

# CHRIST THE KING

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 1, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge — take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

— Joseph M. Scriven, from *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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: We will sing of your strength;

**Congregation: We will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.**

Leader: For you have been to us a fortress and a refuge in the day of our distress.

**Congregation: O our Strength, we will sing praises to you.**

Leader: For you, O God, are our fortress,

**Congregation: The God who shows us steadfast love.**

— from *Psalms 59*

## 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, Thou Almighty King

Words: Anonymous ca. 1757;  
Music: Felice de Giardini

1. Come, thou al - might - y - King, help us thy  
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4. To the great one in Three e - ter - nal

5 name to sing, help us to praise. Fa - ther, all  
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more. His sov - reign

10 glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, and give thy Word suc - cess;  
 might - y art, now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

13 come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

# Come, O Spirit

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell



1. Come, O Spir - it, com - fort true; help us by your  
 2. All our know - ledge, all our sight, lies in dark - ness  
 3. Come, our con - science to re - lieve from each sin re -  
 4. All our rich - es, all our crowns, cast we now be -



plead - ing. Come and ev' - ry heart re - new,  
 shroud - ed. All our lab - ors wrought in strife  
 mem - bered. Come, our Sav - ior's blood to plead;  
 fore thee. Scales re - mov - eth, chains un - bound,



breath of God pro - ceed - ing. You a - lone to  
 hath our judg - ment cloud - ed. Oh, con - sume our  
 na - ked we sur - ren - der. Sin hath left a  
 bold - ly we im - plore thee: as you knit us



God can win us, Spir - it now work good with - in us.  
 wrong de - si - res, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spi - re.  
 wound re - veal - ing; Spir - it, help us with your heal - ing.  
 once to - geth - er, fast - en us to you for - ev - er.

### **Call to Confession**

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.

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. — based on *Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. — based on *Daniel 9:4-19*

### **Declaration of Absolution**

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.

### **Declaration of Absolution**

Leader: 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 and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of 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.**

# Our Great God

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - ri - ous and un -  
2. Lord, we are weak and frail, help - less in the  
3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in the sea and ev - 'ry fly - ing

5 known; your bound - less love, un - fail - - ing,  
storm. Sur - round us with your an - - - gels,  
bird, let ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry field and

8 grace and mer - cy shown. Bright ser - a - phim in  
hold us in your arms. Our cold and ruth - less  
val - ley of the earth let all the moons and

11 cease - less flight a - round your glo - ri - ous throne; they  
en - e - my, his plea - sure is our harm. Rise  
all the stars in all the u - ni - verse sing

14 raise their voic - es day and night in praise to you a -  
up, O Lord, and he will flee be - fore our sov - 'reign  
prais - es to the liv - ing God who rules them by his

17 lone. Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Glo - ry be to our great  
God.  
Word.

21 God! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry be to our great God!

Chord markings: B $\flat$ , F m, F m7, B $\flat$ , G m, E $\flat$ , F m7, B $\flat$ , F m, E $\flat$ , B $\flat$ .

## 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

D Bm7 Em7 Asus--A D Bm7

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 Em7 Asus--A G2 D/F# G Maj7 Asus--A

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

7 D D/F# G Asus--A D D/F#

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 G Asus G2 D/F# G Asus

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

13 G D/F# G Bm7 Em7 G Asus--A D

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

## Life Together

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

## Prayers of the People

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

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**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.

# Word for the Kids

## Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you!**

**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.

### 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; those seated in the outer pews can then come forward, starting from the back rows; finally, those in the center pews can come forward, starting from 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.*

### Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-27, p944 in pew Bible

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Rev. Michael Whitham

### Lord's Supper

#### *Invitation*

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.**  
– Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

#### *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.*

#### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Elizabeth Cantrell, Nathan Carter, Martha Olson, Dana Russell*



**Praise the Savior, Now and Ever** Words: V. Fortunatus, trans. by A. Nelson;  
 Music: W. Moore, arr. by Benedict/Bradham

G D G G/B G

1. Praise the Sav-ior now and ev-er; praise him, all be-  
 2. Man's work fail-eth, Christ's a-vail-eth; he is all our  
 3. Sin's bond sev-ered, we're de-liv-ered; Christ has bruised the  
 4. For his fa-vor, praise for-ev-er un-to God the

4 G/D D7 G G G D7 G

neath the skies; pros-trate ly-ing suf-fring, dy-ing  
 righ-tous-ness; he, our Sav-ior, has for-ev-er  
 ser-pent's head; death no lon-ger is the strong-er  
 Fa-ther sing; praise the Sav-ior, praise him ev-er,

7 G G D G

on the cross, a sac-ri-fice. Vic-t'ry gain-ing  
 set us free from dire dis-tress. Through his mer-it  
 hell it-self is cap-tive led. Christ has ris-en  
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir-it;

10 D G G/B G G/D D7 G

life ob-tain-ing now in glo-ry he doth rise.  
 we in-her-it light and peace and hap-pi-ness.  
 from death's pris-on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.  
 through Christ's mer-it he doth us sal-va-tionbring.

**Benediction**

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

*Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.*

# WELCOME

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at [ctkcambridge.org/visit](http://ctkcambridge.org/visit) so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org). For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus).

## SUNDAYS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. Currently, we are offering Adult Education and children's Sunday school classes on Zoom.

"The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless." (Ps 146) Such was Ruth, the foreigner. In a day of turmoil, what is the Christian attitude to the foreigner? Remember, when we were strangers to God (foreigners), Christ bought us back, redeemed us. In a **4-5-week survey of The Book of Ruth**, we will learn how God redeems the hopeless and turns ordinary lives into the extraordinary. Class will be in-person in the Social Hall with a Zoom option.

## 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](mailto: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 a class that teaches about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in and pick them up after the service.
- Class capacity is 12 registered students, with a waitlist available. Parents may sign up children for class when registering for the service.
- Please contact Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org)) with any questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

### 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.
- During the sermon, kids may complete one of the worship activities available at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids) or in the church foyer along with 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies.

### 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](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide ([ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://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](http://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](http://ctkcambridge.org/community-groups) for a full listing with contact information.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

**Men's Bible Study:** Andy Stuntz ([astuntz@gmail.com](mailto:astuntz@gmail.com))

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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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [ctkcambridge.org/giving](http://ctkcambridge.org/giving).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

# LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Registration Reminder:** We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. When registering for the service, you may also **register children for either nursery** (ages 6 months through 3 years) **or children's worship** (ages 4 through Grade 2). Space is limited, but wait lists are available.

**Attention High School Youth!** You are invited to Lock-in (overnight) event at the church with food, games and late-night ridiculousness from 5:30 PM Friday, May 6 to 10:30 AM Saturday, May 7. More details, along with forms for registration can be found at [ctkcambridge.org/lock-in](http://ctkcambridge.org/lock-in).

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)*

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation)

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)

Wed, 7p :: **Women's PM Bible Study** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's AM Bible Study** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Fri, 6a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Zoom  
[ctkcambridge.org/men](http://ctkcambridge.org/men)

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