

Christ of Ages

Dan Schutte
Keyboard accompaniment by Bob Harrold

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

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

The keyboard introduction is written in D major, 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Gospel' and a quarter note equal to approximately 86 beats per minute. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The piece starts with a 4/4 measure, then changes to 6/4 for the final two measures. The melody features several triplet markings. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

Descant

REFRAIN

Soprano

Alto

Baritone

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

The refrain section is marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign. It features a descant for the Soprano voice. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Baritone) and the keyboard accompaniment are shown. The lyrics are: "Christ of glo - ry, we wait in Christ of a - ges, come in glo - ry, as we wait in". The keyboard accompaniment includes the same chord progression as the introduction: D, F#, D/F#, F#7, Bm, G, D/F#. The piece concludes with a final D chord. The keyboard part includes triplet markings in the bass line.

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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 at day of great re - joic - ing, when at last we

E7/G# A G F#m7 m 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, _____ 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 silent _____ and all the world's at peace. _____
 4. when the gates of heav - en open 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# Bm Em D/F# G A7sus4 A


D.S.

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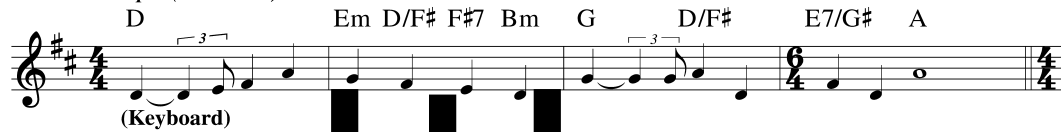
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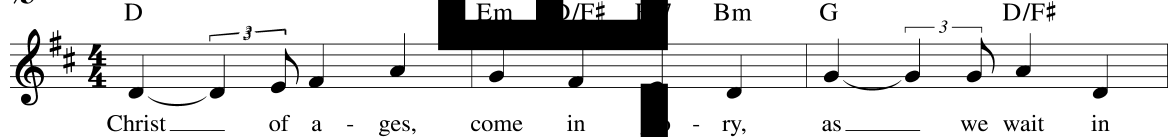
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(Keyboard)

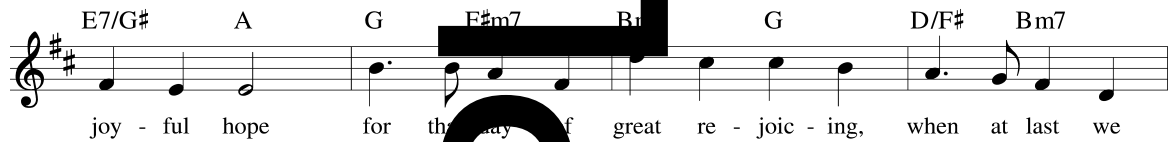
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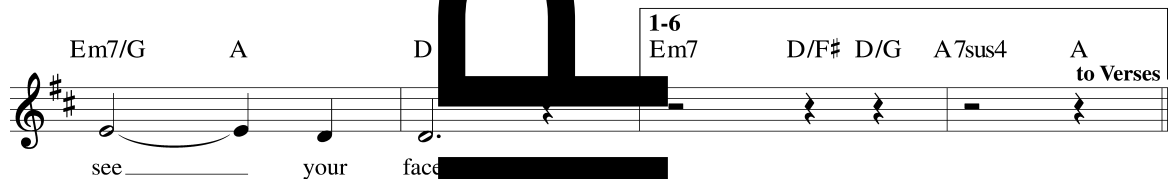
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Em7/G A D



see your face

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

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



VERSES

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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.

SAMPLE

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TRUMPET in Bb I & II

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REFRAIN

VERSE 4, 5

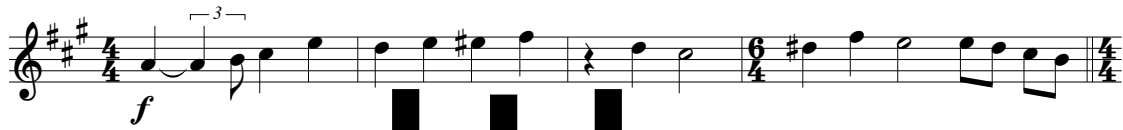
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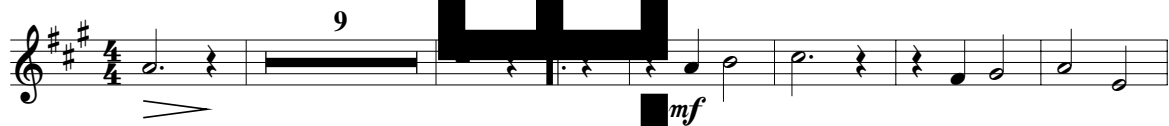
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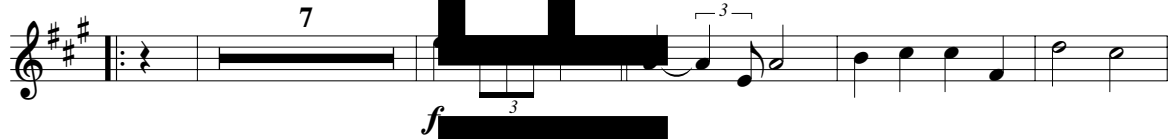
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REFRAIN



VERSE 4, 5



VERSE 6



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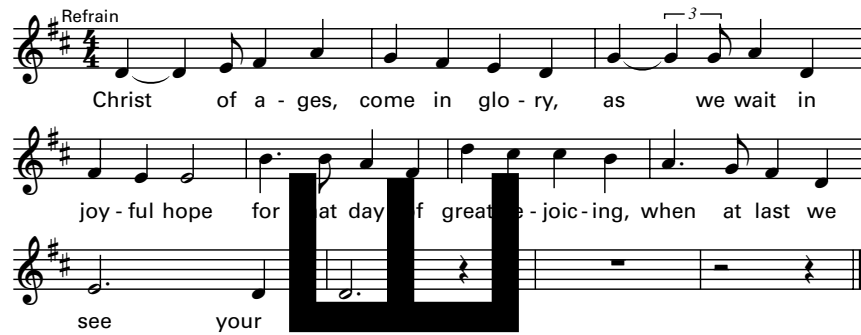


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Refrain



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6. For be - hold, the days will come when the earth will

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2. land will flow 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 when the dead shall rise in

to Refrain

1. dark - ness, for our light will be our light.
2. gar - den, bloom with - in our hearts.
3. si - lent, the world's at peace.
4. o - pen, be - fore the throne of God.
5. stum - ble, the lame shall leap for joy.
6. glo - ry and death shall be no more.

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