

CHRIST THE KING

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

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

Leonard Layne

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

**Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We
bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever! — Psalm 118:20-29**

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.

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Words: Jean S. Pigott;
Music: Kathryn Baldanza

(Capo III) F(D) Csus(Asus) C(A) B^b(G)

1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of
 2. O, how great thy lov - ing kind-ness, vast - er, broad - er
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee
 4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on me, as I work and

4 C(A) F(D) Csus(Asus) C(A)

what thou art; I am find - ing out the great - ness
 than the sea! O, how mar - vel - ous thy good - ness,
 as thou art, and thy love, so pure, so change-less,
 wait for thee; rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus,

7 B^b(G) C(A) F(D) B^b(G) C7(A7) F(D)

of thy lov - ing heart. Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee,
 lav - ished all on me! Yes, I rest in thee, be - lov - ed,
 sat - is - fies my heart. Sat - is - fies its deep - est long ings,
 Earth's dark shad - ows flee. Bright-ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry,

11 B^b(G) Csus(Asus) C(A) F(D) Csus(Asus) C(A)

and thy beau - ty fills my soul, for by thy trans - form - ing pow - er,
 know what wealth of grace is thine, know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise,
 meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need, com - passeth me round with blessings;
 sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face, keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing,

15 B^b(G) C(A) 1. F(D) 2. F(D) E^b(C) F(D)

thou hast made me whole. Je sus, I am rest ing, rest ing in the
 and have made it mine.
 thine is love in - - - deed!
 fill me with thy grace.

20 E^b(C) F(D) E^b(C) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D)

joy of what thou art; I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy heart.

Psalm 126

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell

B m G D

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;
 2. The na - tions will say "He has done great things!"

8 B m G D

Our tongues, they were loosed loosed with joy.
 The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

15 G A G

Re - store us, O Lord! Re -

22 A Asus G D

store us, O Lord! Al - though we are weep - ing,

29 A B m G

Lord, help us keep sow - ing the seeds of your King -

36 D A B m

dom for the day you will reap them! Your sheaves we will

43 G D A B m

car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry! All

50 G B m A D

those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of joy!

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: For what do we pray in the fourth request (of the Lord's Prayer)?

Congregation: In the fourth request (Give us today our daily bread) we pray that we may receive an adequate amount of the good things in this life as a free gift of God and that with them we may enjoy His blessing. — Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 104

Confession of Sin

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen. — Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Colossians 1, verses 13 and 19 through 20:

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins... For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

G C

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
Fa-ther of mer-cies thy good-ness I own and the

Em C D

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

A m7 G/B C A 9/C#

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

A m7 C D

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

4. G A m7 G/B C

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

2. With
3. Thy
4. Great

A 9/C# A m7 C D G

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

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.

Owen Andrews, Andrea Bootsma, Bob Sawyer, Kelly Sawyer

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

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. A - men.

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.

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.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 126, p517 in pew Bible

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.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

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

The Lord Is My Salvation

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockels, and Jonas Myrin



1.The grace of God has reached for me,
2.I will not fear when dark - ness falls,
3.My hope is hid - den in the Lord,
4.In times of wait - ing, times of need,



And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
His strength will help me scale these walls.
He flow'rs each pro - mise of his Word.
When I know loss, when I am weak.



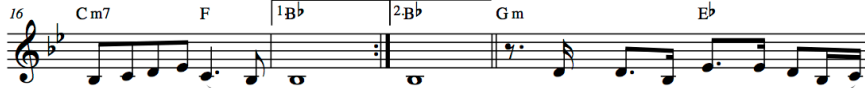
And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The
I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The
When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The
I know his grace will re - new these days: The



Lord is my salva - tion. Who is like the Lord our God?
Lord is my salva - - - tion.
Lord is my salva - tion.
Lord is my salva - - - - - tion.



Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The



Lord is my salva - tion. tion. 5.And when I reach the fi - nal



day, He will not leave me in the grave.

23 *E^b/G* *F/A* *B^b* *B^b/D* *E^b* *C m7* *F* *B^b*
 But I will rise, Christ will call me home: The Lord is my salva - tion.

27 *F* *E^b* *B^b/D* *F* *E^b* *B^b/D*
 Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

31 *G m* *F/A* *B^b* *B^b/D* *E^b* *B^b/D* *C m7* *F* *B^b*
 debt is paid and the victory won; The Lord is my salva - tion. Glory

35 *E^b* *B^b/D* *F/A* *G m* *E^b* *B^b/D* *F*
 be to God, the Fa - ther, Glory be to God, the Son, Glory

39 *E^b* *B^b/D* *D m* *G m* *C m7* *F* *B^b*
 be to God, the Spi - rit; The Lord is our sal - va - tion.

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson;
Music: Christopher Miner

(Capo IV) B(G) F#(D) E(C) B(G)

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

4 G#m(Em) B(G) E(C) F#(D) B(G) F#(D)

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the
yield my flick 'ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its
can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow
dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's

7 E(C) B(G) G#m(Em) B(G)

life I owe, that in thine o - cean
bor - rowed ray, that in thy sun - shine's
through the rain, and feel the prom - ise
glo - ry dead, and from the ground there

9 E(C) F#(D) C#m(Am) G#m(Em) F#(D)

depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
bloss - oms red life that shall end - less be.

Benediction

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

*Please dispose of your communion cups as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you!
Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.*

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.

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

- Open during the service for children 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 pre-view 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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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:

For any verbal announcements you may have missed, please visit ctkcambridge.org/this-week.

CTK is looking to hire a Children's Ministry Coordinator! This is a part-time position (7-10 hours/week), working closely with the Director to plan, implement and oversee programs and operations for the Children's Ministry at Christ the King (which cares for families with children up through Grade 5). The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to care for and support our families, with a larger vision of teaching and discipling children in their faith as they grow up in our community and a commitment to their personal prayer life, which will sustain and inform his or her work within the Children's Ministry. For more information, please visit ctkcambridge.org/childrens-ministry-operations-coordinator.

Come to the Tuesday Evening Women's Bible study! Their first gathering will be Tuesday Sept 12 at 7:00 pm for potluck snacks, intros, and prayer. After that, we will meet every other Tuesday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm and start in with study of the letter to the Hebrews. Questions? Contact Kimberly Bowal 617-396-1022 or Jeanie Carson 617-272-0366. Or just come! Feel free to park in spaces right by the church.

This fall, the **Thursday morning Women's Bible Study** will be studying 1 & 2 Kings. Their first meeting will be a potluck breakfast on September 14 at 9:30a in the church social hall. Questions? Contact Kelly Sawyer (bostonkelly@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Tue, Sep 12, 7p :: **Women's PM Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

Thu, Sep 24, 9:30a :: **Women's AM Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

Sat, Sep 23, 4:30p :: **CTK Chili Cook-Off** :: 99 Prospect
More details coming soon!

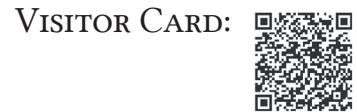
WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

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

Fri, 6:15a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/men

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