

CHRIST THE KING

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

ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 29, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Immanuel, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendor. — Charles Spurgeon, Morning and Evening

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

Tyler Holley

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Congregation: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

Congregation: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Congregation: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! — from Psalm 29

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.

Invocation

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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Words and Music: Martin Luther

1. A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail -
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los -
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid -

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ing; our help er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - veil -
ing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos -
us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through
eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid -

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ing. For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are
ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his
us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en -
eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al so; the bod - y they may

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great; and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - - qual.
name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - - - tle.
dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - - - er.

It Is Well With My Soul

Words: Horatio G. Spafford;
Music: Philip Bliss

1. When peace like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3. My sin - O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! - my
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is
help - less es - tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so it is well with my soul.

well _____ with my soul; _____ it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul;

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*

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.

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: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 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.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Simeon B. Marsh

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er

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bo - som fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll,
 soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone,
 thee I find; raise the fall - en, cheer the faint,
 all my sin; let the heal - ing streams a-bound;

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while the tem - pest still is high; hide me, O my
 still sup port and com - fort me! All my trust on
 heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly
 make and keep me pure with - in; thou of life the

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Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is
 thee is stayed, all my help from thee I
 is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous -
 foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of

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past; safe in - to the ha - ven guide,
 bring; cov - er my de - fense - less head
 ness; false and full of sin I am,
 thee; spring thou up with - in my heart,

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O re - ceive my soul at last!
 with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 thou art full of truth and grace.
 rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

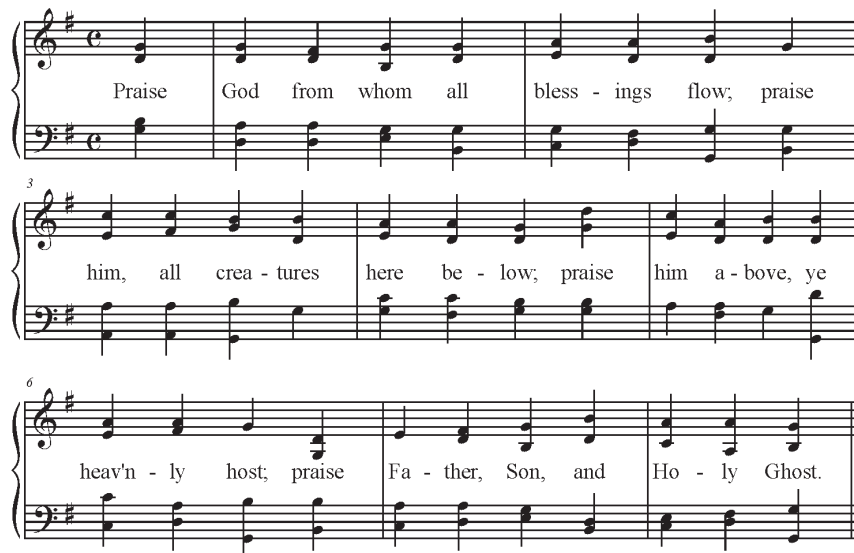
Offertory

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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: Thomas Ken;
Music: Thomas Tallis



Praise God from whom all bless - ings 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.

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.

Life Together

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.

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.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Words: Henry Lyte;
Music: W.A. Mozart, alt. by Bill Moore



E G#m A E

1. Je - sus, I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me,
3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me,
4. Soul then know thy full sal - va - tion,
5. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry,

3 E G#m A B

all to leave and fol - low thee.
they have left my Sa - vior too.
twill but drive me to thy breast.
rise o'er sin and fear and care,
armed by faith and winged by prayer.

5 E G#m A E

Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken,
Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me;
Life with tri - als hard may press me,
joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion,
Heav'n's e - ter - nal day's be - fore thee,

7 E G#m A E

thou from hence my all shalt be.
thou art not, like them, un - true.
heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.
some - thing still to do or bear.
God's own hand shall guide us there.

9 C#m C#m/B A E

Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
Oh while thou shalt smile up - on me,
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
Think what Spi - rit dwells with - in thee,
Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion,

11 C#m C#m/B A E

all I've sought or hoped or known.
God of wis - dom, love, and might,
while thy love is left to me,
think what Fa - ther's smiles are thine,
soon shall pass thy pil - - grim days,

13 C#m C#m/B A E

Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
think that Je - sus died to win thee,
hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,

15 F#m E/G# A B E

God and heav'n are still my own.
show thy face, and all is bright.
were that joy un - mixed with thee.
Child of heav'n, canst thou re - pine.
faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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

Mark 6:14-29, p841 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Herod, Jesus, and John

Rev. Travis Drake

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Supper that we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

All: By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and everlasting covenant of grace and reconciliation, that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

Minister: We come to have communion with this same Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.

All: In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the vine, in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

Minister: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory.

All: Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension, Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit, who unites us all in one body, so we are to receive this supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

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.

Andrea Boostma, James Goodman, Sarah Goodman, Tyler Holley

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

Cornerstone

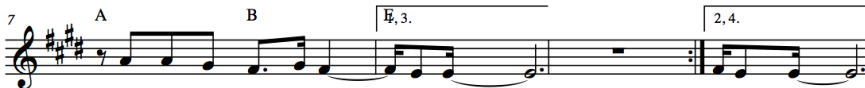
Words and Music: J. Myrin, R. Morgan,
E. Lijero, E. Mote, and W. Bradbury



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



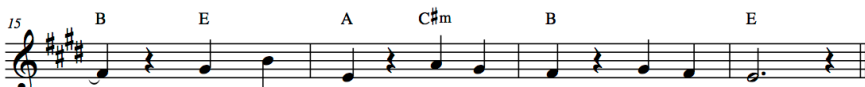
right - eous-ness. I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,
chang - ing grace. In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale,
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way,
him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone,



but whol-ly trust in Je - sus' Name. the veil.
my an-chorholds within he then is all my hope and stay. the throne.
faultless to stand be-fore



Christ a - lone, Cor - ner - stone, Weak made strong in the Sav - ior's love,



Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

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.

Our current Adult Ed class is a 4-week course on Ecclesial Architecture, taught by CTK Elder and practicing architect, Greg Russell. The class will cover larger discussions of the role architectural expression has in faith and worship, as well as more specific questions about our building and the renovations that are taking place. 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.

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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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.

A **quick note about communion:** at the end of the service, please take a moment to dispose of your communion cup in one of the trash cans at the exits.

Upcoming CTK Women's Ministry Event! We have planned a short hike at Breakheart Reservation on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00AM. This is a 1-2 hour hike around the upper pond so feel free to bring young ones. Pack a water bottle, sandwich and snacks and we'll picnic along the way! Meet in the parking lot behind the Target at 10AM (400 Lynn Fells Pkwy, Saugus, MA). Contact Martha at women@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

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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