

CHRIST THE KING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. – 1 John 4:16a

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 1, 2023 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Man's maker was made man that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that Truth might be accused of false witnesses, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die. – St. Augustine, Sermons for Christmas and Epiphany

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Call to Worship

Kris Sachsenmeier

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We
bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever! – *Psalm 118:20-29*

Invocation

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Rowland H. Prichard

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it, in - to ev - 'ry
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

7
 earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 troub - led breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

13
 all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that prom - ised rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

19
 all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

25

vis - it us with thy sal - va - - - tion,
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning,
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing,
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee,

29

en - ter ev - - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 set our hearts at li - ber - ty.
 glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Confession of Sin

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. – from *the Book of Common Prayer*

Confession of Sin

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Assurance of Grace

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. – *Hebrews 9:24-26*

To those who repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, the forgiveness of sins is fully yours, by the grace of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Be Thou My Vision

Words and Music: Ancient Irish Hymn



1.Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2.Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3.Be thou my breast plate, my sword for the fight.
 4.Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5.High king of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, be thou my might.
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, and I thy true son;
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r.
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Raise thou me hea - venward, O pow'r of my pow'r.
 high king of hea - ven, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O ru - ler of all.

Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be
low; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly
host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Prayers of the People

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Prayers of the People

All: Our Father 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 also have forgiven 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.

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

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Alecia Augspurg, Justin Augspurg, Laura Bullock, Rachel Thrasher

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-5, p1041 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God at the Center

Rev. Travis Drake

Behold Our God

Words and Music: Jonathan Baird,
Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

C Em C

1. Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered
2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question
3. Who has felt the nails up on his hands, bearing all the

4 Em F Am

ev - ery grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice.
an - y of his words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave,

7 Dm7 G

All cre - a - tion ri - ses to re - joice. Be -
Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!

10 C G/B Am F C G

hold our God, seated on his throne. Come, let us a - dore him. Be -

14 C G/B Am F C G C

hold our King, noth ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore ____ him!

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward as liturgy begins.

We ask that those in the balcony come forward first, followed by those on the main floor, starting in the back row.

Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free wafers are in the center of each bread tray for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

At the end of the service, please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Institution

Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Partaking of the Elements

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words: Samuel Stenett;

Music: Christopher Miner, arr. by Belmont RUF

1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand and
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines
3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath will
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place and

3
cast a wish - ful eye to Ca - naan's fair and
one e - ter - nal day. There God, the Son for -
reach that health - ful shore. Sick - ness, sor - row,
be for - ev - er blessed? When shall I see my

6
hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie. 2. All
ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - - - -
pain, and death are felt and feared no
Fa - ther's face and in his bo - som

9
- way. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound, I am
more.
rest.

12
bound for Prom - ised Land. _____ I am bound, I am bound, I am

15
I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised Land. _____ 3. No
bound 4. When

Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.
Please dispose of your communion cups as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you!

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could join us. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAYS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday school classes for Kindergarten through Grade 8 are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. A new Adult Education and High School Sunday school class will begin in the New Year.

Jesus knew how to pray. The disciples asked, "Lord teach us to pray." We say prayers. But, do we know how to pray? Come join the discussion in Adult Ed on how we might pray better using selected topics from Paul Miller's *A Praying Life*. Please register in advance of the class, which starts on January 8th.

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

- Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years, with a waitlist available. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
- Please contact Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org) with questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

Children's Worship

- Children age 4 thru 2nd grade are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to classes that teach about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in.
- Pick up from Children's Worship comes after the sermon, during the song prior to the Lord's Supper. A parent can head to the back foyer outside of the social hall; pick up will take place at the door at the top of the stairwell. Please remember your security tag during pick up.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions.

During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.
- There are 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies in the front foyer of the church, and sermon worksheets available for kids to pick up during the Passing of the Peace to the right of the stage.

During the week

- Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIV available at biblegateway.com.
- Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide (ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids). Have everyone recall a part of the service that stood out to them.
- Listen to and discuss the songs from the service at ctkcambridge.org/songs. Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Now as always, Community groups are central to our life together at CTK as a way to study and pray together and serve each other and our communities. Some groups are meeting in person and some are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Bible Study: Andy Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

Women's Ministry: Martha Olson (women@ctkcambridge.org)

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Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Morgan Crago (missions@ctkcambridge.org)

ONLINE RESOURCES

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with **the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit ctkcambridge.org/giving.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hear ye, hear ye! **Registration is now open for the 2023 CTK Getaway**, taking place January 27 thru January 29! Our speaker this year will be Rev. Glenn Hoburg, pastor at Grace Downtown in Washington, D.C. Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/calendar, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Fri, Jan 27 - Sun, Jan 29 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's AM Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

Fri, 6a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/men

LINKS

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