

# HOLY COMMUNION CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25, 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 www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

# Sunday, December 25, 2023 • Christmas Day

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

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**

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

En el nombre del Padre, y del 🕂 Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

God of life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.** 

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

John Francis Wade (1711-1786) is believed to be the writer of this Latin text. The English version is based on a translation by Frederick Oakeley beginning "Ye faithful, approach ye." John F. Wade was an Englishman who worked in Douay, France, a center for Catholic refugees from England following the abdication of King James II. Hymns that he wrote and transcribed from Latin were published in 1751. ADESTE FIDELIS is a Roman Catholic tune that has found wide acceptance in Protestant churches. When the tune was first printed in 1782, no composer's name was indicated. Wade is credited as the composer, but it is not known if the melody is original or copied from an earlier source.



# **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.

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** Glory Be to God on High to God on high, to all peo-ple, peace Lamb of God and Lord 1. Glo - ry be on earth. 2. Je - sus Christ we now de-clare of Love. the Ho - ly One, prais-es sing in high - est heaven; 3. Prais - es to An - gels, shep-herds draw - ing nigh, join to cel - e - brate his birth. Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer, give us grace from heaven a - bove. Fa - ther and the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it given. ri - a Glo 0 Glo De - o, in ex - cel - sis ri - a in ex-cel-sis De 0. <u>.</u>

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

# Word

FIRST READING ISAIAH 9:2-7

deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's

passion for the people:

The zeal of the Lord

of hosts will do this!

This poem promises

A reading from Isaiah, the ninth chapter.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

A reading of Psalm 98.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

# **SECOND READING**

HEBREWS 1:1-4

This letter opens with a lofty declaration of Jesus' preeminent status as the Son through whom God created the world and through whom our sins are cleansed. God speaks to us now through the Son, who is exalted even above the angels.

A reading from Hebrews, the first chapter.

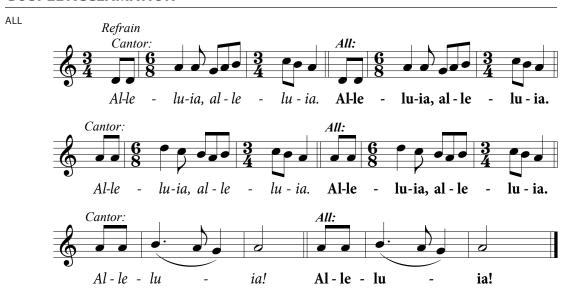
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.



CANTOR A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.

ALL **Refrain** 

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 2:1-20

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo dos.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

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

The assembly is seated.

**THE HOMILY**—CHRISTMAS IS CHRISTMAS

**PASTOR DOROTHY** 

The assembly stands.

Charles Wesley wrote this text less than one year after his conversion experience. The hymn is a condensed course in biblical doctrine in 10 stanzas, using a variety of terms for the newborn Christ. Wesley published it in his 1739 hymnal, and many consider it his finest hymn. Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy composed the tune MENDELSSOHN in 1840, but it was not set to Wesley's Christmas words until 15 years later.





an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le - hem!" With Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el. raise each child of earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.



#### **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.

# **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

A brief silence.

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God. We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

This day dawns with new hope for all living things. From ocean depths to mountain peaks the earth rejoices. Inspire in us an urgent zeal to protect the planet and renew its resources. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the powerless. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Guard the lives of any in danger, especially those who work to protect others. Lead any who are in desperate circumstances to sanctuary, help, and safety. Grant rest to the weary, soothe those who are troubled, and heal the sick, especially Betty, Don, Hal, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, Jean, and Myrna and Jerry. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Bless all who gather to worship on this holy day. Be present at our tables and celebrations, and watch over those who travel. Sustain charities, outreach ministries, and food pantries that give generously to people in need, especially King's Kindness Food Pantry and Just Compassion. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks for those in every generation who reflect the light of Christ. May their witness shine forth in our time. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

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. (Y también contigo.)

The assembly is seated.

# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Meal

# PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

# **OFFERTORY HYMN**



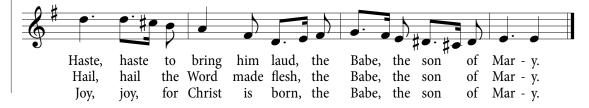
- 1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
- 2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
- 3. So bring him in cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas-ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing? Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing: Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; Raise, raise the song on high, the moth - er sings her lul - la - by;



The assembly stands.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) wrote a longer Christmas poem, "The Manger Throne," from which this hymn is derived. It appeared in this form with the tune GREENSLEEVES in Christmas Carols New and Old (1871). The old English tune has been traced to 1580. William Shakespeare mentioned the tune GREENSLEEVES in his play The Merry Wives of Windsor. There Shakespeare joked that it could not be used as a tune for singing Psalm 100. However, from its earliest reference in history, it has been used with both sacred and secular words.

# **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. 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**

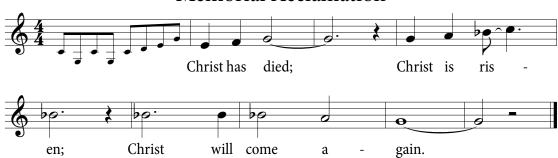
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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

# Memorial Acclamation



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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

now and forever. Amen.

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, All are welcome at this meal.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

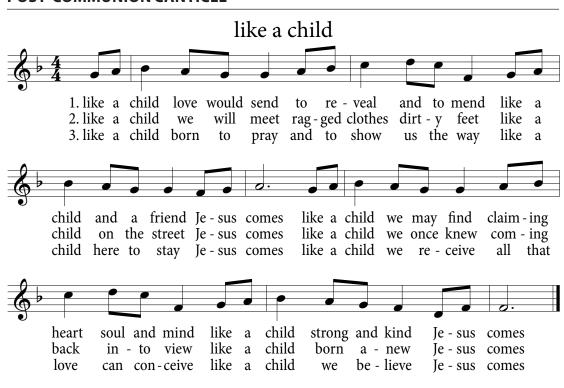
# COMMUNION BLESSING

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**



# **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# **SENDING BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with light and hope. **Amen.** 

Traditionally many Christmas hymns have explored the birth of Jesus as the coming of a monarch: "Glory to the new-born King!" "Noel, born is the King of Israel." "Let earth receive her King." Others have explored the images of Jesus, born in humble surroundings: "Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall." "Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed." Poets are always searching for metaphors to express the nature of the Incarnation. The Rev. Daniel Charles Damon is amona the more recent hymn writers who explore the coming of infant Jesus in fresh ways. Reminiscent of e.e. cummings' poetic style, Damon wrote his original poem with no capital letters or punctuation. Presented as a poem rather than interlined with the music. the indented lines of the text provide a visual symbol of the Christ child descending to earth. Damon composed a child-like melody to accompany this new carol. Rather than comparing the Christ-child to royalty or detailing the humble surroundings of the manger scene. Damon looks at children in the world and sees Christ-like aualities in them. Look at the children around you, he tells us in

this carol, and you will see glimpses of the infant Jesus.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) original poem was entitled Psalms of David, Imitated Lowell Mason (1792-1872) is credited as the composer George F. Handel's Messiah in the tune.





# **DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. Thanks be to God.

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

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



# **WEEKLY eNEWS**

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 green box above to subscribe.

# WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAYS 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

# **POINSETTIAS**

Please remember to take your poinsettia(s) home with you after today's service.

# **OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed most of the week between Christmas and New Year. We will be checking phone and email messages from time to time. If you have a pastoral emergency, please leave a message for Pastor Dorothy at the church phone number 503-639-2789 ext. 102. Pastor Patricia Hughes will be leading worship on December 31.

# **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.

# **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.

# **ADULT EDUCATION**

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

# **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.

# **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.

# **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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# 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, recibios 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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