

CHRIST THE KING

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
JANUARY 14, 2024 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

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

Bob Sawyer

Leader: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you;

Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,

All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory.

Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. — *Psalms 63:1-5*

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.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Words: Christian Bateman;
Music: Traditional Spanish melody

G C G G C D^{sus} D G

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

G C G G C D^{sus} D G

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

G C D G C D

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - des - cend;
On hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

G C D G C D^{sus} D G

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his loveshall ne - ver end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Words: John Newton;
Music: Kevin Twit

Dadd9 Cadd9 G/B Dadd9 D/C D

Ap - proach, my soul, the mercy seat, where

5 Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F D D/C D Dadd9 Cadd9

Je - sus an - swers prayer; there hum - bly fall be -

9 G/B Dadd9 D/C D Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F

fore his feet, for none can per - ish

13 Dadd9 D/C D G/B D

there.

1. Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea, with
2. Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, by
3. Be thou my shield and hid - ing place, that,
4. O won - drous love to bleed and die, to

17 G/B D G/B D

this I ven - ture nigh; thou call - est bur - dened souls to thee, and
Sa - tan sore - ly pressed; by wars with - out and fears with - in, I
shel - tered near thy side, I may my fierce ac - cus - er face, and
bear the cross and shame, that guil - ty sin - ners, such as I, might

21 Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F D

such, O Lord am I!
come to thee for rest.
tell him thou hast died.
plead thy gra - - - cious name!

Confession of Faith

We join the global and historic church in professing what we believe as Christians, to remind ourselves of the hope we have and the life that hope invites us to live.

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.

Confession of Faith

Leader: What is grace?

Congregation: Grace is God's favor towards us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills.

– *Book of Common Prayer Catechism*

Confession of Sin

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Worship*

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Galatians 2, verses 16 and 19:

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified... For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God.

Leader: 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.

Before the Throne of God Above

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft;

Music: Vikki Cook

C F C

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

4 C Am Em F G

strong and per - fect plea, a Great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great, un - change - ab - le I

7 Am F F/G C

Love, who - ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
AM, the King of Glo - ry and of grace. One with him -

10 F G C F G

gra - ven on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his
sin - less Sa - vior died; my sin - ful soul is coun - ted
self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

13 Am F G Am

heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
free, for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

16 F G Am F F/G C

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

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: Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings 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. A - men.

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.

Dismissal of Children and 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.

Life Together

Offering Collectors:

Philip De Groot, Chelsey Huffman, Elizabeth Pajares, Anna Read-Cressman

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, page 976 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson;

Music: Asahel Nettleton

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

5 grace streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas ing, call for songs of loud - est
 come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safe - ly to ar - rive at
 be; let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to

9 praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
 home. Je - sus sought me when a strang er, wan - d'ring from the fold of
 thee. Prone to wan - der Lord, I feel it prone to leave the God I

13 bove; praise the mount! I'm fix'd up on it, mount of God's un chang - ing love.
 God; he, to res - cue me from danger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

Communion Servers:

Philip De Groot, Chelsey Huffman, Elizabeth Pajares, Anna Read-Cressman

Who You Say I Am

Words and Music: Ben Fielding and
Reuben Morgan

1. Who am I that the high - est King would wel - come me.
2. Free at last, He has ran - somed me, His grace runs deep.

I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for
While I was a slave to sin, Je - sus died for me. Yes, He died for
me. Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a
me. (In my) Fa - ther's house there's a place for me. I'm a
D.S. ||
child of God, yes I am. In my I am
child of God, yes I am.

cho - sen, not for - sak - en. I am who You say I am. You are
for me, not a - gainst me. I am who You say I am.
D.S. al Coda
I am I am who You say I am. Who the
I am cho - sen, not for - sak - en. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not a - gainst me. I am who You say I am. I am
Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.
Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a
child of God, yes I am. In my God, yes I am.

Benediction

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

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

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

Kindergarten through High School Sunday school classes and Adult Education are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. The Adult Education class meets in the social hall.

The **next series in Adult Ed will be on Jesus and the Old Testament**. Jesus was both anticipated by the Old Testament prophets and leaned into their prophecy as explanation of both His mission and character. While the scribes of His day correctly identified His place of birth, in so many other ways, he disappointed their expectations. How much of our own understanding and daily relationship with Him is also colored by our own past and the expectations of our cultures? Join us in January as we explore this topic by reading and comparing both OT and NT scriptures.

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

- Open during the service for children ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
- Please contact children@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

Children's Worship

- Children 4 years through Grade 2 are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to classes with teaching suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in.
- Parents may pick up children during the song after the sermon. Please head to the back foyer (4y-Grade K) and Social Hall (Grades 1 & 2) and be sure to have your security tag with you.
- 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 NIrV 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)

Youth Ministry: Ariana Smartt (ariana@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships

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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:

For any verbal announcements you may have missed, please visit ctkcambridge.org/this-week.

Hear ye, hear ye! Registration is now open for the **2024 CTK Getaway**, taking place January 26 thru January 28! Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register! **Deadline to register is TODAY!**

Attention High Schoolers and Parents of High Schoolers: because of teacher shortage, **there will not be a High School Sunday School class during the month of January**. Class will start on February 4th. If you would be interested in volunteering as a teacher or assistant, please email Cat Sherrill (bostonsherrill@gmail.com).

The **Friday morning men's Bible study is starting a new study in John**, so it's a great time to visit! We meet 6:15-7:15am every Friday here on Zoom for fellowship, reading, reflection, and discussion. No preparation required. Contact Andy (astuntz@gmail.com) with questions.

CTK Women's Mocktail Party! Please join us for fun and fellowship Saturday, Jan 20 from 5-7p at Rebekah Dale's apartment's in Central Square. Space is limited, so please RSVP to women@ctkcambridge.org before Jan 18.

The **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** will be starting up again on January 25th at 9:30a in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sat, Jan 20, 5p :: **Women's Mocktail Party** :: Rebekah Dale's ctkcambridge.org/women

Jan 26-28 :: **CTK Winter Getaway** :: Camp 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

Fri, 6:15a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/men

LINKS

VISITOR CARD:



READER:



KIDS' SUNDAY SUMMARY:



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