



HOLY COMMUNION  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 24, 2023

**CHRIST THE KING**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  

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## **Sunday, December 24, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."*

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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*

*The assembly stands.  
All may make the sign  
of the cross as the  
presiding minister begins.*

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### **INVOCATION**

Bendita sea Dios, Creador, † Redentor, y Sabadurío Santo.

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

**Amen.**

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### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*The assembly stands.*

*In the medieval Western church, seven "Great O" antiphons, the basis for this hymn, were sung consecutively on the seven days before Christmas.*

*The hymn tune, VENI EMMANUEL, was likely derived from phrases of plainsong melodies.*

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3. O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's  
 4. O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your  
 5. O come, De - sire of Na - tions, come, O Cor - ner - stone that  
 6. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

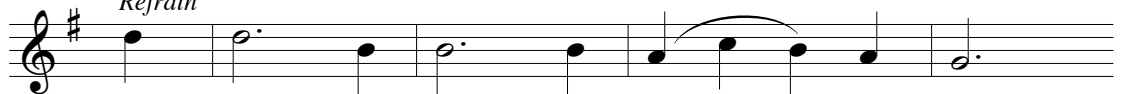


Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple  
 ad - vent here; love stir with - in the womb of  
 binds in one: re - fresh the hearts that long for  
 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 stay; teach us your will and guide our way.  
 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 night, and death's own shad - ows put to flight.  
 you; re - store the bro - ken, make us new.  
 here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

### *Refrain*



Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el



shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

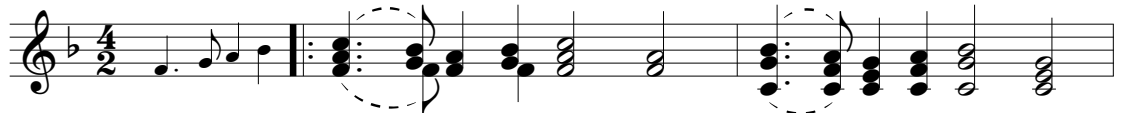
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

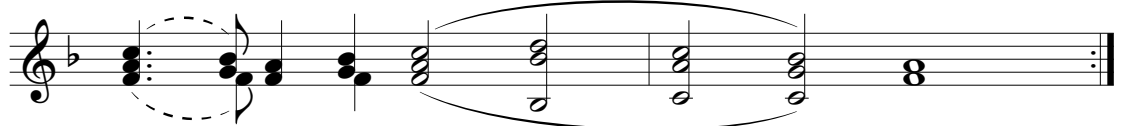
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

### Ukrainian Kyrie



1. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2. Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son.  
3. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - son.  
Chris - te e - lei - - - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - son.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept  
before the prayer.*

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The third candle of the  
Advent wreath is lighted.*

We praise you, O God, for this circle of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Word

### READING

2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

*Instead of David building  
a house (temple) for God,  
God promises to establish  
David's house (dynasty)  
forever. Centuries later,  
after the Babylonian  
exile, no king sat on the  
throne. Even then, however,  
the people of Israel  
remembered this promise  
and continued to hope  
for a king, the messiah,  
God's anointed.*

A reading from Second Samuel, the seventh chapter.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved

about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because, in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.*

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## READING

ROMANS 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans, the sixteenth chapter.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.*

CANTOR, THEN ALL

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CANTOR Behold, I am the handmaid, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. Alleluia.

ALL *Refrain*

*In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places, to an ordinary young woman. Mary and her relative, Elizabeth recognize the significance of their pregnancies and rejoice. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. This king will agitate the royal households as well as the temple leaders.*

*El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo uno.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

*El Evangelio del Salvador.*

The Gospel of the Savior.

**Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)**

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

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### My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise



1. My heart sings out with joy - ful praise to God who rais - es me,  
2. The arm of God is strong and just to scat - ter all the proud.  
3. The prom - ise made in a - ges past at last has come to be,



who came to me when I was low and changed my des - ti - ny.  
The ty - rants tum - ble from their thrones and van - ish like a cloud.  
for God has come in power to save, to set all peo - ple free.



The Ho - ly One, the Liv - ing God, is al - ways full of grace  
The hun - gry all are sat - is - fied, the rich are sent a - way.  
Re - mem - bering those who wait to see sal - va - tion's dawn - ing day,



to those who seek their Mak - er's will in ev - ery time and place.  
The poor on earth who suf - fer long will wel - come God's new day.  
our Sav - ior comes to all who weep to wipe their tears a - way.

*The assembly stands.  
Pastor, scholar, and  
hymnwriter Ruth Duck has  
composed a paraphrase  
of the Magnificat that  
expresses joy in the God  
who is present with grace  
for "those who seek their  
Maker's will" and with  
justice for the poor and  
hungry. The recently  
published ecumenical  
African American  
hymnal, One Lord, One  
Faith, One Baptism,  
pairs Duck's text with  
the familiar tune CAROL,  
most often associated  
with "It Came upon a  
Midnight Clear," a hymn  
for the Christmas season  
that expresses a strong  
social justice message.*

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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

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*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.*

You promise mercy to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants forever. Bring your church into thoughtful, caring, and collaborative relationship with those of other faiths. Strengthen our shared values, that we work together in caring for our world. Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

As fields and crops lie dormant, bless them with holy rest. Prepare them to thrive, that they provide abundant food in due season. Protect animals who hibernate and provide for all who scavenge for food in the lean season. Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

You raise up the lowly and cast down the arrogant. Teach humility to all in positions of authority. Break down systems of oppression, especially systems that perpetuate inequity and exclusion. Do not allow wealth, power, or pride to become idols that obscure your call to justice. Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Look with favor upon all who cry out to you. Accompany with tenderness all who are afraid or ill, especially Don, Hal, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Myrna and Jerry, and Betty. Rescue all who experience abuse or who live under threat of violence, especially refugees, immigrants, and asylum-seekers in search of a safe and stable home. Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

You are pleased to make your home among us. Make our homecomings joyful as we gather with friends, families, and chosen families in celebration. Grant safety to all who travel. Sustain the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and other ministries that assist in setting up new homes. Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For what else do the people of God pray?

Blessed are you for Mary and all your servants in every generation who lived according to your promise of mercy, especially Vi Cotter. Strengthen us by their example until the revelation of your glory is made known. 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.**

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## PASSING THE PEACE

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*La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you. (Y también contigo.)**

*The assembly is seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# Meal

## PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

### OFFERTORY HYMN

#### God Almighty, We Are Waiting



1. God Al - might - y, we are wait - ing for a sav - ior  
2. God In - car - nate, we are wait - ing for the feast day  
3. God, the Spir - it, we are wait - ing for your pres - ence



to ap - pear. Meet us in our des - ert jour - ney;  
of your birth. Look - ing back and look - ing for - ward  
here and now. Hum - bled by our sin - ful weak - ness,



give a sign that you are near: burn - ing bush - es,  
to the Christ's re - turn to earth. Help us to pro -  
at your mer - cy we will bow. Search our hearts and



part - ed wa - ters, food a - plen - ty in the wild.  
claim the gos - pel, till the world is rec - on ciled.  
make us read - y, speak in lan - guage strong and mild,



As we look for signs and won - ders, help us see you in a child.  
Let us set your ho - ly ta - ble for each wom - an, man, and child.  
help each one of us, your peo - ple, to re - ceive you like a child.

### 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 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 Almighty," 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!"*

## 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:

### Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,  
Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blest is he,  
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

### Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died; Christ is ris -  
en; Christ will come a - gain.

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.

**Great Amen**

A - men, A - men,  
A - - - men.

**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.**

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 liturgical issues related to music. He composed this tune for his own text, and it was named TAULE in U.S. hymnals to honor him.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

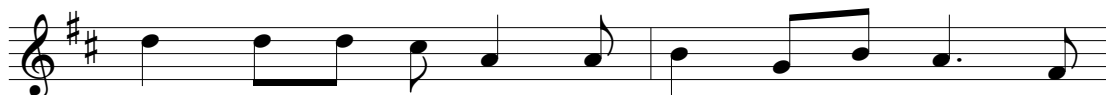
### All Earth Is Hopeful



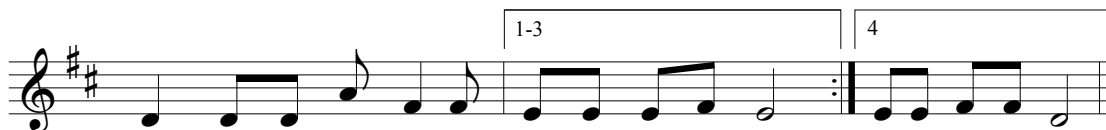
1. All earth is hope-ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2. Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3. Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be made plain;  
 4. We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el": she con -  
 o - pen new high - ways, new high - ways for our God, who is  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 now com - ing clo - ser, so come all and see, and  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



God's truth and jus - tice set ev - ery - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 o - pen the door - ways as wide as wide can be.  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

## 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.**

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, Rory Cooney's paraphrase of the Magnificat recaptures both the wonder and the faith of a young Mary at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55). Rory Cooney has been Director of Liturgy and Music Ministries at St. Anne Catholic Community in Barrington, Illinois, since 1994. His published compositions span a career of songwriting that began in the early 1970s.

## Canticle of the Turning



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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## DISMISSAL

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

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

# Christmas Eve Service



*Servicio de Nochebuena*



**December 24, 7 p.m.**  
**in person and on Zoom. Bilingual.**

***24 de diciembre, 7 p.m.***  
***en persona y en Zoom. Bilingüe.***

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## WEEKLY eNEWS

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## 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=aVZpWFV0b0QzbFF6ZlVPTDFsL0FZQT09>

Phone-in # **1-253-215-8782**

Meeting ID **865 1710 7296** Password **299944**

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## 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.

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## ADVENT 2023

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

**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.

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## 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.

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## ADULT EDUCATION

*Women of the Bible* will return in January. Watch this space!

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## 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](mailto:ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com), call Pastor Dorothy's cell phone (503-849-6383), or visit [tigardlutherans.com](https://tigardlutherans.com) and click on the Communication tab.

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## 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.

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## 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](https://tigardlutherans.com) 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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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.

Creando 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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