

CHRIST THE KING

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 26, 2023 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

Tim Dietz

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Congregation: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Congregation: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

– *Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12*

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.

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Words: Isaac Watts;
Music: W.H. Monk

1.I sing the almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains
2.I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories

rise, that spread the flowing seas a-broad and
food; he formed the creatures with his word, and
known; And clouds arise and tempests blow by

built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom
then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders
order from your throne; While all that borrows

that ordained the sun to rule the day; the
are displayed where'er I turn my eye, If
life from you is ev-er in your care, and

moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.
I survey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!
ev-ry-where that man can be, you, God, are present there.

Here Is Love

Words: William Rees, William Williams,
translated by William Edwards;
Music: Robert Lowry

(Capo III) F(D) B^b(G) F(D)

1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing kind - ness as the
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, foun - tains o - pened deep and
3. Let me all thy love ac - cept ing, love thee, ev - er all my
4. In thy truth thou dost di - rect me by thy Spir - it through thy

4 C(A) F(D) B^b(G)

flood, when the Prince of Life, our ran - som, shed for
wide; through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a
days; let me seek thy king - dom on - ly and my
Word; and thy grace my need is meet - ing, as I

7 F(D) C(A) F(D) F(D)

us his pre - cious blood. Who his love will not re -
vast and gra - cious tide. Grace and love, like might - y
life be to thy praise; thou a - lone shalt be my
trust in thee, my Lord. Of thy full - ness thou art

10 C(A) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D)

mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his praise? He can
ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove, and heav'n's
glo - ry, no - thing in the world I see. Thou hast
pour - ing thy great love and pow'r on me, with - out

13 Dm(Bm) B^b(G) F(D) C(A) F(D)

ne - ver be for - got - ten, through out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
cleansed and sanc - ti - fied me, thou thy - self hast set me free.
mea - sure, full and bound less, draw - ing out my heart 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: How was Christ humiliated?

Congregation: Christ was humiliated: by being born as a man and born into a poor family; by being made subject to the law and suffering the miseries of this life, the anger of God, and the curse of death on the cross; and by being buried and remaining under the power of death for a time.

Leader: How is Christ exalted?

Congregation: Christ is exalted by His rising from the dead on the third day, His going up into heaven, His sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and His coming to judge the world at the last day.
– *Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 27 & 28*

Confession of Sin

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. – from *the Book of Common Prayer*

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Romans 8, verses 1 through 5:

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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.

Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn,
trans. by Francis Jones;
Music: Andrew Osenga

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. Chord symbols (C, G, D, Em) are placed above the staff to indicate the accompaniment.

1. Fa - ther, long be - fore cre - a - tion, thou hadst cho - sen
2. Though the world may change its fash - ion, yet our God is
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast ing
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore thee we will ev - er

us in love, and that love so deep, so mov - ing
e'er the same; his com - pas - sion and his cov - 'nant
all the day; mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing
praise thy love, and our songs will sound un - ceas - ing

draws us close to Christ a - bove. Still it keeps us,
through all a - ges will re - main. God's own chil - dren,
moves my will, di - rects my way. God so loved us,
'til we reach our home a - bove, giv - ing glo - ry,

still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise his name.
God so loved us that his on - ly Son he gave.
giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.

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

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:22-2:3, p1014 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Enduring Love from the Enduring Word

Rev. Chris Reed

Speak, O Lord

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di-ence, ho-ly rev - er-ence, true hu-
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



ho - ly word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di-ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - chodown through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is-es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your
Words of pow'r that can nev - - er fail; let their
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the



pur - - - pos - es, for your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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

How Firm A Foundation

Words: John Rippon;
Music: Traditional American Melody

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-
3. "When through fiery trials thy path-way shall
4. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re -

5 Lord, is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
mayed; for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll
lie, my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the
pose I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes; that

10 more can he say than to you he has said, to
strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll

14 you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my right - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Chords: G, C, G, D, D7, G, D/F#, Em, C, G, D

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. The current Adult Education class is described below:

For the last 3 Sundays before Good Friday, the **Adult Ed class will be looking at the Seven Last Words of the Jesus from the Cross**; looked at theologically, biblically, and devotionally, to prepare for the backward look of the crucifixion of Christ, Good Friday, noon, AD 30 under Pontius Pilate. Come sit at the feet of the cross and reflect on the Savior's love.

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)

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:

EMOSEWA (2nd-5th graders): Mark your calendars for an all-out hot chocolate party on April 2nd 12:30-2:30. Please join us for fun, games, and new challenges for the springtime! Contact lara@ctkcambridge.org to RSVP and/or if you have any questions.

For Holy Week this year, we will be participating in a **tenebrae service with other Cambridge-area churches**. The service will be held at Pentecostal Tabernacle (56 Magazine St., Cambridge), on **Good Friday, April 7th at 7:30p**.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, Apr 2, 12:30p :: **Emosewa (Grades 2-5)** :: Basement
ctkcambridge.org/youth

Sun, Apr 2, 12:30p :: **High School Meet-Up** :: After Church
ctkcambridge.org/youth

Fri, Apr 7, 7:30p :: **Good Friday** :: Pentecostal Tabernacle
ctkcambridge.org/good-friday

Sat, Apr 15, 8:30a :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/men

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:



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VISITOR CARD:



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