CHRIST THEKING

Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 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

Rev. Travis Drake

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. — *Psalm 107:1-9*

Invocation

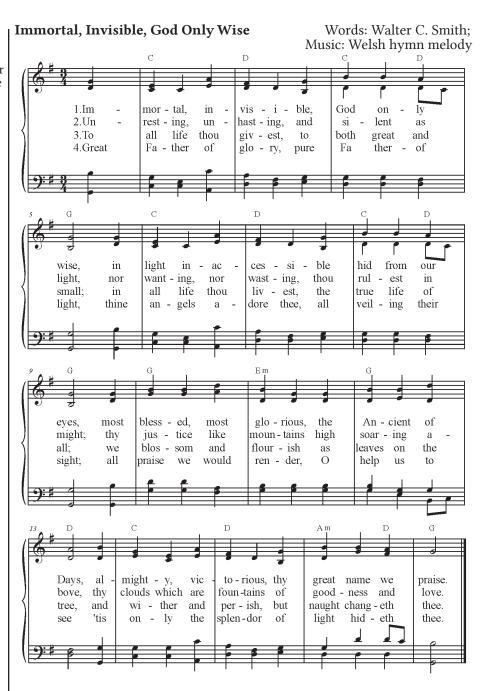
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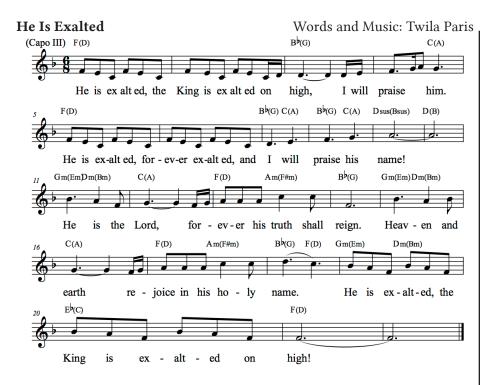
We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

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.





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 living 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: 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 Colossians 1, verses 13 and 19 through 20:

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins... For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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,

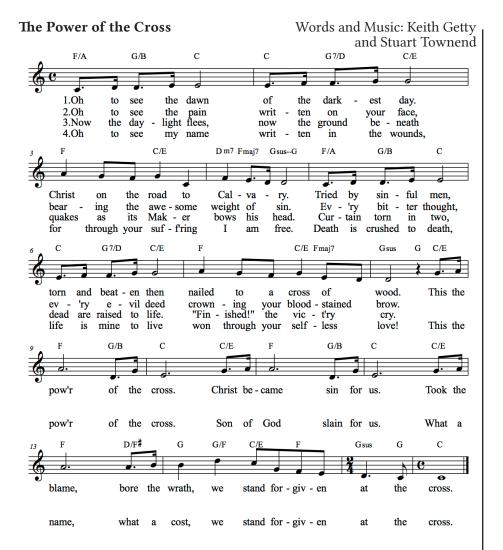
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

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.



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



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.

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

Scripture Reading The public reading of God's

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Nathanael Lee

Words and Music: Keith Getty, **Behold the Lamb** Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend F2/A G/B С Dm7 G/B С F2 đ. 1.Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us; 2.The bod - y of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you; 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin. shed for you; 4.And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re spond -**G**7 G/B С C/G G7sus F2/A 4 the prom - ise that all who and we re-mem - ber made Eat and re-mem - ber the wounds that heal. the death that Drink and re-mem - ber he drained death's cup that all may and to re-mem - ber our call to fol low in the Dm7 G/B С F2 G С 6 faith find for give at the cross. So, we come in ness brings life, price make So, we us paid the to us one. en ter in to re ceive the life of God. So, we Christ steps of as his bod here on earth. As we y C2/E F2 F2 G2 Am C2/E F2 G Am share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sac - ri fice, as а Bread of Life, and we drink of his sac - ri fice, as share in this a Bread of Life, and we drink of his share in this sac - ri fice, as а share in his suf - fer ing, we pro claim: Christ will come again! And we'll F2 F Fmaj7/A G7/B Am G7sus Am 13 of our sign bonds of peace a-round the ta-ble of the King bonds of love a-round the ta-ble of the sign of our King. bonds of grace a-round the ta-ble of the of our King. sign join in the feast of heav'n a-round the ta-ble of the King.

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

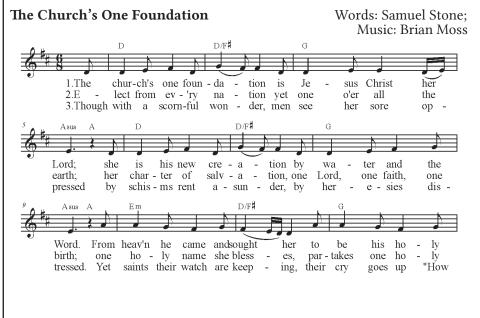
Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

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

Deacons' Fund Offering



Communion Servers: Philip De Groot, Chris Martin, Amelia Porch, Anna Read-Cressman



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.

Next Adult Ed class: Supporting our Youth as a Church Family: Stories and Discussion.

This is not a parenting class, but instead a discussion on what it means when we take the vow during infant baptism to "as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child." The presenters (Tim Talun, Gi Yoon-Huang, Michael Poor, and Andy Stuntz) will share their experiences as families with younger and older children of various abilities, people of color, one Christian parent, and growing up at Christ the King Church. We hope this will help spur discussion on how we can better serve the youth of our church in their Christian nurture. Sunday March 4 & 11.

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 pre view 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 BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, serena.jones@ruf.org Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, catherine.cook@ruf.org MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org

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.

Communicants Parent Info Meeting: On Monday, March 4 at 7:30p on Zoom, there will be a parent information meeting for those whose children may be ready to join the church as communing members. Travis and Dana will share some possible communicants options for this spring. Please email dana@ctkcambridge.org by 2/29 if you are interested in attending this information meeting and to receive the Zoom link.

Join us on Saturday, March 2nd for a Marriage

Class held at CTK. Topics will include the meaning of marriage, the qualities necessary to have a healthy marriage, the true nature of love, communication and conflict resolution, role relationships, expectations and sexuality in marriage. There is a registration fee of \$10 per person for the class to cover the cost of lunch — register at ctkcambridge.org/marriage.

Our next Baptism and New Member Reception

Service will be on Palm Sunday (March 24). If you or someone in your family would like to be baptized, please reach out to travis@ctkcambridge.org by March 3rd so we can schedule a sit-down with a couple elders.

Attention, Singers! Leonard Layne is looking to organize a Holy Week Choir. If you're interested in singing or in learning more, please contact him at llayne2@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sat, Mar 2 :: Marriage Seminar :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/marriage

Mon, Mar 4, 7:30p :: **Communicants Parent Zoom Meeting** dana@ctkcambridge.org

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

Links

KIDS' SUNDAY SUMMARY:



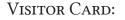




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