



# CHRIST THE KING

*At Ephesus*



BENEDICTINES OF MARY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES

*The Lord hath prepared His throne in heaven:  
and His kingdom shall rule over all.*

*—Psalm 102:19*



1. CHRISTUS VINCIT ——— Music: Aloys Kunc, Lyrics: Ancient acclamation.

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat. Adoremus in Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ rules. Let us adore Him  
aeternum. Alleluia. forever. Alleluia.

2. THE KING OF LOVE ——— Music: Traditional Irish, Lyrics: Henry Baker (Psalm 22).

The King of Love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His,  
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport and delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.

3. TUA EST POTENTIA ——— Music: Mark Emerson Donnelly, Lyrics: Matins Responsory.

Tua est potentia, tuum regnum, Domine: Tu es super omnes  
gentes: Da pacem, Domine, in diebus nostris. V. Creator  
omnium, Deus terribilis et fortis, justus et misericors. Da  
pacem... Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Da pacem...

Thine is the power, Thine the kingdom, O Lord; Thou art above all the peoples.  
Grant us peace, O Lord, in our days. V. Creator of all, O God, awesome and  
strong, just and merciful. Grant [us] peace... Glory be to the Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Grant [us] peace...





4. THE BONNIE PRINCE ——— Music: *Traditional Scottish, Lyrics: St. Robert Southwell.*

Let folly praise  
That fancy loves,  
I praise and love that Child  
Whose heart no tho't,  
Whose tongue no word,  
Whose hand no deed defiled.  
I praise Him most,  
I love Him best,  
All praise and love is His;  
While Him I love, in Him I live  
And cannot love amiss.

Love's sweetest mark,  
Laud's highest theme,  
Man's most desired light;  
To love Him life,  
To leave Him death,  
To live in Him delight.  
He mine by gift, I His by debt,  
Thus to each other due;  
First Friend He was,  
Best friend He is,  
All times will try Him true.

Though young yet wise,  
Though small yet strong,  
Though man yet God He is,  
As wise He knows,  
As strong He can,  
As God He loves to bless.  
His knowledge rules,  
His strength defends,  
His love doth cherish all;  
His birth our joy, His life our light,  
His death our end of thrall.

Alas, He weeps,  
He sighs, He pants,  
Yet do His angels sing;  
Out of His tears,  
His sighs and throbs  
Doth bud a joyful spring.  
O Bonnie Prince, Whose tender arms  
Can force all foes to fly,  
Correct my faults,  
Protect my life,  
Direct me when I die.

5. JESU REX ADMIRABILIS ——— Music: *G. Pierluigi da Palestrina, Lyrics: St. Bernard.*

Jesu! Rex admirabilis  
Et triumphator nobilis,  
Dulcedo ineffabilis  
Totus desiderabilis.

Mane nobiscum Domine  
Et nos illustra lumine,

Jesus, admirable King,  
And noble Victor,  
Ineffable sweetness,  
Totally desirable:

Remain with us, Lord,  
And reveal Thy light to us.

Pulsa mentis caligine  
Mundum reple dulcedine.

Jesu dulcedo cordium,  
Fons vivus, lumen mentium,  
Excedens omne gaudium,  
Et omne desiderium.

Scatter the dark mist,  
And fill the world with sweetness.

O Jesus, sweetness of hearts,  
Living Fountain, Light of intellects,  
Thou dost surpass all joys,  
And all desires.

6. EXULTATE DEO ——— Music: Joseph Meredith Tatton, Lyrics: Psalm 80 and 116.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Exsultate Deo  
adjutori nostro; jubilate Deo Jacob:  
sumite psalmum jucundum cum cithara.

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes:  
laudate eum omnes populi.  
Quoniam confirmate est super nos  
misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini  
manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri...

Alleluia! Rejoice to God our helper: sing aloud to  
the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither  
the timbrel: the pleasant psaltery with the harp.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations:  
Praise Him, all ye people.  
For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the  
truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.  
Glory be to the Father...

7. IF YE LOVE ME ——— Music: Thomas Tallis, Lyrics: John 14:15.

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you  
another Comforter, that He may bide with you forever, E'en the spirit of truth.



8. CANTATE DOMINO *— Music: Hans Hassler, Lyrics: Psalm 95.*

Cantate Domino canticum novum,  
cantate Domino omnis terra: et  
benedicite nomini ejus. Annuntiate de  
die in diem salutare ejus: annuntiate  
inter gentes gloriam ejus, in omnibus  
populis mirabilia ejus.

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: sing to  
the Lord, all the earth. Sing ye to the Lord  
and bless His name: shew forth His salvation  
from day to day. Declare His glory among  
the Gentiles: His wonders among all people.

9. QUÆRITE PRIMUM *— Music: Claudio Casciolini, Lyrics: Luke 12:31*

Quærite primum regnum  
Dei, et justitiam ejus, et hæc  
omnia adjicientur vobis.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and His justice, and all these  
things shall be added unto you.

10. KING OF KINGS *— Music: Margaret Leddy, Lyrics: Catherine Maguire/Benedictines of Mary.*

King of king is He anointed;  
Let all men adore Him;  
Lord above all lords appointed;  
Let us bow before Him.  
Christ Who made us, Christ Who saves us,  
Christ Who can all foes defy,  
He shall triumph, He shall triumph,  
From His throne on high;  
Son of God and yet our Brother  
From His throne on high.  
Prince of Peace and Ruler of Nations,  
Let all men adore Him;  
Who alone brings our salvation,  
Let us bow before Him.  
Christ Who heals us, Christ Who frees us  
Christ our Light upon our way;

He shall triumph, He shall triumph,  
Unto endless day;  
Prince of Peace and Ruler of Nations  
Unto endless day.  
Son of God and yet our Brother,  
Let all men adore Him;  
Song of Mary our sweet Mother,  
Let us bow before Him.  
Christ Who leads us,  
Christ Who loves us,  
Christ our ruler from His birth,  
He shall triumph, He shall triumph,  
Over all the earth.  
King of kings is He appointed  
Over all the earth.



II. VEXILLA CHRISTUS INCLYTA ——— Music: *Lauds Hymn for the feast of Christ the King, Lyrics: Fr. Vittorio Genovesi.*

Vexilla Christus inclita  
Late triumphans explicat:  
Gentes adeste supplices,  
Regique regum plaudite.

Christ, triumphant,  
Unfurls His glorious banners wide.  
Come, ye suppliant nations  
Applaud the King of Kings!

Non Ille regna cladibus:  
Non vi metuque subdidit  
Alto levatus stipite,  
Amore traxit omnia.

Not by slaughter, nor by force and fear  
Did He subdue kingdoms,  
But raised on the lofty tree,  
He drew all things by His love.  
O thrice blessed is the city  
Over which Christ justly rules.  
And which proceeds to execute  
Mandates of heaven decreed for the world.

O ter beata civitas  
Cui rite Christus imperat,  
Quæ iussa pergit exsequi  
Edicta mundo cælitus!

No impious weapons blaze,  
Peace continuously confirms treaties,  
Peace smiles, and concord  
For civil order stands safe.

Non arma flagrant impia,  
Pax usque firmat foedera,  
Arridet et concordia,  
Tutus stat ordo civicus.

Conjugal fidelity prevails  
Youth comes of age with purity intact,  
Chaste households flourish  
With virtues of the home.

Servat fides connubia,  
Iuventa pubet integra,  
Pudica florent limina  
Domesticis virtutibus.

O sweetest King,  
May this desired light shine upon us.  
May the submissive world adore Thee,  
When pure peace has been obtained.

Optata nobis splendeat  
Lux ista, Rex dulcissime:  
Te, pace adepti candida,  
Adoret orbis subditus.

O Jesus, Who rules over  
The kingdoms of the world:  
Glory be to Thee, with the Father  
And the loving Spirit  
Forever and ever. Amen.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,  
Qui sceptrum mundi temperas,  
Cum Patre, et almo Spiritu,  
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.



Christ the King statue  
at the Monastery of  
Saint Joseph, Ava, MO



12. KYRIE (*MISSA SICUT CERVUS*) — Music: Mark Emerson Donnelly, Lyrics: Ancient Greek.

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.

13. CHRISTUS REX — Music: Rev. Gregory Hügle OSB, Lyrics: Rev. R Haug.

Christe, Tu Rex saeculorum,  
Tu Rex animantium  
Dominator Angelorum  
Pariter et hominum:

O Christ, Thou King of the ages,  
Thou, King of all living beings,  
Lord of Angels  
And likewise of men:

Tu es victor, Tu es princeps,  
Tu es Rex omnipotens.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou art the Victor, Thou art the prince,  
Thou art the almighty King.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christe, Tu Rex familiarum,  
Serva Dei lilia,  
Et a fraude tenebrarum  
Muni domicilia!

O Christ, Thou King of families,  
Protect the lilies of God,  
And fortify homes  
Against the deception of the darkness!

Christe Rex, da ut vincamus  
Per Reginam Dominam,  
Dum in mundo decertamus,  
Dum arcemus Satanam!

O Christ the King,  
grant that we may conquer  
Through Our Lady the Queen,  
As we do battle in this world,  
As we ward off Satan!

Christe, Tu Rex nationum,  
Solutus Tu Altissimus:  
Procumbant ad Tuum thronum  
Omnes, fac propitius!

O Christ, Thou King of nations,  
Thou alone art Most High:  
Graciously grant that all  
May fall prostrate before Thy throne!



**14. HYMN TO CHRIST THE KING** — *Music: Benedictines of Mary, Lyrics: Sr. Wilhelmina.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal King,  
In adoration let me bring  
My heart with all its love!  
Without Thee, I can nothing do.  
Thou art my King, my King most True!

I am Thy little dove;  
I have so much to thank Thee for!  
Please let me love Thee more and more,  
And come to Heav'n above!

**15. NON NOBIS DOMINE** — *Music: William Byrd, Lyrics: Psalm 113:9.*

Non nobis Domine, non nobis:  
sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us:  
But to Thy name give glory.

**16. PRAISE YE THE LORD** — *Music: Richard K. Biggs, Lyrics: Edward C. Currie.*

Praise ye the Lord, let joyful anthems ring  
Beneath the banner of the Cross  
Rejoice in Christ your King  
Rejoice, rejoice, Let joyful anthems ring.  
Exalt the Cross of Christ your King.

Praise Him on high, ye choirs of angels sing.  
In chorus joined, your voices raise  
In praise of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, in hymns celestial sing.  
Exalt the cross of Christ your King.

Glory to God, let all His creatures sing:  
Unite all nature to proclaim  
The love of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, let all creation sing.  
With joy the love of Christ your King.



Looking toward the  
Christ the King shrine  
at the Abbey

**17. JESU CORONA VIRGINUM** — *Music: Canon Delfino Thermignon, Chant/Lyrics: St. Ambrose.*

Christ the King statue  
at the Abbey

Jesu, corona virginum,  
Quem mater illa concipit.  
Quae sola Virgo parturit:  
Haec vota Clemens accipe.

Quis pascis inter lilia,  
Septus choreis Virginum.  
Sponsus decorus gloria,  
Sponsisque reddens praemia.

Quocumque tendis, virgines  
Sequuntur, atque laudibus.  
Post te canentes cursitant,  
Hymnosque dulces personant.

Te deprecamur largius,  
Nostris adauge sensibus.  
Nescire prorsus omnia  
Corruptionis vulnera.

Virtus, honor, laus, gloria  
Deo Patri cum Filio  
Sancto simul Paraclito,  
In saeculorum saecula. Amen.

Jesus, Crown of virgins,  
Whom the Mother conceived,  
Who alone as Virgin gave birth to a Child:  
Graciously accept these prayers.

Thou feedest amongst the lilies,  
Surrounded by choirs of virgins.  
As a Bridegroom adorned with glory,  
Dispensing gifts to His brides.

Whithersoever Thou goest, virgins follow,  
And with songs of praise.  
They hasten after Thee,  
Causing sweet hymns to resound.

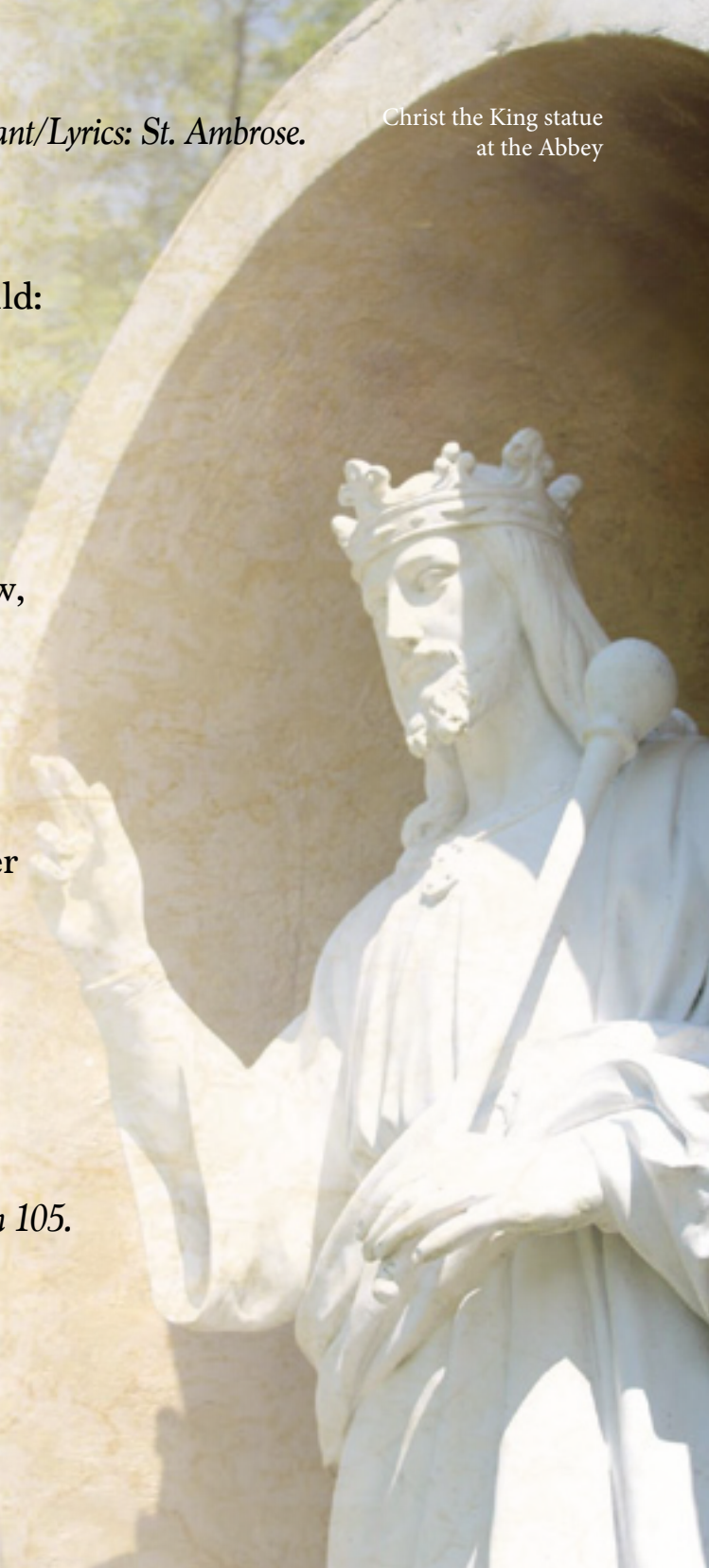
We earnestly beseech Thee, therefore  
That Thou shouldst grant to our senses  
That they should know nothing whatever  
Of the wounds of corruption.

Strength, honor, praise and glory  
Be to the Father with the Son  
And likewise the Paraclete,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

**18. CONFITEMINI DOMINO** — *Music: Oreste Ravanello, Lyrics: Psalm 105.*

Confitemini Domino,  
quoniam bonus:  
Quoniam in saeculum  
misericordia ejus

Confess to the Lord,  
for He is Good:  
For His mercy  
endures forever.



19. LAUDES REGIAE ——— Music/Lyrics: Acclamations written for the coronation of Charlemagne.

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!

Exaudi Christe.

Beato summo pontifici et universali papae vita.

Salvator mundi, Sancte Petre, Sancte Paule, Tu illum adjuva

Exaudi Christe.

Regi excellentissime a Deo coronato vita et victoria

Redemptor mundi, Sancta Maria, Sancte Michael, Tu illum adjuva

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.

Episcopis et abbatibus et omnibus

sibi commissis vita et concordia

Sancte Silvester, Sancte Hilari,

Sancte Ambrosi, Tu illos adjuva

Exaudi Christe

Omnibus principibus et cuncto

exercitui Christianorum

vita et victoria

Sancte Maurici,

Sancte Martine,

Sancte Dionysi, Tu illos adjuva

Christus vincit, Christus regnat,

Christus imperat!

Rex regum.

Rex noster.

Spes nostra.

Gloria nostra.

Misericordia nostra.

Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ rules!

Hear us, O Christ.

To the blessed high pontiff, and universal pope: life!

Savior of the world, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, aid him.

Hear us, O Christ.

To his excellency, the king, crowned by God: life and victory!

Redeemer of the world, Holy Mary, Saint Michael, aid him.

Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ rules!

To the bishop and abbots and all

committed to their care: life and concord!

Saint Sylvester, Saint Hilary,

Saint Ambrose, aid them.

Hear us, O Christ.

To all the rulers and all the Christian

armies: life and victory!

Saint Maurice,

Saint Martin,

Saint Denis, aid them.

Christ conquers, Christ reigns,

Christ rules!

King of Kings!

Our King!

Our Hope!

Our Glory!

Our Mercy!





Exordia nostra.  
Fortitudo nostra.  
Liberatio et redemptio nostra.  
Auxilium nostrum.  
Victoria nostra invictissima.  
Murus noster inexpugnabilis.  
Defensio et exultatio nostra.  
Lux, via et vita nostra.  
Ipsi soli virtus, fortitudo et victoria in  
saecula saeculorum. Amen.  
Ipsi soli honor, laus et jubilatio per  
infinita saecula saeculorum. Amen.  
Ipsi soli imperium, laus et jubila-  
tio per infinita saecula saeculorum.  
Amen.  
Christe audi nos. Christe exaudi nos.  
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.  
Tempora bona veniant. Tempora bona  
veniant redemptis sanguine Christi!  
Feliciter! Feliciter! Feliciter!  
Pax Christi veniat! Regnum Christi  
veniat! Deo gratias. Amen.

Our Borders!  
Our Strength!  
Our Liberation and Redemption!  
Our Help!  
Our invincible Victory!  
Our impregnable wall!  
Our Defense and Exultation!  
Our Way, Truth and Life!  
To Him alone be power, strength and victory  
forever and ever! Amen.  
To Him alone be honor, and  
eternal rejoicing forever and ever! Amen.  
To Him alone be supreme power, praise, and  
eternal rejoicing forever and ever! Amen.  
Christ hear us, Christ heed us, Lord have  
mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
May good times come. May good times  
come, redeemed in Christ's blood!  
Happily! Happily! Happily!  
May the peace of Christ come! May the reign  
of Christ come! Thanks be to God! Amen.

20. TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SOVEREIGN KING ——— Music: Traditional Rhinish,  
Lyrics: Msgr. Martin B. Hellriegel.

To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King,  
Who is the world's salvation,  
All praise and homage do we bring  
With thanks and adoration.

Christ Jesus, victor!  
Christ Jesus, ruler!  
Christ Jesus, Lord and redeemer!

Thy reign extend, O King benign,  
To ev'ry land and nation;  
For in Thy kingdom, Lord Divine,  
Alone we find salvation.

To Thee and to Thy Church, great King,  
We pledge our heart's oblation;  
Until before Thy throne we sing  
In endless jubilation.

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