

CHRIST THE KING

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31, 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

Greg Russell

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! — *Psalms 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.

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.

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!

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.

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 Sin

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Romans 8, verses 1 through 5:

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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: 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.

Almighty God

Words and Music: S. McCracken, L. Jordan, D. Leonard

1. Al might - y God, to you all hearts are o - pen.
A A/D

3 Search and know our thoughts and an - xious fears.
A A/D

5 Wash us in the foun - tain of your mer - cy.
A A/D

7 Come with your light; we can - not hide from you.
E D A

10 2. Al might - y God, to you all hearts are
y God, to you all hearts are
y God, to you all hearts are
A

12 o - - - pen. With grat -
o - - - pen. We long
o - - - pen. You take
A/D

13 - i tude we raise our song to you. No shal -
for more than what this world pro - vides. Oh, Lamb
a - way our sick - ness and our sin. A/D

15 Come and fill the prais - es of your peo - ple. But
- low spring will ev - er sat - is fy us.
of God, we gath - er at your ta - ble. A/D

17 In grace and truth you make us new a - gain.
your riv - er deep floods o - ver ev - 'ry - thing.
In bread and wine you have sup - plied our needs. A

20 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
D Dm A D D dim7 A B m7 A/C#

26 - - - - jah. 3. Al might
D E A A/D 4. Al might

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 Bourgeois'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.

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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.

Life Together

Offering Collectors:

Andrea Bootsma. Sarah Goodman, Ryan Grams, Susanne van Veluw

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:16-18, page 808 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone

Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Aaron Keyes, based on Psalm 62



1. My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my sal - va - tion, a
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a lone a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When
3. I'll set my gaze on God a lone and trust in him complete - ly, with



for tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en. Though
e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though
ev - ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mer - cy. Though



lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies, like ar - rows, pierce me, I'll
rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them. The
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to meas - ure, my



fix my heart on righ - teous - ness; I'll look to him who hears
fields of hope in which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav -
King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his for - ev -



me. O praise him, hal le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re - ward. Ever
en.
er.



last - ing, nev - er - fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

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 and 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

Deacons' Fund Offering

The Church's One Foundation

Words: Samuel Stone;
Music: Brian Moss

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her
2. Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the
3. Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore op -
5 Lord; she is his new creation by water and the
earth; her character of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one
pressed by schisms rent asunder, by heresies dis -
9 Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly
birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one ho - ly
tressed. Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up "How
13 bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he
food, and to one hope she presses with every grace en -
long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be themorn of

Communion Servers:

Andrea Bootsma. Sarah Goodman, Ryan Grams, Susanne van Veluw

17. ^{1.}D. ^{3.}D. G A Bm
died. song. 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and
dued.

21. G A Bm G A D/F# G
tu - mult of her war she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of

25. C A D D/F#
peace for - ev - er - more. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, her

29. G A sus A D D/F#
long - ing eyes are blest, and the great church vic - tor - ious shall

33. G A D B sus B E
be the church at rest. 5. Yet she on earth hath

37. E/G# A B sus B E
un - ion with God the Three in One, and mys - tic sweet com -

41. E/G# A B sus B F#m
mu - nion with those whose rest is won. O hap - py ones and

45. E/G# A B sus B E
ho - ly, Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and

49. E/G# A B A B
low - ly, on high may dwell, that they will dwell, that

52. A B E
we will dwell with thee.

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 in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.*

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

Kindergarten through High School Sunday school classes and Adult Education are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. The Adult Education class meets in the social hall.

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 children@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 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

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Women's Ministry: Martha Olson (women@ctkcambridge.org)

Youth Ministry: Ariana Smartt (ariana@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:

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

Hear ye, hear ye! **Registration is now open for the 2024 CTK Getaway**, taking place January 26 thru January 28! Our speaker this year will be Rev. Dwight Yoo, pastor at Renewal Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Save the Date :: Jan 26-28 :: CTK Winter Getaway
ctkcambridge.org/getaway

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

LINKS

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KIDS' SUNDAY SUMMARY:



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