

HOLY COMMUNION SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023



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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at tigardlutherans.com/connect.

Sunday, December 10, 2023 • Second Sunday of Advent

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the **bold print.**

Gathering

INVOCATION

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins. Bendita sea Dios, Creador, 🕂 Redentor, y Sabadurio Santo.

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world.

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

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The assembly stands.

Johannes Olearius wrote this hymn in 1671, based on Isaiah 40:1-8. Catherine Winkworth provided this translation from German to English in her Chorale Book for England, 1863. Olearius, a Lutheran pastor, was born in Halle, Germany, educated at the University of Wittenberg, and rose to positions of power and authority in the church of his day. This tune, perhaps adapted from a French folk song by Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561), was first printed in the Genevan Psalter of 1551 for a setting of Psalm 42. The Genevan Psalter was developed at the insistence of John Calvin, the Reformed theologian, who believed that only the psalms should be sung in worship. His great influence on the church kept Reformed churches singing only psalms for centuries.



APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ELEISON



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The second candle of the Advent wreath is lighted.

The assembly is seated.

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God. Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth. **Amen.**

Word

READING ISAIAH 40:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, the fortieth chapter.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A reading from Psalm 85.

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

READING

2 PETER 3:8-15A

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God. A reading from the second letter of Peter, the third chapter.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

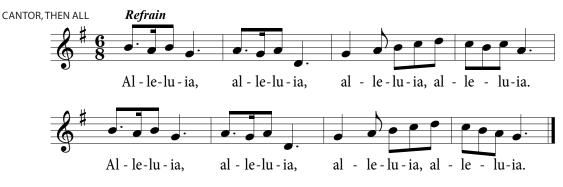
The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.



CANTOR Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation, the salvation of God.

HOLY GOSPEL MARK 1:1-8

El Santo Evangelio según Marcos, capítulo uno.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!*)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior. Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

THE HOMILY

PASTOR DOROTHY

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL **Refrain**

HYMN OF THE DAY

The assembly stands.

Charles Coffin wrote this text in Latin for the Paris Breviary, published in 1736. It was translated into English by John Chandler for his Hymns of the Primitive Church (Chandler mistakenly thought it was a medieval text). The text has since undergone many revisions, and today it is hard to find two hymnals in which the text is the same. Almost all hymnals include the same five verses, but the wording changes quite significantly between texts. The overall theme of the verses, however, is evident regardless of the version used. Stanzas one and two are a message to us, instructing us to prepare the way of the Lord today. In stanza three, we confess our need for salvation, in stanza four we pray for healing and love, and stanza five acts as a doxology. The tune PUER NOBIS NASCITUR was adapted to this form by Michael Praetorius in a 1609 collection of Protestant choral music.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The lay assistant offers the prayers.	With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.
A brief silence.	Send forth your faithful people with words of promise and forgiveness. Teach your church to be bold in revealing your good news in word and in deed. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
	Reveal your majesty in mountain peaks, flowing rivers, and blossoming wilderness roads. Heal the earth where it longs for renewal. Bring wholeness to the earth and all its creatures. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
	Turn the hearts of the nations toward righteousness and peace. Increase cooperation for justice between countries, commonwealths, political parties, and diplomatic leaders. In times of prosperity, direct leaders to be generous for the sake of all. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
	Comfort your people with tender words of love and healing, especially Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Myrna and Jerry, Betty, Don, and Hal. Surround all who are grieving, especially Marlene Dutton and family; all who know depression or anxiety; and all who feel lonely or forgotten. Be a steadfast presence when all else feels uncertain. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
	Grant holy patience to all who are waiting this season. Give hope to those seeking employment. Bring reassurance to people awaiting new diagnoses or treatments. Protect expectant parents. Watch with those who keep bedside vigil. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
Here other intercessions	For what else do the people of God pray?
may be offered.	With you a thousand years is like a day. Bless the memory of the saints from ages past and the anticipation of saints yet to be born. Inspire us to live with faith as we await your new heaven and new earth. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
The presiding minister concludes the prayers.	Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. Amen.
	PASSING THE PEACE
	La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.
	The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you. (<i>Y también contigo.)</i>
The assembly is seated.	
	WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

The assembly stands. Author Ann Bell Worley writes: "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" was my first hymn. It started with the first line in my head during the season of Advent. At the time, I was on staff at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, and a fellow minister, who was also a gifted musician, played "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" on banjo, which struck a deep chord with me and fostered my love of the tune, HOLY MANNA. I remember writing down the first line of "God Almiahtv," and keeping a notebook by my bedside that evening, tossing and turning, and writing a line at a time. In the morning, I had a full hymn." She continues: "My undergraduate degree is in music, and I grew up in a liturgical tradition. Both of those factors highly influenced my experience in and contributions to the Baptist churches I served. I loved teaching the significance of the Christian year in a denomination that traditionally didn't follow it, because it had tremendous impact on people who were intentionally living their faith and hadn't been exposed to Christian seasons outside of Christmas and Easter. The season of Advent holds special importance to me as the anticipation of a new beginning, so I suppose it's no accident my first hymn would be an Advent hymn!"



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

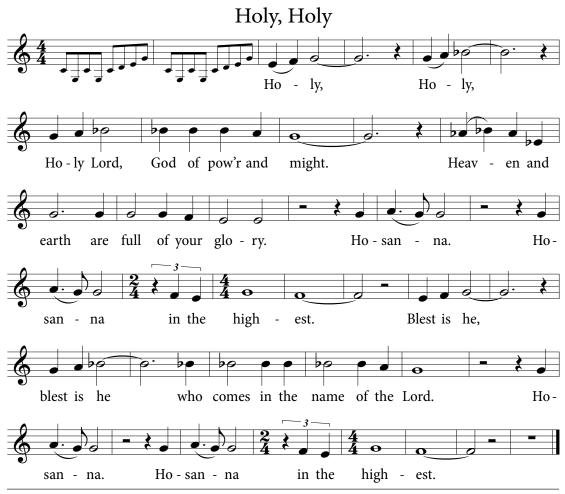
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

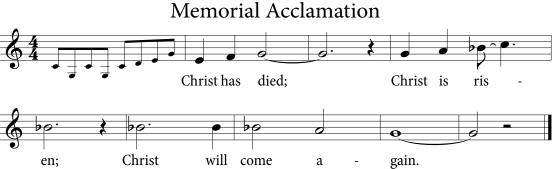
PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



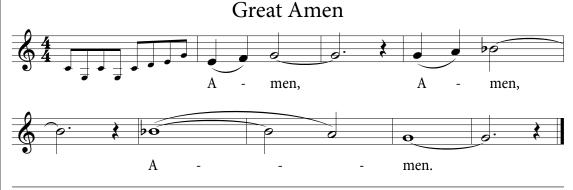
With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at this meal.

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Alberto Viñas Taulé wrote this text for the season of Advent, utilizing images of promise from the Hebrew Scriptures and those of fulfillment through Christ's birth from the New Testament. Taulé, a Roman Catholic priest, has served a small parish in Barcelona, Spain, and worked for the national offices on lituraical issues related to music. He composed this tune for his own text, and it was named TAULE in U.S. hymnals to honor him.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

Dios todopoderoso, Creador, 🕂 Redentor, Sabiduría Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

Almighty God, Creator, 🕂 Redeemer, Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Charles Wesley first published this hymn in a 1747 pamphlet with the title "Hymns for those that seek and those that have Redemption in the Blood of Jesus Christ." Many believe his inspiration for these words stemmed from the poems of Dryden or Joseph Addison. Charles Wesley was born in Epworth, England, and was educated for the Anglican priesthood. He was ordained in 1735 and assisted his brother John in spreading the doctrines of the Oxford Methodists. Charles never renounced his Anglican ordination vows, however. Rowland Hugh Prichard composed HYFRYDOL before the age of 20. It came into use with English hymns when it appeared in The English Hymnal (1906). Prichard felt strongly about the music used during worship and often wrote tunes to replace those he viewed as inappropriate. His tunes were easy to sing but conveyed a sense of power and majesty. Most were first published in Welsh periodicals.

In-person and online worshipers are invited to spend a few moments greeting one another on the Zoom balcony.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling									
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

ALL ARE WELCOME



IN THIS PLACE

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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WEEKLY NEWS

This is an abbreviated list of announcements. Be sure to read the weekly eNews for complete coverage of this week's news. Follow the link or QR code in the blue box above to subscribe.

WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m. at the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZp WFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID 865 1710 7296 Password 299944

CRISTO REY

Hermanos y hermanas, ven a celebrar la misa bilingüe el segundo y el cuarto domingo de cada mes a las 5 p.m. Gracias a Dios!

Brothers and sisters, worship at bilingual mass the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 5 p.m. You don't have to speak Spanish. The service is printed in both languages.

ADVENT 2023

Waiting, listening, watching, and singing! Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

We listen! Advent 2, December 10, we hear the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way!

We watch! Advent 3, December 17, we hear that voice even louder, testifying to the "light of the world."

We sing! Advent 4, December 24, we sing with Mary, the mother of Jesus, rejoicing in God's goodness.

Finally, we rejoice! With angels and shepherds we adore the child! **Christmas Eve, December 24,** 7 p.m. Bilingual.

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. English only.

GETTING INVOLVED

Your continued financial support of this faith community makes so many ministries possible. In addition to financial support, you are invited participate in any of the ministry teams of Christ the King. We pray you will find a place at the table that is a perfect fit for you. Prayerfully consider how you will answer if a nominating team member calls to invite you into service.

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS

Be sure to have your 2023 financial contributions in by Sunday, December 31, to be included on your 2023 giving statements.

ADULT EDUCATION

Women of the Bible continues the Advent series on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom. If this is the first time you will be joining us, contact Tim (503-639-2789, ext. 101) or Pastor Dorothy (503-639-2789 ext. 102) for study guide and materials.

PRAYER REQUESTS

When you have a prayer request, there are several ways you can communicate that with us. Please call the church office (503-639-2789), send an email to **ctkoffice@ tigardlutherans.com**, call Pastor Dorothy's cell phone (503-849-6383), or visit **tigardlutherans.com** and click on the Communication tab.

GIVING

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
 - Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
 - Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
 - Set up a recurring or single payment through Vanco by visiting our website and clicking on the Donate tab.
 - Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.





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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

Por lo tanto, recibíos los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creyendo que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aquí.



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