

CHRIST THE KING

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

In and through and by Jesus Christ, with whom Christians have been united by the Holy Spirit, we can praise, lament, petition, and discover that the story of our loss is not the only, or most important, story that encloses our lives. We discover that this spacious place – of living in Christ – is wide and deep enough for us to petition, to rejoice, and also join our laments to those of Jesus Christ, who intercedes on our behalf. — J Todd Billings, Rejoicing in Lament

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

Liturgist

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. — *Psalm 107:1-9*

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.

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Words: Joseph Hart;
Music: *The Southern Harmony*

Chords: Em G Am D G D/F# Em

1. Come ye sin-ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound ed,
 2. Come, ye thirst y, come and wel - come, God's free boun-ty
 3. Come, ye wea-ry, hea - vy la - den, lost and ru - ined
 4. Let not con-science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
 5. Lo! th'In-car-nate God as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it

Chords: C D7 G Em Am Bm Em D

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy; true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth
 of his blood; ven - ture on him, ven - ture whol - ly,

Chords: C G/B Am Bm Em Bm Em

full of pi - ty love, and pow'r.
 ev' - - - ry grace that brings you nigh.
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.
 let no oth - er trust in - trude.

Come, Oh Redeemer, Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with an Em chord and contains the lyrics: 'Fa - ther en - throned on high, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord save us from the dark of our stri - ving, Look now up - on our need; Lord, be with us.' The second staff starts with an Em chord and contains: 'an - cient, e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer. faith - less and troub - led hearts, weighed our Heal us and make us free from our'. The third staff starts with an Em chord and contains: 'down. sin. Come, oh Re - deem - er, come, grant us mer - cy.' The fourth staff starts with an Am chord and contains: 'Come, oh Re - deem - er, come, grant us peace.' Chords are indicated above the notes: Em, D, C, Em, Am, D, Em.

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 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 Sin

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen. — from the *Book of Common Prayer*

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.

— *John 3:17-18a, 2 Corinthians 5:21*

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.

Across the Lands

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend

D G D

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be - fore the world be -
 2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the
 3. With a shout you rose vic - to-rious, wrest-ling vic - t'ry from the

5 A G D/F#

gan; ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net has been
 lost, and ex - changed the joy of heav - en for the
 grave, and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en lead - ing

8 Em G D

fash - ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -
 an - guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the
 cap - tives in your wake. Now you stand be - fore the

11 G D A

geth - er by the pow - er of your voice; let the
 hun - gry, with a word you stilled the sea. Yet how
 Fa - ther in - ter - ced - ing for your own. From each

14 G D/F# Em G

skies de - clare your glo - ry, let the land and seas re -
 si - lent - ly you suf - fered that the guilt - y may go
 tribe and tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners

17 Asus G D D/F# G A2

joice!
 free. You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry
 home.

21 Bm Bm/A G G/A Bm7 A D

man; and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

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: 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.

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.

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.

Life Together

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 1:1-2:8, p398 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm,
Laura Bullock, Amanda Holley;
Music: William M. Runyan

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God our Fa - ther;
 2. Though we bear bur - dens, we hope in thy prom - ise.
 3. Thy love is stead - fast, un - ceas - ing, a - bun - dant.

5 there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est
 Though in dis - tress, fix our eyes yet a - bove. Whe - ther in
 Thou, Lord, art good, and our trust is in thee. Seek - ing thy

10 not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast
 joy or in grief, we bear wit - ness to thy great
 strength, we a - wait thy sal - va - tion, thou our in -

14 been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love. Great is thy faith ful ness! Great is thy
 her - i - tence e - ter - nal - ly.

20 faith ful ness! Morn ing by morn ing new mer cies I see; all I have

26 need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid ed - Great is thy faith ful ness, Lord, un - to

32 me!

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: What do you believe?

All: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.

Minister: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him. — from *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 75, 80*

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

Cornerstone

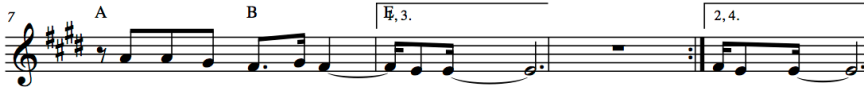
Words and Music: J. Myrin, R. Morgan,
E. Lijero, E. Mote, and W. Bradbury



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



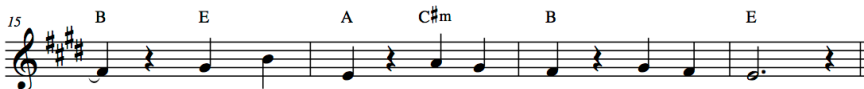
right-eous-ness. I dare not trust the sweet-est frame,
chang-ing grace. In ev-'ry high and storm-y gale,
whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way,
him be found; dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone,



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



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.
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. Classes for Kindergarten thru Grade 8 will begin on September 18th. High School Sunday School as well as Adult Education will begin later in the Fall.

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 classes that teach 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.
- 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 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)

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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:

Please note: the **Congregational Meeting has been postponed** until October. More details to follow.

Registration Reminder: We ask folks to please register to attend on Sunday mornings if they would like **distanced seating** or if they would like to **register children for nursery** (ages 6 months through 3 years). Space is limited, but wait lists are available. Registration is no longer required for children's worship.

Attention parents and children's ministry volunteers: Starting September 1, **updated COVID guidelines will go into effect for all children's programs** (including Nursery, Children's Worship and Sunday School). Most notably, masks will be optional for both children and volunteers/staff. All guidelines may be found at ctkcambridge.org/policies-children including updated protocols for volunteers/staff and children. Any questions can be directed to dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Children's Worship Update: On Sunday, September 11 Children's Worship will resume with two classes (aged 4-5 years and 6 years to grade 2).

CTK's music ministry is looking for instrumentalists to join the Sunday music team! Volunteers serve on a rotating basis, based on need and availability. Please contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org to learn more.

The **Women's AM Bible Study** starts back up on Thursday, September 15! We will be meeting on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11a in the church social hall. This year we will be studying the gospel of Luke. Books (and hopefully childcare!) will be provided. All women are welcome! For more information, contact Kelly Sawyer at bostonkelly@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

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

Thu, Sep 15, 9:30a :: **Women's AM Bible Study** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/women

Sat, Oct 15 :: **Discovering CTK** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk

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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