

# CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining goats.* - Charles Spurgeon

*Talking is work. You've got to make facial expressions that go with what you're saying. You've got to suck air in, you've got to blow it out. Talking is over, it's obsolete, it's antiquated. I feel like a blacksmith up here sometimes, to tell you the truth. If you want I can text you this whole thing and we can get out of here.* - Jerry Seinfeld

*Entertainment is the devil's substitute for joy. The more joy you have in the Lord the less entertainment you need.* - Leonard Ravenhill

## 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 Parker

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

**All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. — Psalm 107:1-9**

## 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.

## Come People of the Risen King

Words and Music: Keith Getty  
and Stuart Townend

A musical score for the hymn "Come People of the Risen King". The music is in common time and consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The fourth staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The fifth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the corresponding musical notes. Chords are indicated above the staff lines. The lyrics describe the gathering of people from various backgrounds (young and old, rich and poor) to praise the risen King and sing of his grace and mercy.

1.Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de -  
2.Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those  
3.Come young and old from ev - ry land, men and

light to bring him praise; Come all, and tune your  
weep - ing through the night; Come those who tell of  
wom - en of the faith; Come those with full or

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the  
bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For his  
emp - ty hands - find the rich - es of his grace. O - ver

shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to  
per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er  
all the world, his peo - ple sing - shore to shore we hear them

him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to  
cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the  
call the truth that cries in ev - ry age, "Our

gath - er chil - dren in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - ry tongue re -  
cer - tain hope of peace. God is all in all."

joice! One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, re - joice!

Chords indicated: C2, F2, C2/E, G, A m7, F2, C2, C2/E, F2, A m7, G, C2, F2, C2/E, G, A m7, F2, C2/E, D m, Gsus, G, C

# Before the Throne of God Above

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft;  
Music: Vikki Cook

The musical score consists of five staves of music for a single voice. The key signature is common time (indicated by 'C'). The vocal range is soprano. The lyrics are integrated with the musical notes, and chords are indicated above the staff at the beginning of each line.

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

4. C A m E m F G  
strong and per - fect plea, a Great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less righ-teous - ness, the great, un - change - ab - le I

7. A m F F/G C  
Love, who - ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of Glo - ry and of grace. One with him -

10. F G C F G  
gra - ven on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is coun - ted  
self I can-not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

13. A m F G A m  
heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free, for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

16. F G A m F F/G C  
bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

## **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: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In repentence and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." — *Isaiah 30:15*

## **Prayer of Confession**

**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.**

## **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: The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. 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.**

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Words: Charles Wesley;  
Music: Kathryn Baldanza

1.Re - joice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King a -  
 2.Je - sus the sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and  
 3.His king-dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and  
 4.Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall

dore! Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er -  
 love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a -  
 heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus -  
 come, and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal

more. Lift up your heart, lift up your

above. giv'n. home.

voice! Re - joice a - gain, I say, re - joice!

## Offertory

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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: Thomas Tallis

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) in common time, key of G major. The vocal parts are in treble, alto, and bass clefs respectively. The lyrics are:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The score consists of three staves, each with four measures. Measure 1: Soprano (G), Alto (E), Bass (C). Measure 2: Soprano (A), Alto (F#), Bass (B). Measure 3: Soprano (B), Alto (G), Bass (D). Measure 4: Soprano (C), Alto (A), Bass (E).

## Baptism

*Josephine Lily Bajan, Georgia Grace Liao*

### Pastoral Prayer

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

### Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton;  
Music: Traditional American tune

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) in common time, key of G major. The vocal parts are in treble, alto, and bass clefs respectively. The lyrics are:

1.A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a  
2.'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
3.Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
4.When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

The score consists of three staves, each with eight measures. Measures 1-4: Soprano (G), Alto (E), Bass (C). Measures 5-8: Soprano (A), Alto (F#), Bass (B). Measures 9-12: Soprano (B), Alto (G), Bass (D). Measures 13-16: Soprano (C), Alto (A), Bass (E).

wretch like me!  
fears re - lieved;  
read - y come;  
as the sun,

I how 'tis  
we've once pre - cious  
no grace has less

lost, but did that  
brought me to days

now am grace ap -  
safe thus sing God's

12

found, was blind, but now I see.  
pear far, than hour grace will first be - lieved!  
praise and when we've lead first me home.  
than

## Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 1:1-2, page 976 in pew Bible*

Josh Parker

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

## Scripture Reading

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

*Romans 10.17*

## Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

## Lord's Supper

### Invitation

All: We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – from *Philippians 2:5-11*

## 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.

### Words of Institution

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.**

*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.*

### *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*

*Allison de Jesus, Catharine Downs, Chris Martin, Laura Martin,  
Nathan Brown, Sarah Brown, Scott Baranyi, Susan Baranyi*

**Praise the Savior, Now and Ever** Words: V. Fortunatus, trans. by A. Nelson;  
Music: W. Moore, arr. by Benedict/Bradham

G D G/G/B G

1.Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -  
2.Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our  
3.Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the  
4.For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

4 G/D D7 G G G D7 G

neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing suf - fring, dy - ing  
righ - teous ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er  
ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the strong - er  
Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

7 G G D G

on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - tory gain - ing  
set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his gain - ing  
hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en  
Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

10 D G G/B G G/D D7 G

life ob - tain - ing now in glo - ry he doth rise.  
we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.  
from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.  
through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

Our current class will be up front about how our sins as humans get in the way of **relationships** and how God can heal that brokenness through his Word and his Spirit. Each class will focus on a different relationship (some in the workplace, some in the home, some between friends), with the spiritual dynamics that underlie them all being an important focus. We will also ask why God has placed us in these relationships, and look for answers that are both temporal (for particular blessing or sanctification now) and eternal (for revealing Himself to us and glorifying Himself through our relationships).

### 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](mailto: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.

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## CTK READER

Visit [ctkcambridge.org/ctk-reader/](http://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 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](http://www.ctkcambridge.org) or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](http://www.ctkcambridge.org). If you would like a group started near you, email [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org) (men) or Emily DeBaun Stuntz at [emilydebaun@gmail.com](mailto:emilydebaun@gmail.com) (women).

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. Contact Becky Williams ([john.n.becky@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. Please contact [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

CTK's international ministry offers English classes on Monday evenings during the school year and a post-worship time of fellowship and discovery on Sunday afternoons. To connect with the church as an international member of the community or to volunteer, contact [hannah@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:hannah@ctkcambridge.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to meet people over a meal? Join CTK members for **Fourth Sunday Eat and Meet** TODAY following the service. Please meet 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!

The **Boston Fellows** is a nine-month fellowship for young professionals at CTK to cultivate the world-view, in prayer and in the community of the local church, necessary for meaningful vocation, in a cohort of peers, spiritual leaders, and professional mentors. Applications are being accepted now through June 1 for the 2017-18 cohort, which will begin in September. See [www.BostonFellows.com](http://www.BostonFellows.com) to apply or for more information, or contact [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org) or 617-320-1346.

Mark your calendars! A **CTK All-Church Picnic** will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Houghton's Pond in Milton, MA. We'll have plenty of food, fun and games for all ages. Drop in for a little while or stay the whole time. More details coming soon.

**Work/life balance for women: does that even exist?** Christian counselor Michelle Rogers will speak on this topic from a Christian perspective on Saturday, April 29 at 10:30am in the social hall. There will be time for discussion, with an option to head out for lunch together afterwards. RSVPs to [Lydia\\_Carter@verizon.net](mailto:Lydia_Carter@verizon.net) are helpful but not required. The talk will be relevant to all kinds of work and seasons of life, so don't miss this opportunity to be encouraged!

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

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