

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Amanda Holley

To ask why we suffer makes the questioner appear either terribly foolish or extremely arrogant. It seems foolish to ask, since in fact we do suffer and no sufficient reason can be given to explain that fact. Indeed, if it were explained, suffering would be denied some of its power. The question seems arrogant because it seeks to put us in the position of eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Only God knows the answer to such questions. - Stanley Hauerwas

But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. - C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Christ is much more powerful to save, than Adam was to destroy. - John Calvin

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*

Preparation

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

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
 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
 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
 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.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Call to Worship

Nathan Carter

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

Congregation: And he is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. — 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Invocation

Psalm 130

Words: Scottish Psalter;

Music: Christopher Tye

1. Lord, from the depths to thee I cried. My
2. Lord, who shall stand if thou, my Lord, shouldst
3. I wait, my soul a - waits the Lord; my
4. O Is - ra - el, hope in the Lord; the

3 Lord, give ear to me. O hear my voice and
mark in - i - qui - ty? But yet with thee for -
hope is in his word. More than the watch - men
Lord saves gra - cious - ly. And he shall Is - ra -

6 hear - ken to my sup - pli - ca - ting plea.
give - ness is, that men may rev - 'rence thee.
wait for morn my soul waits for my Lord.
el re - deem from all in - i - qui - ty.

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.

Call to Confession

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. – based on *Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. – from *the Book of Common Prayer*

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.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God. 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.

Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn,
trans. by Francis Jones;
Music: Andrew Osenga

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols (C, G, D, Em) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are in four parts, numbered 1 through 4.

1. Fa - ther, long be - fore cre - a - tion, thou hadst cho - sen
2. Though the world may change its fash-ion, yet our God is
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast ing
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore thee we will ev - er

us in love, and that love so deep, so mov-ing
e'er the same; his com - pas - sion and his cov - nant
all the day; mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing
praise thy love, and our songs will sound un - ceas - ing

draws us close to Christ a - bove. Still it keeps us,
through all a - ges will re - main. God's own chil - dren,
moves my will, di - rects my way. God so loved us,
'til we reach our home a - bove, giv - ing glo - ry,

still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise his name.
God so loved us that his on - ly Son he gave.
giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.

Offertory

Amanda Holley

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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. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

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. A - men.

Baptism

Micah David Huskey

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words: Trevor Francis;
Music: Thomas Williams

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'C' (Crescendo). The score is divided into five systems, each with three staves (treble, middle, and bass). The lyrics are written below the staves. The music includes triplets and various rests.

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.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1, page 977 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

Congregation: But the word of our God will stand forever.

Miriam Rathbun

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. Rick Downs

Lord's Supper

Invitation

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.

Chris Martin, Kelly Sawyer, Laura Bullock, Laura Martin, Lauren Easton, Nathan Carter, Nathan Dicks, Bob Sawyer

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.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Words: Frances R. Havergal;
Music: Henri A. Cesar Malan

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry
lon - ger mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall
treasure store. Take my self, and I will be ev - er,

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
be thy roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.
on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for 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 multi-congregational church with an 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, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Somerville (ctkboston.org).

Welcome visitors! Please visit the welcome table in the foyer and fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who will be standing in the back of the sanctuary. 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. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Nathan Carter is teaching a class on **Selflessness**. A sad reality of human life after the fall is our deep self-orientation. As the Holy Spirit works in the life of a Christian, what does it look like to have that self-orientation changed? What makes a journey towards selflessness difficult? We will think through these questions and others with guidance from the stories and teachings of Scripture. We will touch on issues such as service, relationships, prayer, evangelism, and self-control. Recordings of this and past classes are available at ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation.

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–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Kids begin in room 3 / 4 and are picked up from adjoining rooms.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & 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 ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

BULLETINS

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

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CTK READER

Visit ctkcambridge.org/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 CTK, 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, visit www.ctkcambridge.org 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, visit www.ctkcambridge.org. If you would like a group started near you, email nathan@ctkcambridge.org (men) or Emily DeBaun Stuntz at emilydebaun@gmail.com (women).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

To connect with women in the church and learn about women's events throughout the year, contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. The group does not meet the first Thursday of each month. Contact Becky Williams (john.n.becky@gmail.com).

VOCATIONAL GROUPS

Vocational groups offer times of fellowship and discussion for those in the CTK congregations throughout the city who work in similar fields. Contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 6:30am-8:30am for prayer in the social hall. Come for as long as you can. Coffee and snacks are provided. Please contact office@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

Missions & Church Planting Prayer: Periodically there is a time of prayer for the missionaries CTK Cambridge supports and for church planting in Boston. Contact laura.a.martin87@gmail.com.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

CTK supports Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses. Contact our campus ministers at BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: jeremy.mullen@ruf.org, and MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS

Members and regular attenders have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways on Sunday mornings. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring is here! Get outside and join the women of CTK on Saturday, May 19 at 11am for a guided tour of one of Boston's historic treasures, the **Mount Auburn Cemetery**. Learn about Boston history and enjoy the blooming beauty of Mount Auburn's trees and gardens. Cost \$10. To register email meredithkwyse@gmail.com by May 16th!

Save the Date: the **All-Church Picnic** is coming up on Saturday, June 9th at Houghton's Pond in Milton, MA. If you would be willing to help in any way, by leading a game or helping with grilling or with set-up/clean-up, please contact Sarah Goodman (sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org).

It's that time again—the bittersweet departures for many CTKers graduating and moving on. If you are **planning to leave the Boston area** soon please email Sarah Goodman to let us know so we can be sure to say goodbye, and continue to stay in touch.

Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices (BCPC) is a local non-profit offering services to men and women facing unplanned pregnancies, and they are holding their annual **Love Life Walk/Run** on June 9th at DCR Chestnut Hill Reservoir, Brighton. Races include a 10K, 5K, and Kids 1K Fun Run, and they start at 8:30am. Register at lovelife5k.org. Contact Hannah Ebben (hryanmac@gmail.com) with any questions.

Follow along with a **daily Bible reading** plan designed to complement the current sermon series. Learn more at www.ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacon's Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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