

# CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

## Prelude

*Above All Praise and All Majesty*  
CTK Chamber Singers

F. Mendelssohn

*Who will love you?  
Who will fight?  
Who will fall far behind?* - Bon Iver, Skinny Love

*Certain religious categories like that of grace were formed in camps where there reigned this dehumanization, this degradation of men, this insult to their dignity. We have come a long way since then.* - Ernst Bloch

*All alike have sinned; all alike are unworthy of God's praise. But God proved how well he loves us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.* - Romans 3:23, 5:8

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

Leonard Layne

Leader: Let us worship God.

**Congregation: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.**

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**Congregation: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,

**Congregation: confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.** - Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13

## 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.

## **God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory**

Words: David Clowney;  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

1. God, all na - ture  
 2. Clear-er still we  
 3. But our sins have  
 4. God of glo - ry,

sings thy glo - ry,  
 see thy hand in  
 spoiled thine im - age;  
 pow - er, mer - cy,

and thy works pro -  
 man whom thou hast  
 na - ture, con - science  
 all cre - a - tion

4

claim thy might;  
 made for thee;  
 on - ly serve  
 prais - es thee;

or - dered vast - ness  
 rul - er of cre  
 as un - ceas - ing,  
 we, thy crea - tures,

in the heav - ens,  
 a - tion's glo - ry,  
 grim re - mind - ers  
 would a - dore thee

7

or - dered course of  
 im - age of thy  
 of the wrath which  
 now and through e -

day and night;  
 maj - es - ty;  
 we de - serve.  
 ter - ni - ty.

beau - ty in the  
 Mu - sic, art, the  
 Yet thy grace and  
 Saved to mag - ni -

10

chang - ing sea - sons,  
 fruit - ful gar - den,  
 sav - ing mer - cy  
 fy thy good-ness,

beau - ty in the  
 all in thy Word of  
 grant us strength to

storm - ing sea;  
 of his days,  
 truth re - vealed  
 do thy will;

13

all the chang - ing  
 are the call - ing  
 claim the praise - ing  
 with our acts of

moods of all with  
 of his who our  
 na - ture Mak - er  
 know thee, voic - es

15

praise the change - less  
to the har - vest  
in the blood of  
thy com - mand - ments

Trin - i - ty.  
feast of praise.  
Je - sus sealed.  
to ful - fill.

## Come, O Spirit

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell

F C Dm C B<sup>♭</sup>

1.Come, O Spir - it, com-fort true; help us by your  
2.All our know-ledge, all our sight, lies in dark-ness  
3.Come, our con-science to re - lieve from each sin re -  
4.All our rich - es, all our crowns, cast we now be -

4 C7 F F C Dm C

plead - ing. Come and ev' - ry heart re - new,  
shroud - ed. All our lab - ors wrought in strife  
mem - bered. Come, our Sav - ior's blood to plead;  
fore thee. Scales re - mov - eth, chains un - bound,

B<sup>♭</sup> C7 F C B<sup>♭</sup> A

breath of God pro - ceed - ing. You a - lone to  
hath our judg - ment cloud - ed. Oh, con - sume our  
na - ked we sur - ren - der. Sin hath left a  
bold - ly we im - plore thee: as you knit us

10 Dm F/C C B<sup>♭</sup> G m F C F

God can win us, Spir - it now work good with - in us.  
wrong de - si - res, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spi - re.  
wound re - veal - ing; Spir - it, help us with your heal - ing.  
once to - geth - er, fast - en us to you for - ev - er.

## **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: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared. — *Psalm 130:1-4*

## **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. 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: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 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.**

# Across the Lands

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

D G D

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be - fore the world be -  
2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the  
3. With a shout you rose vic - to-rious, wrest-ing vic - try from the

5 A G D/F#

gan; ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net has been  
lost, and ex - changed the joy of heav - en for the  
grave, and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en lead - ing

8 E m G D

fash - ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -  
an - guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the  
cap - tives in your wake. Now you stand be - fore the

II G D A

geth - er by the pow - er of your voice; let the  
hun - gry, with a word you stilled the sea. Yet how  
Fa - ther in - ter - ced - ing for your own. From each

14 G D/F# E m G

skies de - clare your glo - ry, let the land and seas re -  
si - lent - ly you suf - fered that the guilt - y may go  
tribe and tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners

17 Asus G D D/F# G A2

joice! free. You're the au-thor of cre - a-tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry  
home.

21 B m B m/A G G/A B m7 A D

man; and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

## Offertory

Laura Bullock

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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 Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) and piano. The music is in common time, key of G major. The vocal parts sing in four-measure phrases, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## 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

### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Words and Music: Dawn Rodgers  
and Eric Wyse

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) and piano. The music is in common time, key of G major. The vocal parts sing in four-measure phrases, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sa - vior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and  
2. Coun - se - lor, Com fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -  
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing your

7 Gusus G E/G# Am A m/G F

Friend; brace; own; who would have you of - fer here in our thought that a hope when our weak - ness you Lamb hearts find could have us

13 C Gsus E/G $\sharp$  A m F C G7

res - cue the souls of men? Oh, you res - cue the souls of  
hope-less - ly lost the way, Oh, we hope-less - ly lost the  
fall - ing be - fore your throne, Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore your

19 F C G/B A m A m/G F G E/G $\sharp$  A m A m/G

men. You are the One that we praise,  
way. way.  
throne.

25 A m A m/G F G E/G $\sharp$  A m A m/G

You are the one we a - dore. You give the heal-ing and

31 F C Gsus E/G $\sharp$  A m F

grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, Oh, our

37 C Gsus G C

hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

## Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 1:15-19, page 976 in pew Bible*

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

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

Ambrose Huang

## Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

## Lord's Supper

### Invitation

Minister: Our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his family: his church. Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of his body and wine as the sacrament of his blood.

All: Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands and eat and drink them in our mouths, by which our life is then sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior. We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.

## Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hearing, 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.

Minister: What is true faith?

**All:** True faith – created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel – is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything that God reveals in his Word is true, but also a deep-rooted assurance that not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made right with God, and have been granted salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace earned for us by Christ.

– Adapted from *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 21

Minister: Do you have faith in Jesus Christ?

**All:** I believe in the Lord Jesus who undertook his office of mediator completely voluntarily. In order to discharge it, he was made under and perfectly fulfilled the law. He endured extremely severe torment in his soul and extremely painful suffering in his body. He was crucified and died. He was buried and remained under the power of death, but his body did not decay. On the third day he arose from the dead with the same body in which he had suffered and with which he also ascended into heaven. There he sits at the right hand of his Father, interceding for believers. He will return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.

– Adapted from *Westminster Confession of Faith* VII.4

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.

#### *Words of Institution and 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*

**Who Is Like the Lord, Our God**    Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough and Bruce Benedict

B m D

1. Our Fa - ther, he lifts from the ash-es, he  
2. Though e - qual to God in his glo-ry, Christ  
3. O Saints, fix your eyes on the Sa-vior and

Brooke Huskey, Josephine Ndinayah, Laura Martin, Matthew Huskey,  
Rachel Thrasher, Chris Martin, Stephen Thrasher, Tyler Holley

G B m A

rais - es the poor and the lost; he  
Je - sus be - came like a slave; he  
count all your right - eous - ness lost. Be

5 G D/A

seats them to dine at his ta - ble, to  
hum - bled him - self in his o - be - dience to  
found in his love and his fa - vor, and

7 G B m A

feast with - out mon - ey or cost. The  
death, and in the cross, and the grave.  
share in his death on the the cross.

9 B m F#m

lone - ly he set - tles in fam - ilies, the  
tor - ious, he rose to the high - est; in  
all of his pow - er in vic - try, im -

II G Asus A

bar - ren a moth - er he makes; O  
glo - ry, the Sa - vior was raised;  
part - ed to you, may a - bound; His and

13 G D/A

hap - py the heart of the strang - er who's the  
name a - bove all names ex - alt - ed; the  
shar - ing the suf - frings of Je - sus, you

15 G D G

wel - comed by this King of Grace. Who is like the  
heavy - ens and earth sing his praise.  
share in his glo - ry and crown.

18 A D G A D

Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But

21 G A F# B m G A D

hum bles himself with the bro ken to dwell, Who is like our God?

## 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

The **CTK Reading Group at The Field Pub** will next be reading *Taking Pascal's Wager* by Michael Rota, selected as a Christianity Today book of the year for 2017. If you are interested in joining the discussion, contact Nathan@ctkcambridge.org or just show up! The group has a new meeting time: 4pm on Tuesdays, beginning on May 23.

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 contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org or 617-320-1346.

On Saturday, June 10, from 10am-3pm **gather with friends from CTK/Grace congregations around Boston at Castle Island** for food, games and fun. We'll have burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Feel free to bring a side dish, chips or dessert if you are able. We are also looking for volunteers to help with games and to stake out our space on Saturday morning. Contact sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org if you are able to help.

Join fellow CTKers for **weekly ultimate frisbee** at Danehy Park in Cambridge, Sundays at 1:30pm through the summer. Meet at the turf fields on the western side of the park, nearest Fresh Pond Mall. All skill levels welcome - the game is kid-friendly for all but very small children. For more information or to be put on the mail list for weekly updates, email Tim Carter (tlcarter@gmail.com).

**Children's Sunday School teachers** are needed for all ages during the summer months (from 8:45-9:45am) as we offer a break to those teaching throughout the school year. Please consider helping out even if you will be traveling over the summer, as co-teaching teams or subs can be arranged. Contact Dana@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Now you can **follow CTK\_Boston on Instagram** to see photos, announcements, quotes and book recommendations from our congregations around Boston. Check it out at: [https://www.instagram.com/ctk\\_boston/](https://www.instagram.com/ctk_boston/). If you have pictures of church events that we could post, please send them to sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org.

The Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices, a non-profit Christian organization that provides counseling and health services to pregnant women, is holding the **Love Life 5k Race** on Saturday, June 10. CTKer Hannah Ebbin is on the race coordination committee and would like to invite all to join in! Please contact hryanmac@gmail.com with information on how to donate or sign up.

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.

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