

CHRIST THE KING

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
APRIL 30, 2023 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

The particularity of this God is startling; the God of Israel aligns himself with specific mortals with individual names who live in identifiable places on the map. They have life stories unique to themselves, by no means always edifying. This God, unlike the gods of the religions, has chosen of his own sovereign free will to elect a discrete group of people simply because he wills to do so. The irreligiousness of this election is that it has nothing to do with any spiritual attainments by the chosen ones. The opposite is true — they are selected, we might say, in spite of themselves, for if there is one thing certain about the children of Israel, it is that they did not deserve their election. This factor of undeserved election is in view whenever God is called ‘the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.’ — Fleming Rutledge, The Crucifixion

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: 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.

Come, People of the Risen King

Words and Music: Stuart Townend,
Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de -
 2. Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those
 3. Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and

light to bring him praise; Come all, and tune your
 weep - ing through the night; Come those who tell of
 wom - en of the faith; Come those with full or

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For his
 emp - ty hands - find the rich - es of his grace. O - ver

shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to
 per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er
 all the world, his peo - ple sing - shore to shore we hear them

him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the
 call the truth that cries in ev - 'ry age, "Our

gath - er chil - dren in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -
 cer - tain hope of peace.
 God is all in all."

joyce! One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, re - joice!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber;
Music: John B. Dykes

D Bm A D G D

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

5 A D A Bm A A E A-A7

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

9 D Bm A D G D Bm Bm/A

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three
Cher u - bim and ser - aphim fal - ling down be - fore thee, who wert and
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee, per - fect in
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three

14 G D Em A D

per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
art and ev - er - more shall be.
pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
per - sons bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

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: Christians, what do you believe?

All: We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church— a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers, awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, being washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

— from *Belgic Confession, Article 27*

Confession of Sin

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. – from John Knox, *Liturgy of 1560*

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: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.

Thy Mercy, My God

Words: John Stoker;
Music: Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
Fa - ther of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the



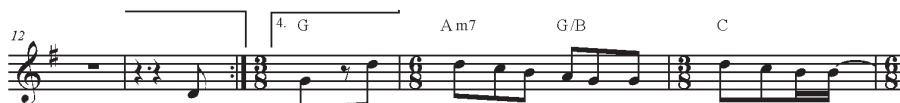
joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue, thy
sin would re - duce me to ut - - ter des - pair but
won - ders to feel its own hard - - ness de - part; dis -
cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied Son; all



free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive, and
solved by thy good - ness I fall to the ground and
praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul - fast.
he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness



mine. All praise to the Spirit whose whis per di vine

2. With
3. Thy
4. Great



seals mer cy and par - don and righ - teous - ness mine!

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

Deuteronomy 7:6-8, p152 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend

D G D/F# G A G A

1. Holy Spirit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Holy Spirit, come a - bide with - in, may your joy be seen in all I
3. Holy Spirit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

4 D D G D/F# G A

soul. Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
do. Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
made, show your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause your

7 G A D

new my heart and make me whole.
thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
church to hun - ger for your ways.

9 G D/F# G A

Cause your word to come a - live in me;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;

11 Bm D Em7 A Bm G

give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to
lead us on the road of the sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

14 D/F# G A G A D

pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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

And Can It Be

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Thomas Campbell

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - trest
2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, so free, so
3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
4. No con dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

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in the Sa - vior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
in - fi - nite his grace, emp - tied him - self of all but
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

Laura Bullock, Elizabeth Cantrell, James Goodman, Sarah Goodman

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pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
love and bled for A - dam's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell
Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap-

18

love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

23

die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it
found out me. A - maz - ing love. How
fol - lowed thee. own. A - maz - ing love. How
Christ, my own.

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be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?

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 High School are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. The next Adult Education class is described below:

The world needs Hope. The Church needs Hope. You need Hope. NT Wright's exciting book on the resurrection and future hope — *Surprised by Hope* — is being offered in a 6-week video series about the sure hope of the resurrection. Come and be encouraged. Why not bring a friend who needs hope? This will be the last class for the spring before summer break. **Class starts on May 7th. Register by April 30th for a free study guide at ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation.**

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

- Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
- Please contact Lara Kastelein (lara@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 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:

We are fielding a softball team for the **Boston Metro Church Softball League** again this summer. Games are played Saturday mornings, starting early June through August/September. It is a fun way to fellowship with members of the greater Boston Church community, and spectators are more than welcome. If you are interested, please contact Owen Andrews (joan-drews33@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.

Save the date for a **spring work day at the church building, Saturday May 13th** from 9am-2pm! Come whenever you can and help with some gardening, cleaning, landscaping, and other housekeeping (bring gardening/work gloves if you have them). We'll provide pizza around lunchtime. Let us know if you can make it or if you have any questions: deacons@ctkcambridge.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, Apr 30, 12:30p :: **High School Meet Up** :: Central Sq. ctkcambridge.org/youth

Sun, May 7, 4p :: **Middle & High School End-of-Year Potluck** ctkcambridge.org/youth

Sat, May 13, 9a :: **Spring Work Day** :: Church Building ctkcambridge.org/calendar

Sun, May 21, 12p :: **Volunteer Appreciation Day** :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/calendar

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

Wed, 7p :: **Women's PM Bible Study** :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/women

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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