

Christ the Redeemer by Jorge Cocco Santángelo

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Agape Service | Christ the King Sunday November 23, 2025 10:00 AM

Words of Welcome

"It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves." (Matthew 22:37-40)

We are a community bound together and energized by faith, love, and commitment to Jesus Christ. And even though you may not yet share that faith, love, and commitment, you are most welcome to be with us, to belong here, to experience what we're about. Then, if you are attracted and persuaded by what you see and hear, we hope you'll want to set down roots here long-term. And even if you don't, you'll always be a friend.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you and thanks you for worshiping with us.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in **bold italics.*** - Please rise in body or in spirit

For Contemplation

As Kingfishers Catch Fire by Gerad Manley Hopikins

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells, each hung bell's
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;
Selves — goes itself; myself it speaks and spells,
Crying Whát I dó is me: for that I came.

I say móre: the just man justices; Keeps grace: thát keeps all his goings graces; Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is — Chríst — for Christ plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his To the Father through the features of men's faces.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE AGAPE FEAST

Throughout his ministry, Jesus stressed by his actions the importance of sharing a common meal. This led early Christians to meet frequently, perhaps weekly, on the Lord's Day for a special meal—an **agape** feast <u>or</u> a feast of love. The meal was accompanied by singing and by sharing food with those in need.

On this Christ the King Sunday—the last Sunday of the liturgical year—we will blend that feast of love into our Worship Service. We invite you to participate fully and in the same spirit of joy, fellowship and care as begun by Jesus.

PRELUDE "Let Us Be Known By Our Love"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Announcements

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Karl Coté

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT "The Heart of Worship"

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Colossians 1:9-20

On this Christ the King Sunday, we gather around the King's table to feast in the Spirit of his love. Just as the early church did, we will share songs, a meal, and care for those in need.

"May we be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding."

For Christ is the image of the invisible God, the One in whom "all things hold together."

We come to worship the King who has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of light.

Come, let us rejoice at his table of love!

"For in him all things in heaven and on earth are reconciled."

* OPENING SONG "Crown Him With Many Crowns"



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #31

Q. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be

our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;

our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and,

our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (3 times)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful In the Lord I will rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices the Lord is near, Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, reconcile us in Christ. Where we have lacked love, forgive us. Where we have ignored need, awaken us. Where we have trusted ourselves or placed our hope in kingdoms that do not endure, redirect us. Draw us again into Christ, for in him all things hold together. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Shepherd Me O God" (3 times)

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Trey & Sarah

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "God of Wonders"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our eyes to God's love in all things. For "Christ plays in ten thousand places," if we are willing to see. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1:9-20

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things

have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Ta Panta!"



* **SONG OF RESPONSE** "King of Kings"

V. 1

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light 'Til 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

V. 2

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

V. 3

And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath 'Til 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 God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings Praise forever to the King of Kings

THE AGAPE FEAST

* PRAYER FOR LIGHTING CANDLE

We give you thanks, O God, because you have enlightened us by revealing the one true light. Having come to the beginning of this day with the rising light and being encouraged by its presence with us, we hold fast to your promise to always be with us and bless us. And so we bless and praise you through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory forever. Amen.

* RECEIVING THE BREAD

"Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, who brings forth bread from the earth."

* RECEIVING THE CUP

"Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, who creates the fruit of the vine."

OUR THANK-YOU CHAIN TO GOD

* THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

God forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

God redeems your life and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord does not always accuse, and does not hold anger forever.

The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere the Lord.

As far as the East is from the West, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

As a parent has compassion for their children, so the Lord has compassion for all who revere the Lord.

For God knows how we are made, and remembers that we are but dust. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* THE IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

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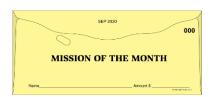
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A wheelchair is located in the entranceway of the church.



A sign-up sheet for CD copies of this morning's service is located on the back table.



Large print bulletins are available on request.



Our sanctuary is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask the elder or deacon for a receiver.



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