



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

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“O Come All Ye Faithful”

by C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels

Sing in exultation

O sing all ye bright Hosts of heav'n above

Glory to God

All Glory in the highest

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP - Based on Matthew 1:6-11

Leader: *O God of promise, You have woven
Your grace through generations,*

People: From David to the exile, Your mercy
endures forever.

Leader: *Though kings fell and the people strayed,*

People: Your faithfulness remained unshaken.

Leader: *In the lineage of broken men, You brought forth salvation.*

People: Glory to Christ, the fulfillment of every promise!

Leader: *Let us worship the God who redeems through all generations.*

All: We lift our hearts to the King who reigns forever!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“Lift Up Your Heads”

*by Catherine Winkworth, Georg Weiszel,
and Lloyd Larson*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

A helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
 Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

ADVENT READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord of all generations, we confess the sin of our wandering hearts, like David, whose desires strayed from your holy will; like Solomon, whose wisdom gave way to folly; like Rehoboam, who trusted in pride over your word.

We have loved the gifts more than the Giver,
and followed paths of rebellion as did the kings
of Judah. Our hearts have been divided, our
worship untrue, our allegiance fractured.

Yet you, O God, are faithful to your promises, bringing forth the Redeemer from a line stained with sin. Wash us in his blood, restore us by your Spirit, and lead us in the way of the righteous, for the glory of your name.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Isaiah 44:22

Hear this good news:

“I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

“Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)”

by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Jess Cates

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come

So we wait we wait for You
Lord, we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
Lord, we wait You're coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come

GREETING

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

People: And also with you!

Leader: *Let us share His peace with one another.*

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:6-11

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

“King of Kings”

*by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram,
and Scott Ligertwood*

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
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CELEBRATING COMMUNION

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Minister: *The peace of the Lord be always
with you.*

People: And also with you!

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

by Gerard Moultrie and Hugh S. Livingston

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, Yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to His presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Lord Most High!

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Announcements

Benediction

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen (4x)



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