

# CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015 MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age,  
God's breath in man returning to his birth,  
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,  
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth  
Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,  
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,  
The six-days world transposing in an hour,  
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;  
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,  
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,  
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,  
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,  
Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,  
The land of spices; something understood. - George Herbert*

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

Liturgist: Nathan Barczy

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.

## We Come, O Christ, to Thee

Words: E. Margaret Clarkson;  
Music: John Darwall

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

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

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

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

# O Lord, Be Gracious to Me

Words: Michael Perry,  
based on Psalm 6;  
Music: Norman Warren



1. O Lord, be gra - cious to me; my soul cries out, "How  
2. Shall lips that you have giv - en sing prais - es from the  
3. De - spair my mind was keep ing and sor - rows filled my



long?" When will you turn in mer - cy and save your child from wrong?  
dead? Re - turn, O Lord, en - liv - en - in love lift up my head.  
eyes, but God has heard my weep ing and now he will a - rise!

### **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: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. — *Psalm 32:1-5*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy 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: 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.**

# O God of Our Salvation

Words and Music: Michael Bleecker  
and Matt Boswell

(CAPO III)      B $\flat$ (G)      E $\flat$ (C)      B $\flat$ (G)

1. O God of our sal - va - tion who reigns u - pon the  
2. Be - hold the Son our Sav - ior who for our sin was  
3. O God, the Ho - ly Spir - it, re - veal - ing De - i -

4 throne the sov' - reign Fa - ther, great is he from  
slain the Christ who pur - chased with his blood the  
ty the fount of life and love di - vine through -

7 whom all bless - ings flow. O God of our sal - va - tion, from  
wretch - ed souls of men.  
out e - ter - ni - ty.

11 whom re - demp - tion comes O Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, the

15 bless - ed three in one.

## Offertory

Jonathan Pardo

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

## Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;  
Music: Louis Borgeois' *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### 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

# O Jesus Christ, Grow Thou In Me

Words: Johann Lavater;  
Music: Kathryn Baldanza



1. O Je - sus Christ, grow thou in me, and all things else re-  
2. In thy bright beams which on me fall, fade ev - 'ry e - vil  
3. Fill me with glad - ness from a - bove, hold me by strength di-



cede! My heart be dai - ly near - er thee, from sin be dai ly  
thought; that I am no - thing, thou art all, I would be dai ly  
vine; Lord, let the glow of thy great love through my whole being



freed. Each day let thy sup - por - ting might my  
taught. More of thy glo - ry let me see. Thou  
shine. Make this poor self grow less and less, be



weak - ness still em - brace; my dark - ness van - ish  
ho - ly, wise, and true! I would thy liv - ing  
thou my life and aim; O, make me dai - ly



in thy light, thy life my death ef - face.  
im - age be, in joy and sor - row too.  
through thy grace, more meet to bear thy name.

## Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7, page 991 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Leonard Layne

## Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

## 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

### *Fencing the Table*

Minister: Christ is spiritually present at this meal – at work through our confession. What do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – Apostles' Creed**

### *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*

# Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Words: John Newton;

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Glor - ious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on ci - ty  
 2. See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters spring - ing from e -  
 3. Blest in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, washed in the Re  
 4. Sa - vior, if of Zi - on's ci - ty I, through grace, a



of our God. He whose word can - not be bro - ken,  
 ter - nal love well sup - plies thy sons and daugh - ters,  
 deem - er's blood, Je - sus who their souls re - ly on  
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pi - ty,



formed thee for his own a - bode. On the rock of  
 and all fears of want re - moves. Who can faint while  
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his  
 I will glo - ry in thy name. Fad - ing is the



a - ges found - ed what can shake thy sure re -  
 such a ri - ver ev - er flows their thirst to  
 peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to reign as  
 world-ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and



- pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed,  
 quench? Grace which like the Lord the gi - ver  
 kings, and as priests his sol - emn prais - es  
 show. Sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure



thou mayst smile at all thy foes.  
 ne - ver fails from age to age.  
 each for a thank off - 'ring brings.  
 none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

## Benediction

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

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

# WELCOME

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

**Welcome visitors!** Please fill out a visitor card on the welcome table in the social hall so we can get to know you better. 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, and classes for children toddler-5th grade are held downstairs.

We use the term *gospel* frequently in our church, but what is the gospel? **Gospel Dynamics** is a four-week adult education class starting August 9. In the class, we'll seek to rediscover the heart of the gospel and understand how the gospel informs and shapes every aspect of our lives, individually and corporately.

### CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

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 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 Church (4-7 years):** Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Kids 4-5 years meet in room 1 and those 6-7 years in room 2 of the basement.

**Children/Youth (8+ years):** 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 Wednesday 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/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 Christ the King, as we seek to live as followers of Jesus in relationship to one another. We encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods together. All are invited to join a group. To find a group near you and for more information, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](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, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or visit [www.ctkcambridge.org](http://www.ctkcambridge.org). If you would like a group started near you, email [rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org) (men) or Cat Sherrill at [bostonsherrill@gmail.com](mailto:bostonsherrill@gmail.com) (women).

## VOCATIONAL GROUPS

Vocational groups exist to offer times of fellowship and discussion for those in the CTK congregations throughout the city who work in similar fields. For a listing of groups and more information, see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or contact [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](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. If you have any questions, please contact [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org).

**Missions & Church Planting Prayer:** On the first and third Sundays of the month, there is a time of prayer for the missionaries CTK Cambridge supports and for church planting in Boston. Please join us at the church office (130 Prospect St., Suite 201) around 12:10pm. Contact [laura.a.martin87@gmail.com](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 values the college students. We support Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses, as well as monthly college lunches after the service. For more information about RUF on campus, contact our campus ministers at BU ([nathan.dicks@ruf.org](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)).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for **CTK's Summer Picnic Series** at Sennott Park (near the corner of Prospect and Broadway) following the Sunday services TODAY and next Sunday, August 23. Bring your own lunch, picnic blanket, frisbees/balls, and we'll bring dessert. All are welcome to join!

We will be offering **ESL classes** on Monday evenings at 7:30pm starting this fall. To register for classes please visit the following link: <https://ctkboston.wufoo.com/forms/esl-registration-form/>. This will be a cooperative ministry between our AM and PM congregations, and we are looking for volunteers to participate. There will be volunteer orientation on Monday evening, August 31. Look for more details to follow, and contact [hannah.f.s.nation@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.f.s.nation@gmail.com) for more information.

As we prepare to launch **Children's Worship** on September 13, we are looking for additional volunteers as lead and assistant teachers (training to be held in the fall). For more information, you may check out the curriculum at [www.ctkcambridge.org/for-kids](http://www.ctkcambridge.org/for-kids), stop by the table in the social hall after the service or contact [Dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:Dana@ctkcambridge.org).

**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 13 and last six weeks. To RSVP please email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org).

**Children's Sunday School teachers** are needed for the upcoming school year. The fall session begins September 13; classes run Sundays from 8:45–9:45am for children aged 2 1/2 years through youth (curriculum materials provided). Please contact [Dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:Dana@ctkcambridge.org) for more information.

We are starting several **new community groups** this fall! See below for more information:

- **Brookline/Allston-Brighton** - Wednesday evenings beginning September 9. Contact Sarah at [sarahgoodma@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgoodma@gmail.com).
- **Teale Square (West Somerville)** - Wednesdays at 7pm beginning in September. Contact Andy at [astuntz@gmail.com](mailto:astuntz@gmail.com).
- **North Shore** - Time/Day TBD. Contact office@[ctkcambridge.org](http://ctkcambridge.org).

This fall Christ the King 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 session in late August, and the community will meet for twelve weeks beginning just after Labor Day. Contact Michael Poor ([pcpoor@hotmail.com](mailto:pcpoor@hotmail.com)) or Sarah Stuntz ([sarahstuntz@gmail.com](mailto:sarahstuntz@gmail.com)) with questions.

Christ the King accepts general and deacons' fund **offerings online** through *The City*. If you don't already have a login, visit <https://ctkboston.onthecity.org/kiosk/setup> to create an account and complete your profile. If you do have a login, visit <https://ctkboston.onthecity.org/login>. Click on the Giving menu, from where you can make online donations, track your giving, and more. Questions? Email [giving@ctkboston.org](mailto:giving@ctkboston.org).

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