

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

At moments of important decision-making, the mind could be considered as a parliament, a debating chamber. Different factions contended, short- and long-term interests were entrenched in mutual loathing. Not only were motions tabled and opposed, certain proposals were aired in order to mask others. Sessions could be devious as well as stormy. - Ian McEwan, Solar

Faust complained about having two souls in his breast, but I harbor a whole crowd of them and they quarrel. It is like being in a republic. - Otto von Bismarck

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ... For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! - Romans 7

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

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

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: St. Francis of Assisi;
Music: *Gesitliche Kirche*sange

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong Ye
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter pure and clear Make
 4. All ye who are of ten - der heart For -
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and

up your voice and with us sing Alle - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 clouds that sail in Heav'n a - long, O praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 mu - sic for thy Lord to hear Alle - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 giv - ing oth - ers take your part O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye
 wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness. O praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise,

burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, Ye lights of ev'n - ing find a voice,
 fire so mas - ter - ful and bright That giv - est man both warm and light, O
 who long pain and sor - row bear, Praise God and on him cast your care
 praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One

praise him, O praise him, Alle - lu - ia, Alle - lu - ia, Alle - lu - ia!

Holy Spirit

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1.Holy Spirit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2.Holy Spirit, come a - bide with - in, may your joy be seen in all I
3.Holy Spirit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has



soul. Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
do. Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
made, show your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause your



new my heart and make me whole.
thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
church to hun - ger for your ways.



Cause your word to come a - live in me;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;



give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the



pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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: 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: 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. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of 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.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit;

Music: Kevin Twit



1. A - rise my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
2. He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - tercede,
3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - vary.
4. My God is re - conciled, his pard 'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears.
his all re - deem - ing love, his precious blood to plead.
They pour ef - fec - tual prayers; they strongly plead for me.
He owns me for his child; I can no long - er fear;



Be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne
His blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned
For - give him, O for - give, they cry, For - give him, O
With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, With con - fi - dence

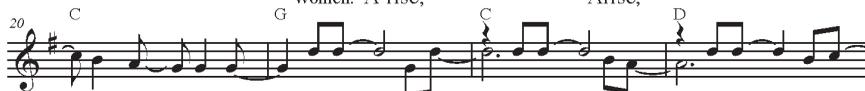


my sure - ty stands. My name is writ - ten on his hands.
for ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
for give, they cry, Nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!
I now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.



Men: A rise, Arise, Arise, Arise

Women: A rise, Arise, Arise, Arise



mysoul, a - rise. Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise,



mysoul, a rise. Shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

Offertory

Stephen Thrasher

Offertory

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

Doxology

Words: St. Francis of Assisi;
Music: Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him with

take your part, hum - ble - ness! Sing his prais - es, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him
and praise the Spir - it, Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

cast your care! O praise him! O praise him! Al - le -
Three in One, O praise him! O praise him! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Pastoral Prayer

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

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.

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Words: Thomas Moore, Thomas Hastings;
Music: Samuel Webbe

1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
2. Joy of the com - fort less, light of the stray - ing,
3. Here see the Bread of Life; see wa - ters flow - ing

5
come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel;
of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove;

9
here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
Here speaks the Com - fort - er, in mer - cy say - ing,
come to the feast pre - pared; come, ev - er know - ing

13
earth has no sor - rows that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - rows that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - rows but heav'n can re - move.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30, pages 816 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

Marty West

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Hot Topics in the Church: This summer Christ the King will be taking a close look at complex social, political, and ethical issues, seeking to apply the wisdom of Scripture to the uncertainties of our lives. The class will be taught by our pastoral staff and members of the church. The topics for the first few weeks are listed below. All are invited; if you have any questions, please email rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org.

5/29 - How to choose a church	7/3 - The environment	8/7 - Gender and Church Office
6/5 - Art and Beauty	7/10 - Scripture	8/14 - Singleness
6/12 - Politics	7/17 - Housing	8/21 - Sexuality and Marriage
6/19 - Faith and Science	7/24 - Money	8/28 - Marriage
6/26 - Genetics	7/31 - Technology	9/4 - Work and Rest

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 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 BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 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). ***Women's Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September.***

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 at the church building in the social hall. 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.

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, Harvard: jeremy.mullen@ruf.org, and MIT: 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, please contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for CTK's **Summer Picnic Series** at Sennott Park (near the corner of Prospect St and Broadway) following the Sunday service TODAY and August 21 and 28. Bring your own lunch, picnic blanket, frisbees/footballs, and we'll bring dessert!

Come to a lunch after the church service on Sunday, August 21 to **meet and talk with the Mahans**, missionaries the church supports who work in urban education in South Africa. Lunch will be held at noon in the church office (130 Prospect St, Suite 201). RVSPs appreciated: email laura.a.martin87@gmail.com.

All women (visitors and attenders) are invited to an informational dessert at the home of Hannah Nation on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30pm providing details about **women's ministry at CTK**. Please email hannah@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Ladies, please join us for **Women's Bible Study** starting Thursday, September 15, 9:30-11:30am in the social hall. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Child-care is provided. We won't meet the first Thursday of each month. Contact Kelly Sawyer (bostonkelly@gmail.com) or Becky Williams (john.n.becky@gmail.com) for more information.

This fall CTK will facilitate a **Faith & Finances** learning community. We are looking for participants and allies who will learn together how to overcome obstacles, get free from debt, and save for the future. Allies will attend a training in late August, and the community will meet for twelve weeks beginning after Labor Day. Contact Michael Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com) or Rachel Thrasher (racheldenae@gmail.com).

Discovering CTK, a class for those interested in becoming a member or learning more about our church and denomination (PCA), will be offered this fall during the Adult Education hour. The class will begin Sunday, September 11 and lasts six weeks. RSVP to office@ctkcambridge.org.

Children's Sunday School teachers are needed for the upcoming school year. Classes run from 8:45-9:45am for children aged 2 1/2 years through youth (curriculum provided). Please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org.

CTK offers **ESL classes** as a cooperative ministry between our AM and PM congregations on Mondays at 7:00pm. Classes start September 12 and are open to anyone in our community. If you have interest in helping out, or if you or someone you know have questions about attending, contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org. To register, please visit: <https://ctkboston.wufoo.com/forms/esl-registration-form/>.

Children's Ministry is looking for a few **childcare staff** for our nurseries during Sunday School and/or the 10am Service. There are openings starting in September. If you are interested or know of someone to recommend, please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org.

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 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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