



# a king is born



CHRIST  
CHURCH

December 28, 2025

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Pastor Michael Anderson

**Silent meditation**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

**Call to Worship** Hebrews 12:28-29

Elder Bryan Burke

...let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

*\* Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord*



David Evans

1. Be still for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

A musical staff in common time with a key signature of two sharps. The notes are: quarter note, quarter note, eighth note tied to a sixteenth note, dotted quarter note, sixteenth note, quarter note, quarter note, and half note.

Come, bow be - fore Him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.

He burns with ho - ly fire, with splen-dor He is crowned.

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.

How awe - some is the sight, our rad - iant King of Light!

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.

A musical score for the first movement of Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D major. The score is in 2/4 time and D major (indicated by a G-clef and a D-sharp key signature). The violin part begins with a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords. The score includes dynamic markings such as piano (p) and forte (f), and slurs to indicate phrasing.

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.

Be still for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

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*\* Holy, Holy, Holy*

## Trinity Hymnal 100

**Invocation** responsively, using the song *Dona Nobis Pacem* (*Grant Us Peace*)

Elder Prince of Peace, as we wait for your second advent,  
we pray fervently: ***Refrain***

***Refrain*** *congregation, sing any of the three sections*

1 Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.  
2 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
3 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

1 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
2 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
3 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

For all who live with violence and war, we pray: ***Refrain***

For all who live with worry and fear, we pray: ***Refrain***

For all who live in loneliness and despair, we pray: ***Refrain***

For all of us, your children, who long for peace, we pray: ***Refrain***

Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

### Call to confession

Matthew 9:12-13

...he [Jesus] said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

### Prayer of confession

followed by a time of silent confession

### Declaration of Forgiveness

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

8:30 service      On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service      Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

### \* *What Child Is This?*

Trinity Hymnal 213

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### \* Scripture reading

Luke 24:13-49

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,<sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.<sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.<sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.<sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"<sup>19</sup> And

he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those

who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”<sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,<sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”<sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.<sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?<sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Elder: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* Prayer**

**Sermon** King Incognito

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Main Idea – The scriptures are alive igniting our hearts that we may see Jesus.

An Overarching Story

Fulfilled in Jesus

Producing Fruit

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## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

\* *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Trinity Hymnal 224

**Living out our faith** announcements about the life of the church

### Prayers of the People

Deacon Benny Sharp (8:30 am)  
Deacon Paul Lammers (11:15 am)

*During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.*

*Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (888) 793-1604*

### Offertory

*El Peregrino de Emaús (The Emmaus Road)*

text, Los Parales, Rafael Jimenez,  
trans. Mary Louise Bringle;  
music, Los Perales; arr. Donna Peña

"¿Qué llevabas conversando?" me dijiste buen amigo.  
Y me detuve asombrado a la vera del camino.  
¿No sabes lo que ha pasado a yer en Jerusalén,  
de Jesús, el Nazareno, a quien clavarón en cruz?  
Por eso me vuelvo triste a mi aldea de Emaús."

Por la calzada de Emaús  
un peregrino iba conmigo.  
No le conocí al caminar;  
ahora sí, en la Fracción del Pan.

"Van tres días que se ha muerto y se acaba mi es peranza.  
Dicen que algunas mujeres al sepulcro fueron de alba.  
Dijeron que algunos otros lo buscaban allá también.  
Mas se acaba mi confianza: no encontraron a Jesús.  
Por eso me vuelvo triste a mi aldea de Emaús."

Por la calzada de Emaús  
un peregrino iba conmigo.  
No le conocí al caminar;  
ahora sí, en la Fracción del Pan.

"¡Qué tardíos corazones, qué ignorancia a los profetas!  
Se anunció en profecía que el Mesías padeciera,  
Y por llegar a su gloria escogiera la aflicción."  
En la tarde de aquél día, yo sentí que con Jesús.  
Nuestro corazón ardía a la vista de Emaús.

Por la calzada de Emaús  
un peregrino iba conmigo.  
No le conocí al caminar;  
ahora sí, en la Fracción del Pan.

Hizo señas de seguir más allá de nuestra aldea.  
Y la luz del sol poniente pareció que se muriera.  
"Quédate, forastero; ponte a la mesa y bendice."  
Y, al destello de su luz, en la bendición del pan,  
Mis ojos reconocieron al Amigo de Emaús.

Por la calzada de Emaús  
un peregrino iba conmigo.  
No le conocí al caminar;  
ahora sí, en la Fracción del Pan.

“Tell me, friends, why look so troubled in your anxious conversation?”  
At these words, I stopped, astonished by the stranger’s kindly question.  
“Don’t you know what just happened on a hill near Jerusalem:  
Where they crucified one Jesus, shedding pure and sinless blood?  
For this reason, I am disheartened as I walk the Emmaus Road.”

As I was grieving on the road,  
a traveling stranger joined in my journey.  
Now in his breaking of the bread  
my tear-filled eyes behold the Risen Christ!

He’s been dead for nearly three days; and my hopes, as well, are dying.  
Though I’ve heard a group of women sought his tomb this very morning.  
They said they heard angels’ voices who announced that he was alive.  
But no one has found his body, and my fearful doubts have grown.  
For this reason, I am disheartened as I walk the Emmaus Road.

As I was grieving on the road,  
a traveling stranger joined in my journey.  
Now in his breaking of the bread  
my tear-filled eyes behold the Risen Christ!

“Foolish people!” he responded, “slow of heart in your believing  
How the prophets all foretold this; yet instead, you stand here grieving!  
Before he could enter glory the Messiah must suffer loss.”  
At these words our hearts were burning, hearing scripture’s truth unfold.  
So we urged him to linger with us resting by the Emmaus Road.

As I was grieving on the road,  
a traveling stranger joined in my journey.  
Now in his breaking of the bread  
my tear-filled eyes behold the Risen Christ!

He began to travel onward, as the western sun was setting.  
We invited him to join us and to share a table blessing.  
Our eyes all at once were opened, though he vanished from our sight.  
We had seen our friend and savior in the bread he blessed and broke.  
Then we knew that the Christ had risen for he grace the Emmaus Road.

As I was grieving on the road,  
a traveling stranger joined in my journey.  
Now in his breaking of the bread  
my tear-filled eyes behold the Risen Christ!

## \* Sending Song

### *The King Shall Come*

text, Greek, tr. John Brownlie  
music, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music



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## \* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward  
and ring the bells as we sing our closing Amen song.

## \* Amen Alleluia



**Prayer Partners** are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.

## \* Postlude

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### Worship musicians

Alice den Hollander, singer  
Rachel Morales, singer  
Maria Soto, singer  
Michael Bukovietski, singer  
Vanesa Blas, singer

Willem Mouw, Kathryn Mouw,  
Sofia Hopson, violins  
Jacob Lahmann, trumpet  
Judah Guerra, trombone  
Rob LaPlaca, guitar

Emma Bukovietski, bayan  
Susan Guerra, piano  
Grant Mosher, bass