

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*The Bustle in a House
The Morning after Death
Is solemnest of industries
Enacted upon Earth –
The Sweeping up the Heart
And putting Love away
We shall not want to use again
Until Eternity –
- Emily Dickinson*

We cannot live at peace with death. When the writer of Revelation spoke of the coming of the day of shalom, he did not say that on that day we would live at peace with death. He said that on that day "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." I shall try to keep the wound from healing, in recognition of our living still in the old order of things. I shall try to keep it from healing, in solidarity with those who sit beside me on humanity's mourning bench. - Nicholas Wolterstorff

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: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — Isaiah 55.6, 7

Invocation

Hide Not Thou Thy Face
CTK Chamber Singers

R. Farrant

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

Nathan Carter

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.

We Come, O Christ, to Thee

Words: E. Margaret Clarkson;
Music: John Darwall

1. We come, O Christ, to thee, true Son of God and
 2. Thou art the way to God, thy blood our ran - som
 3. Thou art the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in
 4. Thou on - ly art true Life, to know thee is to
 5. We wor - ship thee, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our

5
 man, by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be -
 paid; in thee we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a -
 thee, thou source of ev' - ry skill, e - ter - nal Ver - i -
 live the more a - bun - dant life that earth can ne - ver
 King. To thee our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we

9
 gan; in thee a - lone we live and move, and
 fraid. Be - fore the throne ab - solved we stand, thy
 ty! Thou great I AM! In thee we rest, true
 give; O ris - en Lord! We live in thee, and
 bring; so fill our hearts, that men may see thy

13
 have our be - ing in thy love.
 love has met thy law's de - - - mand.
 an - swer to our ev' - ry quest.
 thou in us e - ter - nal - - - ly.
 life in us, and turn to thee.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

(Capo III) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B \flat (G)

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no

3 F(D) Csus(Asus) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B \flat (G)

vast be - yond all meas - ure that he should give his on - ly Son to
 sin up - on his shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mocking voice call
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his

5 F(D) C(A) F(D) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B \flat (G)

make a wretch his treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there un -
 death and res - ur - rec - tion, Why should I gain from his re - ward? I

7 F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B \flat (G)

Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 til it was ac - com - plished his dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 cannot give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: his

9 F(D) C(A) F(D)

man - y sons to glo - - - ry.
 know that it is fin - - - ished.
 wounds have paid my ran - - - som.

Call to Confession

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.

Call to Confession

Leader: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” — *Isaiah 1:18*

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

– From the *Book of Common Worship*

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.

Our Great God

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - ri - ous and un -

2. Lord, we are weak and frail, help - less in the
3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in the sea and ev - 'ry fly - ing

known; your bound - less love, un - fail - - ing,
storm. Sur - round us with your an - - - gels,
bird, let ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry field and

grace and mer - cy shown. Bright ser - a - phim in
hold us in your arms. Our cold and ruth - less
val - ley of the earth let all the moons and

cease - less flight a - round your glo - ri - ous throne; they
en - e - my, his plea - sure is our harm. Rise
all the stars in all the u - ni - verse sing

raise their voic - es day and night in praise to you a -
up, O Lord, and he will flee be - fore our sov - 'reign
prais - es to the liv - ing God who rules them by his

lone. Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Glo - ry be to our great
God.
Word.

God! Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Glo - ry be to our great

God!

Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him.

Offertory

Sam Cook-Stuntz

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis' *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.

Baptism

Evelyn Sarah Rose Ong

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music: Matt Papa,
Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery, in the
 2. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; He the
 3. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; Christ the
 4. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; slain by

dawn - ing of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's
 per - fect Son of Man, Hin his liv - ing, in his
 Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined
 death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -

prais - es, robbed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
 suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the
 sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the
 strain him; praise the Lord, he is a - live! What a

long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has
 true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound
 price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un -
 fore - taste of de - liv - rance, how un - wav - er - ing our

come! Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on
 man, Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the
 fold, bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un -
 hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we

flesh to ran - som us.
 law; in him we stand.
 meas - ured love un - told!
 will be when he comes.

Scripture Reading

John 8:48-59, page 895 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Joshua Parker

Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hear - ing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10.17

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.

We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available in the foyer.

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. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free bread on the right for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Lord's Supper

Fencing the Table

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him. – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

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

All: Heavenly Father, we give you everlasting praise and thanks that you have given us, poor sinners, so great a benefit – that you have drawn us into the communion of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, whom you surrendered to death for us and whom you give to us as food and nourishment for eternal life. Grant us now this benefit, also: that you will never allow us to forget these truths, but rather, imprint them on our hearts, that we may grow and thrive victoriously in faith – a faith committed to all good works. In so doing may we order and direct our whole human life to the exaltation of your glory and the upbuilding of our neighbor, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and reigns with you eternally. Amen.

Deacons' Fund Offering

*Audra Wallace, Bethany Wagner, Bridget Jackson, Daniel Chen,
Greg Russell, Nate Jackson, Shiyun Chen, Taylor Wallace*

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words: Travor Francis;
Music: Thomas Williams

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - 'ry

bound less, free; rol - ling as a might - y o - cean
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, e - ver lov - eth,
love the best; 'tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,
chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver - more; how he watch - es
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest; O the deep, deep

all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;
o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
love of Je - sus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

lead ing on - ward, lead - ing homeward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them he in - ter - ce - deth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Benediction

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

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Christ the King is a multicultural church that seeks to build relationships between different language groups and bring reconciliation to them in obedience to the Word of God. To that end we are a multi-ethnic English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons (presbyterianaboston.com), as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Somerville (ctkboston.org). As a multi-congregational church we seek to provide both autonomy and interdependency among the congregations.

Welcome visitors! Please fill out a visitor card on the welcome table in the foyer so we can get to know you better. For more information about Christ the King, contact office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall, classes for children toddler-5th grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Being Human: Nathan Barczy is teaching a class developing a biblical and theological understanding of what it means to be human, with application to many of the ethical questions covered in our summer "hot topics" series. We will explore how complex issues of identity, desire, and vocation are drawn together and addressed in the Christian doctrines of creation, incarnation, resurrection, and the image of God. Come with your questions!

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1's, 2's and 3's rooms are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in on the clipboard outside the room and take a visual pager number card.

Children's Worship (4 years–2nd Grade): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. All kids begin together in room 3/4 but may be picked up from adjoining rooms.

Children/Youth (3rd Grade & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

For more information about children's ministry, please see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

BULLETINS

Bulletins are available on the church website (<http://www.ctkcambridge.org/sermons/>) each Wednesday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet.

CTK is a member of Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Scripture texts are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version™, ©2001 Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers, Wheaton, IL 60187, CCLI #912939.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CTK READER

Visit ctkcambridge.org/ctk-reader/ to sign up for our weekly CTK Reader (electronic newsletter) with notes from our pastors, church announcements and community classifieds.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at Christ the King, as we seek to live as followers of Jesus in relationship to one another. We encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods together. All are invited to join a group. To find a group near you and for more information, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or email office@ctkcambridge.org.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Men's and women's fellowship groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for fellowship, discipling, and growing in faith. For a listing of groups, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or visit www.ctkcambridge.org. If you would like a group started near you, email rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org (men) or Emily DeBaun Stuntz at emilydebaun@gmail.com (women).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Becky Williams (john.n.becky@gmail.com).

VOCATIONAL GROUPS

Vocational groups exist to offer times of fellowship and discussion for those in the CTK congregations throughout the city who work in similar fields. For a listing of groups and more information, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 6:30am-8:30am for prayer at the church building in the social hall. Coffee and snacks are provided. If you have any questions, please contact office@ctkcambridge.org.

Missions & Church Planting Prayer: On the first and third Sundays of the month, there is a time of prayer for the missionaries CTK Cambridge supports and for church planting in Boston. Please join us at the church office (130 Prospect St., Suite 201) around 12:10pm. Contact laura.a.martin87@gmail.com.

SECOND SATURDAYS

A monthly gathering to connect with friends or make new ones. Events take place the second Saturday of each month at Meadhall (4 Cambridge Center, Cambridge) from 5:30-7:30pm. *The next event will be March 12.*

COLLEGE STUDENTS

CTK values college students. We support Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses, as well as monthly college lunches after the service. For more information about RUF on campus, contact our campus ministers at BU (nathan.dicks@ruf.org), Harvard (jeremy.mullen@ruf.org), and MIT (solomon.kim@ruf.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to meet people over a meal? Join CTK members for **Fourth Sunday Eat and Meet** TODAY following the service. Please meet Bridget and Nate Jackson in the social hall at the *Fourth Sunday Eat and Meet* sign, and then the group will head to a local restaurant. All are welcome!

Women are invited to join us at the **Windsor House** on Tuesday, March 1 from 10-11am. The Windsor House (806 Mass Ave) is a day program for seniors and adults with disabilities. We spend the hour getting to know the residents. Children are welcome! We visit every first Tuesday of the month. Please contact Rachel (racheldenae@gmail.com) for more information.

Discovering CTK is a class for those interested in becoming a member or learning more about our church and denomination (PCA). It will be offered Saturday, March 5 from 9am-3pm. To RSVP please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

Calling All Singers! We are putting together a choir to sing selections at the upcoming Good Friday (3/25) and Easter Sunday (3/27) services. The first rehearsal will be Saturday, March 5, at 10:45 am. If you can read music and are interested in lending your voice, please contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org.

Registration is open for **Full Table** on Saturday, March 12. CTK women are invited to gather and connect with someone new over tasty food in a warm home. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend into the CTK community. Sign up with your preference for brunch or dinner, and we'll match you with a host. Contact lydia_carter@verizon.net with any questions. The deadline to register is **Saturday, March 5**.

Please join us for the following **Holy Week services**:

- **Maundy Thursday**, March 24, 7:30pm (childcare up to age 3)

- **Good Friday**, March 25, 7:30pm (childcare up to age 3)

- **Easter Sunrise**, March 27, 6:30am (Hot Breakfast immediately following)

- **Easter Morning**, March 27, 10:00am (no Sunday School or Adult Education Classes; there will be Nursery and Children's Worship)

We are looking for volunteers to help with the **Easter Sunrise Breakfast** on Sunday, March 27, or with preparing the meal on Saturday, March 26. All food will be purchased by the church. If you are able to help either day please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

A **new women's fellowship group** will be starting in Inman Square the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of each month, time and location TBD based on availability. For more information, email annelise.mesler@gmail.com. To learn more about women's groups, contact Emily Stuntz (emily.debaun@gmail.com).

Wonder what the kids do after being dismissed from the service? Come find out--consider training to become a **Children's Worship teacher**. More volunteers are needed to finish out the school year. Please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org for more details.

We have moved to a **new online giving platform** called Church Center Online. It's straightforward to use, is secure, and has more features in development which promise to make improve the online giving experience. Try Church Center Online by visiting <https://ctkboston.churchcenteronline.com/giving>. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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