

CHRIST THE KING

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 2, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Romantic love is blind to everything except what is lovable and lovely, but Christ's love sees us with terrible clarity and sees us whole. Christ's love so wishes our joy that it is ruthless against everything in us that diminishes our joy. The worst sentence Love can pass is that we behold the suffering which Love has endured for our sake, and that is also our acquittal. The justice and mercy of the judge are ultimately one. – Frederick Buechner, Beyond Words

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: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

Congregation: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**Congregation: Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!**

Leader: The King in his might loves justice.

Congregation: You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

All: For the LORD our God is holy! – Psalm 99:1-4, 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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson;
Music: Asahel Nettleton

1. Come, thou fount of ev - ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

5 grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
be; let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my

8 songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan - der - Lord, I

11 son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
feel it - prone to leave the God I love; here's my

14 mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Thy Mercy, My God

Words: John Stoker;
Music: Sandra McCracken

1. Thy mer-cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
out thy sweet mer-cy I could not live here;
mer-cy is more than a match for my heart which
Fa-ther of mer-cies thy good-ness I own and the

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

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

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

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

2. With
3. Thy
4. Great

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

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.

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: What is man's primary purpose?

Congregation: Man's primary purpose is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

Leader: What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy Him?

Congregation: The only authority for glorifying and enjoying Him is the Bible, which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments.

Leader: What does the Bible primarily teach?

Congregation: The Bible primarily teaches what man must believe about God and what God requires of man.

– Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 1-3

Confession of Sin

All: O God, we confess that though You are meant to be our greatest delight, we often forget you entirely. Though Your Word should form us into those who rejoice in you, we often live our lives as if you didn't exist. We have strayed from who you created us to be. We have pursued other goals and glories, though you are the greatest treasure we could ever find. We have spent time on many things, but often spend little time with You through Your Word. Forgive us, O God, our Father. And grant us a new desire for You, through the power of your Holy Spirit, in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. – *Isaiah 44:21-22*

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.

How Great Thou Art

Words: Stuart K. Hine;
Music: Swedish Folk Melody

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I
3. And when I think that God, his Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -

won - der con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have
wan - der and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion and take me home, what joy shall fill my

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis -
gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou

played. Then sings my soul, my Sav ior God, to thee; how great thou
breeze;
sin.
art.

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav ior God, to

thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Chord markings: A, D/A, D, A sus4, E, E sus4, C#m7, A

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: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings 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.

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.

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.

Life Together

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah, p401 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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 lovethrough 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, 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

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.

Partaking of the Elements

O God of Our Salvation

Words and Music: Michael Bleecker
and Matt Boswell

(CAPO III) B \flat (G) E \flat (C) B \flat (G)

1. O God of our sal - va - tion who reigns u - pon the
2. Be - hold the Son our Sav - ior who for our sin was
3. O God, the Ho - ly Spir - it, re - veal - ing De - i -

4 F(D) B \flat (G) E \flat (C) Gm(Em)

throne the sov' - reign Fa - ther, great is he from
slain the Christ who pur - chased with his blood the
ty the fount of life and love di - vine through -

7 B \flat (G) F(D) B \flat (G) F(D) B \flat (G) E \flat (C)

whom all bless - ings flow. O God of our sal - va - tion, from
wretch - ed souls of men.
out e - ter - ni - ty.

11 F(D) B \flat (G) E \flat (C) F(D) B \flat (G) E \flat (C)

whom re - demp - tion comes O Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, the

15 E \flat (C) F(D) B \flat (G)

bless - ed three in one.

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

Sunday school classes for Kindergarten through Grade 8 are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. High School Sunday school as well as Adult Education will begin later in the Fall.

Our sermon series in Nehemiah has been calling us back to community. One way to answer that call could be in attending the **new Adult Education class, starting on October 16th** in the social hall at 9:15a. Leonard Layne will be teaching a 6-week class on *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, facilitating discussions on how God is at work and how we rebuild in our life together. Please register to attend so teachers can adequately prepare and we can assess if there is a quorum to hold the class. Register by Sunday, 10/9 for a free copy of the book.

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)

Youth Ministry: Ariana Smartt (ariana@ctkcambridge.org)

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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:

Policy change: Registration is no longer required for Sunday mornings, and distanced seating is no longer assigned. There will be two distanced pews on either side of the main floor for families with small children, and the balcony will remain distanced seating.

New to CTK? **Discovering CTK** is a newcomers class for those interested in learning more about our church and denomination (PCA) and what it means to become a member. The next class will on Saturday, October 15th from 9a to 3p in the church social hall. Registration is now open at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk.

Children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary to take part in the **congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23**. As an alternative, we are providing childcare and supervision for littles and kids who prefer not to attend the meeting. Please register by Sunday, October 16 to let us know your kids are coming.

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Please note, there will be **no Kids' Sunday school classes on Sunday, October 9**. Classes will resume the following Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sat, Oct 8, 8a :: **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

Sat, Oct 29, 2p :: **CTK Great Pumpkin Event** :: Dana Park
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

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

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

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

LINKS

GIVING:



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