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## Winter Newsletter



What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a  
lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my  
part;

Yet, what I have, I give Him:  
Give my heart.

~Christina Rossetti, 1872

The Book of  
Common Praise  
2017

## CtK HAS A NEW HYMNAL!

We have a new hymnal! Beginning February 2, 2020, we will utilize the new hymnal of the Anglican Liturgy Press, *The Book of Common Praise*. This volume includes a lavish collection of favorite and most loved hymns, chants, and new songs of the faith. We will still draw from many sources for a rich representation of styles in our worship experience.

# Host a Private Concert



## *A Unique Experience*

Host an afternoon or evening of live music in the genre of your choice\* for friends and family in the comfort of your own home. Upon reaching the **J.S. Bach** level of giving you will have the opportunity to enjoy this most unique gift. It's our thanks for your generous support.

*\*Size of event and type of music requested will require specific time to arrange.*

### **Book your event today!**

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# Spotlight on the Artists



## An Interview With...

**Amy Bullard, soprano**, section leader and member of the choir at Christ the King Church. *(with Ann Lee)*

**Ann:** Amy, you have had a phenomenal career before joining us here at CtK. Tell us about your background, and how you came to be here.

**Amy:** Well, I'm from the Los Angeles area and did all of my schooling and music training there. In my youth I studied piano with Dorothy Bishop, the founder of the Colburn School, and was blessed to attend and graduate from the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. I went on to earn both Bachelor and

Master of Music degrees from the University of Southern California. I apprenticed at the Aspen Opera Theater Center and the Bay View Opera Studio. I started my own musician contracting business in Los Angeles, enjoying 5 years of interesting Hollywood events. My husband is also a musician, a classical trumpet player, and he won a job with the Army in the USAEUR band, which took us to Germany. I auditioned and worked all over before winning a full time position with the Flemish Opera (Vlaamse Opera) in Antwerp and Gent, Belgium. After 5 seasons there my husband transferred from the Army to the Air Force. They sent us to Florida where I taught choir at the local high school and private voice as adjunct faculty at Northwest Florida State College. Throughout it all I have consistently held positions in various churches, as cantor, soloist, section leader, and music director. I'm so blessed to be a member of such a wonderful music program here at Christ the King.

**Ann:** ...And where did you meet your husband Ryan, who is an accomplished musician in his own right? He played on the recordings for the Olympics, I believe?

**Amy:** Yes, he played on the recording sessions for the Beijing Olympics in his brief time as first chair of the Beijing Symphony. However, I met him when we were both musicians at the Bay View Music Festival on Little Traverse Bay in Michigan.

**Ann:** You are no stranger to musical service in the church. You've released a beautiful album of sacred solos as well. Can you tell us a bit more about this?

**Amy:** I started singing in churches professionally when I was 18 years old. Over the years I compiled hundreds of pieces of music and decided I should record some of my favorites. I'm an old soul when it comes to church music and my recording includes *The Lord's Prayer*, *23rd Psalm*, *Ave Maria*, *Panis Angelicus*, and because I'm 80% Irish, *Danny Boy*.

**Ann:** Church members would be interested to hear anything you would like to say about your faith and about your time at Christ the King.

**Amy:** This church and choir has meant so much to me. I'm a military spouse and stay at home mom to an adorable 4 year old girl, excuse me, 4 and a half! My husband is also currently deployed. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be surrounded by faithful and wonderful church members, to sing God's glory, and to humbly practice my craft for the benefit of the church. It is always a safe haven and port in the storm for me personally. I will be sad to leave you all later this year.

I'll share with you a little story. My first solo was in my 5th grade promotion ceremony, singing *Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand*. A couple years later I started piano lessons and soon after began my vocal studies. I had wonderful teachers and an incredibly supportive family. All throughout college, apprenticeships, and auditions I worked hard to fulfill my dream of becoming an opera singer. After months auditioning around Europe, I won an audition at the Flemish Opera in Belgium. Waiting for the train to get to my first day of work there was a song playing on the loudspeaker in the station. I couldn't believe I was hearing *Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand* on that day, and in Belgium!!! I have so many little stories like this, experienced so many moments when God showed me my path, held my hand, or carried me through a tempest. I know He is with me always.

**Ann:** *The Air Force is dictating your next chapter. What is next for the Bullards?*

**Amy:** Yes! We are awaiting orders for Tampa, Florida. I have a cousin there and I'm overjoyed to be able to see her more often. I also see a few Disney visits in our future!

**Amy sings with the CtK Choir this 2019-2020 season!**

## Listen!

The beauty of the Anglican tradition takes us, in a year, through the Bible, the Gospel story, and engages in celebrations and remembrances to enrich our lives seasonally. We invite you to use our home page as a worship resource, as you consider the deeper meaning of each season.

Click the link below to access recordings of music performed at Christ the King.

[Friends of Music Website](#)

## Concert Series

Pro Coro Alexandria

April 25, 5 p.m.

Holly Creek

June 7, 5 p.m.

## Get Involved!



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Contact Ann Lee, Director of Music, at [alee@ctkalexandria.org](mailto:alee@ctkalexandria.org).



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