

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

# God's Kingdom Has Come

Matthew 3:2; 4:17

♩ = 84

Unison C C/E Fadd<sup>9</sup> F C/G G#° Am FM<sup>7</sup> C/E F<sup>6</sup> F

1. Christ is a - mong us! Lift up your hearts, For the king - dom of our  
 He is the prom - ise, He is our hope, For the king - dom of our  
 3. Come and dis - cov - er all life can be, For the king - dom of our  
 See now the Fa - ther's love in con - trol, For the king - dom of our

1,3 C/G G<sup>7</sup> C F | 2,4 C/G G<sup>7</sup> C C/G C Am G<sup>7</sup>

God has come! God has come! Bless - ing long - a - wait - ed,  
 God has come! God has come! Life in Him is beau - ty,

C E/A G G<sup>7</sup>/B Am D<sup>7</sup>/F# G Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> G<sup>7</sup>

E - den re - cre - at - ed, Just - ice and mer - cy, joy and peace!  
 Not a drear - y du - ty. O what a rich - ness faith can bring!

C C/E Fadd<sup>9</sup> F C/G G#° Am FM<sup>7</sup> C/E F<sup>6</sup> F C/G G<sup>7</sup> C

Walk in His grace, en - joy full re - lease, For the king - dom of our God has come!  
 Christ is our broth - er, sav - ior, and king - Yes, the king - dom of our God has come!

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

COUNTRY GARDENS 2  
9.9.9.6.6.8.9.9.

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TOPICS: Kingdom of God; Living in Christ; Tunes, Folk

LEAD-IN: *Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*  
(Matthew 4:17, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## The Coming of the Kingdom

A king is the sovereign ruler of a domain, and  
a kingdom is a domain ruled by a king.  
In our world, this domain is usually an area of land  
with all that it holds.  
But God is more selective.  
His domain is not a land area –  
though eventually His domain will be all creation.  
With God's kingdom,  
the domain is people.  
And specifically, it is those people who  
recognize the presence of the King  
and bow to His authority.

The coming of the kingdom of God had been  
long promised and eagerly anticipated.  
But when it finally arrived,  
few recognized it.  
The kingdom arrived as a baby,  
conceived in an unmarried teenager  
in the humblest of circumstances  
This King came  
not as a military or political leader,  
but as a homeless peasant;  
not as a ruler,  
but as a servant (Isaiah 42:1-4);  
not with a mighty shout,  
but with a gentle whisper;  
The King came,  
not to conquer  
but to die,  
to be executed as a criminal and an imposter.

John the Baptist introduced Him saying,  
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."  
But apparently John was expecting  
the Day of the Lord, as taught by the Old Testament prophets –  
a day of judgment (Matthew 3:7-12).  
When Jesus came healing and teaching,  
John wondered if He was the Messiah at all (Matthew 11:2-3).

The Kingdom had indeed come,  
not with overwhelming force,  
but as a tiny seed.  
Yet in God's time, His Kingdom would  
grow and  
grow and  
grow and

become far more than  
anyone ever dreamed it could be.

*The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. (Daniel 2:44, NASB)*

*“I kept looking in the night visions,  
And behold, with the clouds of heaven  
One like a son of man was coming,  
And He came up to the Ancient of Days  
And was presented before Him.  
And to Him was given dominion,  
Honor, and a kingdom,  
So that all the peoples, nations, and populations of all languages  
Might serve Him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
Which will not pass away;  
And His kingdom is one  
Which will not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14, NASB)*

*The earth will be filled  
With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,  
As the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14, NASB)*