

CHRIST THE KING

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

There is an awareness of sin that does not lead to God but to self-preoccupation. Our temptation is to be so impressed by our sins and failings and so overwhelmed by our lack of generosity that we get stuck in a paralyzing guilt. It is the guilt that leads to introspection instead of directing our eyes to God. It is the guilt that has become an idol and therefore a form of pride. Lent is the time to break down this idol and to direct our attention to our loving Lord.

— Henri Nouwen, *Show Me the Way*

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — *Isaiah 55:6, 7*

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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Walter C. Smith;
Music: Welsh hymn melody

1.Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly
 2.Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as
 3.To all life thou giv - est, to both great and
 4.Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa ther - of

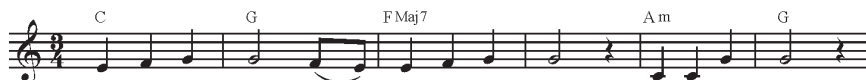
5 wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our
 light, nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in
 small; in all life thou liv - est, the true life of
 light, thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their

9 eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of
 might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a -
 all; we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the
 sight; all praise we would ren - der, O help us to

13 Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 above, thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 tree, and wi - ther and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Jesus, I Come

Words: William Sleeper;
Music: Greg Thompson



1. Out of my bon - dage, sor-row and night, Je-sus, I come;
2. Out of my shame - ful fail-ure and loss, Je-sus, I come;
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride, Je-sus, I come;
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je-sus, I come;



Je-sus, I come in - to thy free - dom, gladness, and light
Je-sus, I come in - to the glo - rious gain of thy cross,
Je-sus, I come. In - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
Je-sus, I come. In - to the joy and light of thy home,



Je-sus, I come to thee. Out of my sick-ness in - to thy
Je-sus, I come to thee. Out of earth's sor-rows in - to thy
Je-sus, I come to thee. Out of my - self to dwell in thy
Je-sus, I come to thee. Out of the depths of ru - in un -



health, out of my want - ing and in - to thy wealth, out of my
balm, out of life's storms and in - to thy calm, out of dis -
love, out of des - pair in - to raptures a - bove, up - ward for -
told, in - to the peace of thy shel-ter-ing fold, ev - er thy



sin and in - to thy - self, Je sus, I come to thee.
tress in - to jub-i - lant psalm, Je sus, I come to thee.
ev - er on wings like a dove, Je sus, I come to thee.
glo - rious face to be - hold, Je sus, I come to thee.

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: Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God?

All: Since the fall no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life but breaks them every day in thought, word, and action.

Leader: What does every sin deserve?

All: Every sin deserves God's anger and curse, both in this life and in the life to come. – Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 82, 84

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.

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.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Words: Augustus M. Toplady;
Music: Thomas Hastings

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols (A, D, E, F#m) are placed above the notes to indicate the accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with some words split across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-
3. Noth-ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I
4. While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in
thee; let the wa - ter and the blood from thy
mands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my
cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less,
death, when I soar to worlds u - known, see thee
riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble
tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could not a -
look to thee for grace; foul, I to the Foun-tain
on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for
cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
fly; wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.
me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

Lauren Easton, James Goodman, Sarah Goodman, Greg Russell

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:5; Matthew 7:25-27

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

In Christ Alone

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease, my Com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
 fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the
 me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the
 hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

love of Christ I stand.
 death of Christ I live.
 pre - cious blood of Christ.
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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

Deacons' Fund Offering

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Words: Edward Mote;
Music: William Bradbury

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

5
righ - teous ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ry high and storm - y gale, my
whelm ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

8
whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

12
other ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

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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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:

Attention high school students and parents: A high school Sunday school class started today, Sunday, February 26, from 9:15-10:15am. They are meeting in the balcony office (same time as Adult Ed and other Sunday school classes). All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join. Note: breakfast treats will be provided the first day of class.

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

GIVING:



READER:



VISITOR CARD:



Please contact the following staff members by calling our office at (617) 864-5464 or by email:

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