

CHRIST THE KING

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 31, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Christianity does not consist in expressions, formulae, or figures of speech; it is an inner life, a holy power, and all doctrinal concepts and dogmas have value only insofar as they express the inner life that is present within them. – Johann Adam Möhler

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

Rev. Travis Drake

Leader: Let us worship God.

Congregation: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

Congregation: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,

Congregation: confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth. – Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13

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.

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Words: David Clowney;
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

1. God, all na - ture sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro -
 2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast
 3. But our sins have spoiled thine im - age; na - ture, con - science
 4. God of glo - ry, pow - er, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion

claim thy might; or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens,
 made for thee; rul - er of cre - a - tion's glo - ry,
 on - ly serve as un - ceas - ing, grim re - mind - ers
 prais - es thee; we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee

or - dered course of day and night; beau - ty in the
 im - age of thy maj - es - ty. Mu - sic, art, the
 of the wrath which we deserve. Yet thy grace and
 now and through e - ter - ni - ty. Saved to mag - ni -

chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea;
 fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days,
 sav - ing mer - cy in thy Word of truth re - vealed
 fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will;

13

all the chang - ing moods of na - ture
 are the call - ing of his Mak - er
 claim the praise of all who know thee,
 with our acts as with our voic - es

15

praise the change - less Trin - i - ty.
 to the har - vest feast of praise.
 in the blood of Je - sus sealed.
 thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

Come, O Spirit

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell

F C Dm C B^b

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 -

4 C⁷ F F C Dm C

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,

7 B^b C⁷ F C B^b A

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

10 Dm F/C C B^b Gm F C F

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.

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.

**In this context, 'catholic' refers to the global, historic church.*

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.

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.

Confession of Faith

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – *Apostles' Creed*

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*

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. – *Hebrews 9:24-26*

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: 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.

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 - jice, re - jice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -
cer - tain hope of peace.
God is all in all."

oice! One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, re - jice!

Chords: C2, F2, C2/E, G, A m7, F2/G, D m, G sus, G, C

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.

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.

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.

Offertory

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

Deacons' Fund Offering

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:14-26, p995 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Grace of Gentleness

Rev. Travis Drake

O Jesus Christ, Grow Thou In Me

Words: Johann Lavater;

Music: Kathryn Baldanza



1. O Je - sus Christ, grow thou in me, and all things else re-

2. In thy bright beams which on me fall, fade ev - 'ry e - vil

3. Fill me with glad - ness from a - bove, hold me by strength di-



cede! My heart be dai - ly near - er thee, from sin be dai ly

thought; that I am no - thing, thou art all, I would be dai ly

vine; Lord, let the glow of thy great love through my whole being



freed. Each day let thy sup - por - ting might my

taught. More of thy glo - ry let me see. Thou

shine. Make this poor self grow less and less, be



weak - ness still em - brace; my dark - ness van - ish

ho - ly, wise, and true! I would thy liv - ing

thou my life and aim; O, make me dai - ly



in thy light, thy life my death ef - face.

im - age be, in joy and sor - row too.

through thy grace, more meet to bear thy name.

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.

At the end of the service, please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary.

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.

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

How Firm A Foundation

Words: John Rippon;
Music: Traditional American Melody

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 3/2 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, corresponding to the four verses. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/2. The score includes chord markings above the vocal line: G, C, G, D, D7, G, D/F#, Em, C, G, D, G, C, G, D7, G.

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

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

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

you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my righ - 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."

Benediction

Benediction

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.
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

Adult Education and Children & Youth Sunday School classes are currently on hiatus for the summer but will resume in person this fall. More details will be provided later on in the summer.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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)

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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.

This summer we have begun a **new pick up procedure for children's worship** in order for the children to be in the service for the Lord's Supper and Benediction. After the sermon, there will now be a song before we take the Lord's Supper; during the song one parent can head to the back foyer outside of the social hall on the bathroom side. Pick up will take place at the door at the top of the stairwell. Please remember your security tag during pick up. Drop off will remain at the Passing of the Peace.

Interested in investing in the future generation? **The CTK youth ministry team is in need of volunteers for the next school year.** Some of the ways to get involved include: mentoring, teaching sunday school, and planning/hosting/chaperoning events. Please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org if you are interested.

Starting this Sunday, July 31st, the livestream link will be available by request only. If you need the link, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Wed, Aug 10 7:30p :: **Women's Summer Book Club** :: TBA
ctkcambridge.org/women

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

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

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