

CHRIST THE KING

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

SEASON OF EASTER
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

If anyone insists on his own goodness and despises others... let him look into himself... He will find he is not better than others and that in the presence of God everyone must duck his head and come into the joy of forgiveness only through the low door of humility. — Martin Luther

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: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Congregation: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to the LORD, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Congregation: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

— from *Psalms 34:8; Isaiah 55:1-2,6-7*

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.

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Carl Glaser

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1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he
 5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your

G D G

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris' - ner free; his blood can make the
 loo - sened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold, your

C G/D D7 G

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 earth a - broad, the ho - nors of thy Name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 Sa - vior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin

1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I knew the
 ran my hell - bound race, in - diff - 'rent to the
 would be yours a - lone and live - so all might

5 way; the sin that pro - mised joy and life had led me
 cost, you looked up - on my help - less state and led me
 see the strength to fol - low your com - mands could ne - ver

8 to the grave. I had no hope that you would
 to the cross; and I be - held God's love dis -
 come from me. O Fa - ther use my ran - somed

11 own played, a re - bel to your will, and if you
 life in a - ny way you choose, you bore the
 and let my

14 had not loved me first, I would re - fuse you still.
 wrath re - served for me, now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be my on - ly boast is

19 2. But as I grace! Hal le - lu - jah! All I
 you.

25 have is Christ! Halle - lu - jah! Jesus is my life! 3. Now Lord I

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: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. — *Psalms 32:1-5*

Prayer of Confession

All: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of 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.

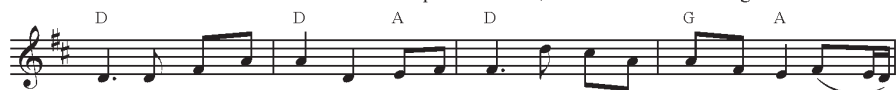
The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

Words: William Gadsby;

Music: Sandra McCracken



1.The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on his own e - ter - nal -
3.Love has re - deemed his sheep with blood, and love will bring them safe to



ly; nor earth, nor hell, can it re - move; long as he lives, his own he'll
God; Love calls them all from death to life; and love will fin - ish all their



love. 2.His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be their ev - er -
strife. 4.He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, nor aught from



last - ing Sur - e - ty; 'twas love that took their cause in hand, and love main
him can Zi - on wean; not all the wan - derings of her heart can make his



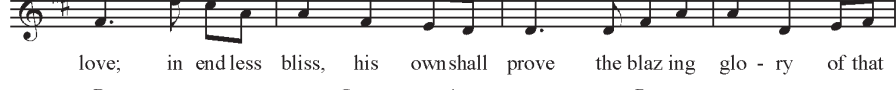
tains it to the end. Love can - not from its post with - draw; nor
love for her de - part.



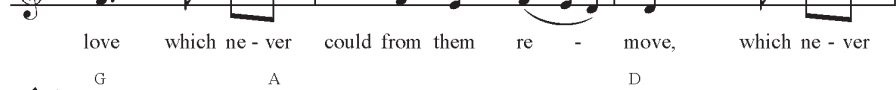
death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, can turn the Sure - ty's heart a - way; he'll



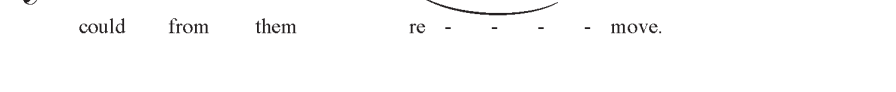
love his own to end - less day. 5.At death, be - yond the grave, he'll



love; in end less bliss, his own shall prove the blaz ing glo - ry of that



love which ne - ver could from them re - move, which ne - ver



could from them re - - - - - move.

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: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-
low, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly
host, praise Father, Son, and Ho ly Ghost; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Life Together

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

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Prayers of the People

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

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!

Just As I Am

Words: Charlotte Elliott;
Music: William Bradbury

D A D

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to
3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight,
5. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt

3 A G/D D D

that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
man - y a con - flict man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with
rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise

6 G D A D

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-12, p837 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his family: his church. Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of his body and wine as the sacrament of his blood.

All: Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands and eat and drink them in our mouths, by which our life is then sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior. We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.

– Adapted from *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21*

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

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; which
mer-cy is more than a match for my heart and the
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-rant 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 right-eous-ness mine!

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 so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org. For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit 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) 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) 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 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.
- 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.

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Men's Bible Study: Andy Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

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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:

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

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

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

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