

Christ of Ages

Dan Schutte
Keyboard accompaniment by Bob Harrold

INTRO *Gospel* (♩ = ca. 86) ♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$ ♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$

D Em D/F# F#7 Bm G D/F# E7/G#

The keyboard introduction is written for a grand piano in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody in the treble staff features several triplet eighth notes. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The piece is divided into two measures of 4/4 and two measures of 6/4.

REFRAIN

Descant

O Christ of glo - ry, we wait in

Soprano

Christ of a - ges, come in glo - ry, as we wait in

Alto

Baritone

A D Em D/F# F#7 Bm G D/F#

The Refrain section includes vocal parts for Soprano, Alto, and Baritone, along with a Descant and keyboard accompaniment. The key signature remains D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts feature triplet eighth notes. The keyboard accompaniment continues with the same style as the introduction. The section is marked with a repeat sign and includes a descant for the Soprano part.

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CHRIST OF AGES (Keyboard/Choral), cont. (2)

joy - ful hope, that day re - joic - ing, when we shall
 joy - ful hope for that day of great re - joic - ing, when at last we

E7/G# A G F#m7 Bm G D/F# Bm7

see your face. see your face.

1-6 to Verses

Em7/G A D 1-6 Em7 D/F# D/G A7sus4 A to Verses

Final Em7 D/F# Em7/G A D A D Fine

VERSES

1. For be - hold, the days will come _____ when the sun shall fall from heav - en, _____
 2. For be - hold, the days will come _____ when the bar - ren land will flow - er, _____
 3. For be - hold, the days will come _____ when the lamb will rest with li - on, _____
 4. For be - hold, the days will come _____ when the skies shall sound with thun - der, _____
 5. For be - hold, the days will come _____ when the blind shall see God's glo - ry, _____
 6. For be - hold, the days will come _____ when the earth will quake be - neath us, _____

A7 D/F# F# Bm Bm7/A G A7 Dsus4 D

1. but the night shall not be dark - ness, _____ for Christ will be our light. _____
 2. and when jus - tice, like a gar - den, _____ will bloom with - in our hearts. _____
 3. when the cries of war fall si - lent _____ and all the world's at peace. _____
 4. when the gates of heav - en o - pen _____ be - fore the throne of God. _____
 5. when the proud of heart shall stum - ble, _____ the lame shall leap for joy. _____
 6. when the dead shall rise in glo - ry _____ and death will be no more. _____

Bm G D/F# Bm7 Em D/F# G A7sus4 A

D.S.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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D Em D/F# F#7 Bm G D/F# E7/G# A

(Keyboard)

REFRAIN

D Em D/F# F#7 Bm G D/F#

Christ of a - ges, come in glo - ry, as we wait in

E7/G# A G F#m7 Bm G D/F# Bm7

joy - ful hope for that day of great re - joic - ing, when at last we

Em7/G A D 1-6
Em7 D/F# D/G A7sus4 A
to Verses

see your face.

Final
Em7 D/F# Em7/G A D A D *Fine*

VERSES

A7 D/F# F# Bm Bm7/A G A7 Dsus4 D

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Bm G D/F# Bm7 Em D/F# G A7sus4 A *D.S.*

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During the final Sundays of the Liturgical Year, the Scripture readings speak of the end times and the coming of Christ, when the kingdom of God will arrive in its fullness. The text of this piece, addressed to the risen Lord, is a summoning of Christ to come in glory and bring the reign of God. The verses echo the prophecies of peace and gladness found in the Book of Isaiah.

The piece has a march-like tempo and meter that gives it a majestic, triumphant mood that fits with its theme. Throughout the keyboard accompaniment, the recurring triplet figure augments this majestic feel, adding a rhythm much like a snare drum in a marching band. The vocal parts are for SAB choir, but these full harmonies are not necessary throughout. Again, a variation of color and timbre keeps the piece interesting and alive. Having the men sing a verse alone, then the women in SA, followed by an SAB verse helps ensure this variation and interest.

During the final Sundays of the Church Year, this hymn can easily find a place as either a gathering or closing piece. Alternatively, it could be used during Advent as the verses connect so easily with the promises of fulfillment found in the readings from the Book of Isaiah.

Preview

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TRUMPET in Bb I & II

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VERSES 1-3

REFRAIN

VERSE 4, 5

REFRAIN

VERSE 6

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HORN in F

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f

REFRAIN

VERSES 1-3

mf

REFRAIN

f

VERSE 4, 5

REFRAIN

f

VERSE 6

mf *f*

FINAL REFRAIN

f

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Assembly Edition

CHRIST OF AGES

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Refrain

Christ of a - ges, come in glo - ry, as we wait in
joy - ful hope for that day of great re - joic - ing, when at last we
see your face.

Verses

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2. For be - hold, the days will come when the bar - ren
3. For be - hold, the days will come when the lamb will
4. For be - hold, the days will come when the skies shall
5. For be - hold, the days will come when the blind shall
6. For be - hold, the days will come when the earth will

1. fall from heav - en, but the night shall not be
2. land will flow - er, and when jus - tice, like a
3. rest with li - on, when the cries of war fall
4. sound with thun - der, when the gates of heav - en
5. see God's glo - ry, when the proud of heart shall
6. quake be - neath us, when the dead shall rise in

to Refrain

1. dark - ness, for Christ will be our light.
2. gar - den, will bloom with - in our hearts.
3. si - lent and all the world's at peace.
4. o - pen be - fore the throne of God.
5. stum - ble, the lame shall leap for joy.
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