleviate homelessness in Boston, and we have helped with their Christmas events in the past. Given the current situation, this will be a drop-by event where guests can come get a packaged meal and a gift. Starlight staff will use our kitchen to cook the food, but will need some help packing things and greeting the guests! Please consider signing up for some of the volunteer slots. You can contact [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org) for the sign-up sheet.

Celebrate the Advent season with singing at **CTK's Eighth Annual Christmas Concert**, this year online! Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 12, at 6:30pm. Stay tuned for links and other information, and contact [amanda@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:amanda@ctkcambridge.org) with questions.

Join us on **Christmas Eve for a Lessons & Carols service held online**. While this service will be different than years past, one tradition we will be maintaining is the **lighting of candles for the last two songs of the service**. There will be candles available at the church for those who attend in person on Sundays to pick up; otherwise, you can sign up for a candle at [ctkcambridge.org/candles](http://ctkcambridge.org/candles).

## THIS WEEK AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)*

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation)

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)

Wed, 9a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Fri, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Online

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