

# CHRIST THE KING

*For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS JANUARY 2, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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### Prelude

*Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us.*

— Henri Nouwen, *You Are the Beloved*

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

Nathan Carter

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! — *Psalms 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.

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Words: Henry Lyte;  
Music: John Goss

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your  
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers  
 3. Fa - ther like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish; blows the wind and  
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him

8 trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like  
 in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to  
 frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues  
 it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -  
 face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers

15 me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 all in chang - ing and on space, praise him, praise him, praise him,

21 praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Psalm 126

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell

B m G D

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;  
 2. The na - tions will say "He has done great things!"

8 B m G D

Our tongues, they were loosed loosed with joy.  
 The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

15 G A G

Re - store us, O Lord! Re -

22 A A sus G D

store us, O Lord! Al - though we are weep - ing,

29 A B m G

Lord, help us keep sow - ing the seeds of your King -

36 D A B m

dom for the day you will reap them! Your sheaves we will

43 G D A B m

car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry! All

50 G B m A D

those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of joy!

### **Call to Confession**

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.

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise. — *Psalms 51:16,17*

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen. — from the *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Declaration of Absolution**

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.

### **Declaration of Absolution**

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. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God;  
begotten of his Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;  
 And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;  
 Whose Kingdom shall have no end;

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
 Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
 Who spoke by the prophets;  
 And I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church;  
 I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
 And I look for the resurrection of the Dead;  
 And the life of the world to come. Amen. — *The Nicene Creed*

## O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Charles Wesley;  
 Music: Carl Glaser

G G

1.O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2.My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 3.Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears, that  
 4.He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he  
 5.Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your

G D G

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris' - ner free; his blood can make the  
 loo - sen'd tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold, your

C G/D D7 G

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
 earth a - broad, the ho - nors of thy Name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
 foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.  
 Sa - vior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## Offertory

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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.

## Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;  
Music: Thomas Tallis

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### Life Together

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

### Prayers of the People

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

### 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.

### Life Together

### 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.**

### Word for the Kids

### Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you!

# O God, Beyond All Praising

Words: Michael Perry;  
Music: Gustav Holst

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -  
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we  
day and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-  
bring, that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our  
pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you  
King; and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or  
send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out  
ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you  
end; we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your  
still; to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your  
word, we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
ways, and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

## Scripture Reading

*Psalm 126*

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Rev. Matt Owens

## 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; those seated in the outer pews can then come forward, starting from the back rows; finally, those in the center pews can come forward, starting from the back row.*

*Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and a plate of gluten-free bread on either aisle for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.*

## Lord's Supper

### Invitation

Minister: Christ calls the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood.

All: Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that as bread and wine nourish our temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls for eternal life. But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins. — *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 79*

### 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.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

## May the Peoples Praise You

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Ed Cash, and David Zimmer

1. You have called us out of darkest night in - to your glorious light, that earth is yours and all with-in, each harvest is your own, and

5 we may sing the won-ders of the ris - en Christ. 2. May our from your hand we give to you, to make Christ known. 4. May the

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It features a repeat sign after the first measure. Chord symbols D, G, and D are placed above the staff. The second staff continues the melody, with chord symbols G, Bm, A, G, and D placed above it. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Owen Andrews, Laura Bullock, Tyler Holley, Greg Russell



9 **D** **G** **D**  
 ev - ery breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our strife with  
 seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard, may  
 ho - ly priv - lege to de - clare your prais - es and your name to

13 **G** **Bm** **A** **G**  
 bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less  
 songs of praise build lives of grace to spread your  
 ev - ery na - tion, tribe and tongue your church pro -

16 **D** **G** **Bm** **A** **G** **D**  
 life. May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be  
 Word.  
 claim.

20 **A** **G/B** **A/C#** **D** **D/F#** **G**  
 glad! All your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may

24 **G** **D/F#** **A** **D** | 1. | 2. *D.S. al Fine*  
 praise the name of Je - sus. 3.All the 5.This our

29 | 3. | **G** **A** **D/F#** **G**  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.

34 **G/B** **A/C#** **D** **Em7** **G** **A**  
 Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly

40 **D/F#** **G** **G/B** **A/C#** **D**  
 is the Lord Al - might - y. All cre - a - tion praise your glo - ri - ous

45 **G** **G** **Bm** **A** **G** **D** **A**  
 Name. May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be glad! All your

50 **G/B** **A/C#** **D** **D/F#** **G** **G** **D/F#** **A** **D**  
 blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Je - sus.

## Benediction

Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.

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

# WELCOME

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at [ctkcambridge.org/visit](http://ctkcambridge.org/visit) so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org). For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus).

## SUNDAYS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. Currently, we are offering Adult Education on Zoom, but our children's Sunday school gatherings are on hiatus.

Starting January 9, our Adult Education class will continue in the vein of Micah 6:8 by studying the book *Humility* by Andrew Murray.

## 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](mailto:lara@ctkcambridge.org)) with questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

### Children's Worship

- Children 4–5 years are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to a class that teaches about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in and pick them up after the service.
- Class capacity is 10 registered students, with a waitlist available. Parents may sign up children for class when registering for the service.
- Please contact Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org)) with any questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

### 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.
- During the sermon, kids may complete one of the worship activities available at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids) or in the church foyer along with 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies.

### 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](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide ([ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://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](http://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. Right now, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit [ctkcambridge.org/community-groups](http://ctkcambridge.org/community-groups) for a full listing with contact information.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

**Men's Fellowship Groups:** Church Office ([office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org))

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## 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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [ctkcambridge.org/giving](http://ctkcambridge.org/giving).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

# LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Registration Reminder:** We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need. **Registering by Friday is most helpful.**

When registering for the service, you may also **register children for either nursery** (ages 6 months through 3 years) **or children's worship** (age 4 and Kindergarten). Space is limited, but wait lists are available.

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