

CHRIST THE KING

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field...

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. — from Isaiah 40

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: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Congregation: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Congregation: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

All: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. — *Psalm 46*

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander;
Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -

a - - - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - - - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - - - tion! All ye who hear,
gent - ly sus - tain - - - eth! Hast thou not seen
dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new
prais - es be - fore him. Let the A - men

now to his tem - ple draw near,
how thy de - sires e'er have been
what the Al - might - y will do,
sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

join me in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion!
gran - ted in what he or - dain - - - eth?
if with his love he be - friend thee.
glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Words and Music: J. Kauflin,
M. Merker, K. Getty, S. Townend

F#m7 E/G# A A/C#

1. Out of the depths I cry to you; in dark-est plac-es I will
2. Were you to count my sin-ful ways, how could I come be fore your

D F#m C#m/E A/C# D A/E E

call; in-cline your ear to me a - new, and hear my cry for mer-cy,
throne? Yet full for - give-ness meets my gaze; I stand re-deemed by grace a -

1. A 2. A A/C# D

Lord. 2. Were I will wait for you, I will wait for you; on your
- - - lone.

E F#m A/C# D

word I will re - ly. I will wait for you, sure-ly wait for you, till my

E A.2. F#m7 E/G#

soul is sat-is - fied. 3. So put your hope in God a -
4. Now he has come to make a

A A/C# D F#m C#m/E A/C#

lone; take cour-age in his power to save, com pletely and for-ev - er
way, and God him-self has paid the price, that all who trust in him to -

D A/E E A 3.

won by Christ's e - merg-ing from the grave. I will find. I will
day find heal-ing in his sac - ri - fice.

A/C# D E

wait for you, I will wait for you, through the storm and through the

F#m A/C# D E A

night. I will wait for you, surely wait for you, for your love is my de - light.

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: Christians, what do you believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. — *The Nicene Creed*

Confession of Sin

All: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

– from the *Book of Common Prayer*

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

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 Holy Ghost; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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.

Life Together

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

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!

Life Together

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 2:9-20, 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

Psalm 126

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell

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

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

15 Re - store us, O Lord! Re -

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

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

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

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

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

Chords: Bm, G, D, Bm, G, D, G, A, G, A, Asus, G, D, A, Bm, G, D, A, Bm, G, D, G, Bm, A, D

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: 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.

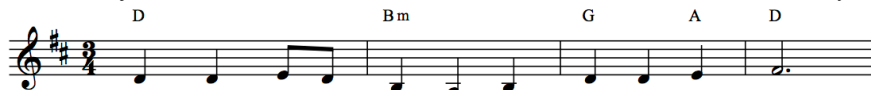
Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

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

Be Thou My Vision

Words and Music: Ancient Irish Hymn



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3. Be thou my breast plate, my sword for the fight.
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
5. High king of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Be thou my dig - ni - ty, be thou my might.
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, and I thy true son;
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r.
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
Raise thou me hea - venward, O pow'r of my pow'r.
high king of hea - ven, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O ru - ler 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)

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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:

Please note: the **Congregational Meeting has been postponed** until October 23. 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.

As of September 1, **updated COVID guidelines have gone into effect for all children's programs.** Most notably, masks will be optional for both children and volunteers/staff. All guidelines may be found at ctkcambridge.org/policies-children. Any questions can be directed to dana@ctkcambridge.org.

The **Men's Bible study** is studying Acts this fall. Join them as they read, reflect on, and discuss one chapter each week -- no preparation required, and one-time visits are welcome! They meet Fridays 6-7am on Zoom. Contact Andy (astuntz@gmail.com) with questions.

Men, mark your calendars! There will be a **men's breakfast on Saturday, October 8th** from 8-10am in the fellowship hall.

The **Women's AM Bible Study** starts back up on Thursday, September 15! They will be meeting on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11a in the church social hall. They will be studying the gospel of Luke. For more information, email Kelly Sawyer at bostonkelly@gmail.com.

The **Women's Evening Bible study** is meeting every other Wednesday at 7pm! Next meeting is September 21st. They are studying the book of Galatians. Please reach out to Laura Doherty (wslaurad@gmail.com) or Jeanie Carson (jeanieccarson@comcast.net) with any questions!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Fri, Sep 23, 7p :: **Youth Large Group Meeting** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/youth

Sat, Oct 8, 7p :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/men

Sat, Oct 15, 9a :: **Discovering CTK** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk

Sun, Oct 23, 3:30p :: **Congregational Meeting** :: Sanctuary
ctkcambridge.org/calendar

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

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

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

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