

CHRIST THE KING

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 29, 2023 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful savior Jesus Christ. — a portion of Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

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

Matt Sherrill

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

Congregation: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

Leader: He is my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

Congregation: My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

All: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved
from my enemies. — *Psalms 18:1-2*

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.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Words: Martin Luther;
Music: *Geistliche Lieder*

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, the second system contains two lines, and the third system contains two lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

1.Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2.Lord, Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3.O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our

from your Son and bring to nought all he has done.
Church, that we may sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
fi - nal strife and lead us out of death to life.

Confession of Faith

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen. – *Apostles' Creed*

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.

**In this context, 'catholic' refers to the global, historic church.*

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 Sin

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

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

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.

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.

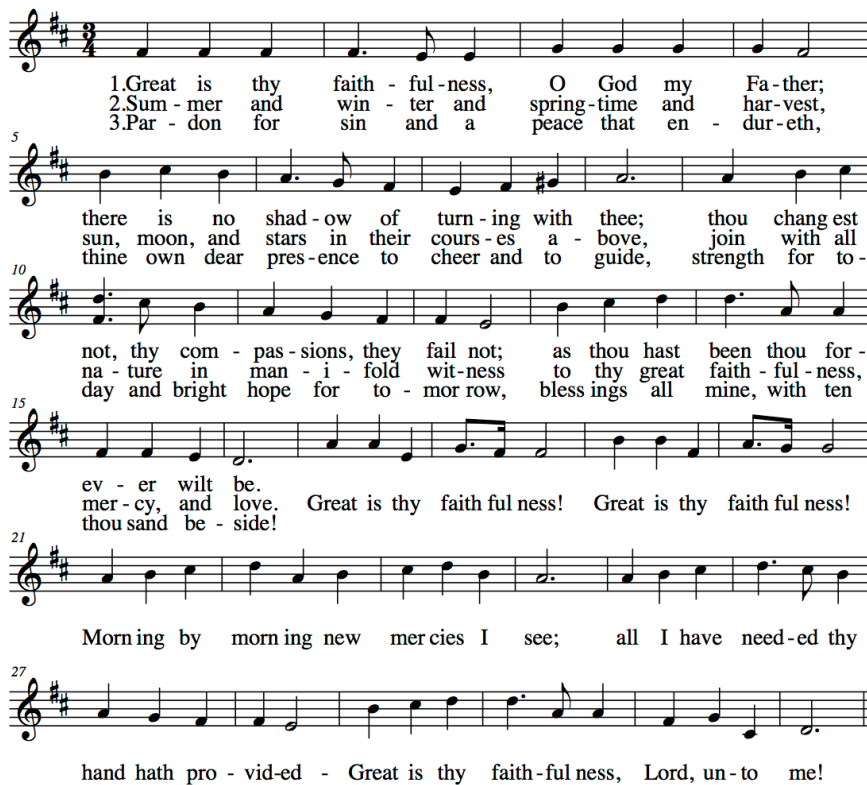
Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm;

Music: William M. Runyan



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther;
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,
5 there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est
sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all
10 thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-
not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-
15 na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness,
day and bright hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten
ev-er wilt be.
21 mer-cy, and love. Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
thou sand be-side!
Morning by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
27 hand hath pro-vid-ed - Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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: St. Francis of Assisi;
Music: Jonathan Gilley

1. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers
 2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor ship him with

4 take your part. hum - ble - ness! Sing his prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia!
 O his praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!

7 Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him
 Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it,

10 cast your care! O praise him! O praise him! Al - le -
 Three in One, O praise him! O praise him! Al - le -

13 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Deacons' Fund Offering

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

Life Together

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

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

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.

Homily

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

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:1-4, *p1002 in pew Bible*

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Leonard Layne

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Words: Joseph Scriven;
Music: Charles C. Converse



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cumbered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - couraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our re - fuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what needless pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

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 Education on how we might pray better using selected topics from Paul Miller's *A Praying Life*.

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)

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

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Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@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.

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:

A new **Adult Education** class is meeting on Sundays at 9:15a in the social hall: 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 on how we might pray better using selected topics from Paul Miller's *A Praying Life*.

New to CTK? **Discovering CTK** is a newcomers class for those interested in learning more about our church and denomination (PCA) and what it means to become a member. The next class will take place on Saturday, February 11th in the church social hall. Registration is now open at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sat, Feb 11, 9:30a :: **Discovering CTK** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk

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

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