

CHRIST THE KING

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MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Amanda Holley

Many people are bothered by what they don't understand in the Bible. I, however, am greatly disturbed by what I do understand. - Mark Twain

[T]he word of God... is not a Word that we can hear by our clear-sightedness or master by our reason, but one that we can hear only through judgment of the very humanity in which it is clothed and to which it is addressed and therefore only through crucifixion and repentance.

- T.F. Torrance

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: 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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Words and Music: Martin Luther;
Based on Psalm 46

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

5
 fail - ing; our help er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
 ing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph
 bid eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us

10
 vail - - - - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 choos - - - - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we
 sid - - - - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

14
 seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and
 Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill; God's

18
 armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - - - tle.
 lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - - - er.

He Is Exalted

Words and Music: Twila Paris

(Capo III) F(D) B \flat (G) C(A)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise him.

5 F(D) B \flat (G) C(A) B \flat (G) C(A) Dsus(Bsus) D(B)

He is exalted, for ever exalted, and I will praise his name!

11 Gm(Em)Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Am(F#m) B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em)Dm(Bm)

He is the Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall reign. Heav - en and

16 C(A) F(D) Am(F#m) B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em) Dm(Bm)

earth re - joice in his ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the

20 E \flat (C) B \flat (G) F(D)

King is ex - alt - ed on high!

Detailed description: This is a piano accompaniment score for the hymn 'He Is Exalted'. The score is written in 6/8 time and B-flat major. It consists of five systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) has a key signature of one flat and a capo on the third fret. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the melody. The third system (measures 9-12) includes a key change to two flats. The fourth system (measures 13-16) continues in two flats. The fifth system (measures 17-20) returns to one flat. The lyrics are: 'He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise him. He is exalted, for ever exalted, and I will praise his name! He is the Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re - joice in his ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!'.

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.

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.

Call to Confession

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — *1 John 1.8-9*

Prayer of Confession

All: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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.

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Words: John Newton;

Music: Kevin Twit

Dadd9 Cadd9 G/B Dadd9 D/C D

Ap - proach, my soul, the mercy seat, where

5 Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F D D/C D Dadd9 Cadd9

Je - sus an - swers prayer; there hum - bly fall be -

9 G/B Dadd9 D/C D Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F

fore his feet, for none can per - ish

13 Dadd9 D/C D G/B D

there. 1.Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea, with
2.Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, by
3.Be thou my shield and hid - ing place, that,
4.O won - drous love to bleed and die, to

17 G/B D G/B D

this I ven - ture nigh; thou call - est bur - dened souls to thee, and
Sa - tan sore - ly pressed; by wars with - out and fears with - in, I
shel - tered near thy side, I may my fierce ac - cus - er face, and
bear the cross and shame, that guil - ty sin - ners, such as I, might

21 Cadd9 G/B Dadd11/F D

such, O Lord am I!
come to thee for rest.
tell him thou hast died.
plead thy gra - - - cious name!

Offertory

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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
Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it,

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!
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

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Words and Music:
Stuart Townend

(Capo III) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B♭(G)

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no

3 F(D) Csus(Asus) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B♭(G)

vast be - yond all meas - ure that he should give his on - ly Son to
 sin up - on his shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mocking voice call
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his

5 F(D) C(A) F(D) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B♭(G)

make a wretch his treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there un -
 death and res - ur - rec - tion, Why should I gain from his re - ward? I

7 F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B♭(G)

Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 til it was ac - com - plished his dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 can not give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: his

9 F(D) C(A) F(D)

man - y sons to glo - - - ry.
 know that it is fin - - - ished.
 wounds have paid my ran - - - som.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 2.14-37, page 628-629 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Joshua Parker

Scripture Reading

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

Romans 10.17

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit.

We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available in the foyer.

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free bread on the right for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Sermon

Lord's Supper

Fencing the Table

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.

Deacons' Fund Offering

Matt Sherrill, Cat Sherrill, Ricarda Downs, Alecia Augspurg, Justin Augspurg, Laura Bullock, Ellen Parmar, Brooke Huskey

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Words: V. Fortunatus, trans. A. Nelson;
Music: W. Moore, arr. Benedict/Bradham

The musical score is written for piano in G major and common time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in the treble staff.

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 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 on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing
set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it
hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en
Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

10 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 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) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons (presbyterianaboston.com), as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Somerville (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 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.

This fall, CTK staff is teaching a course on **1 and 2 Kings**. The story these books tell of God's commitment to holiness, and his faithfulness to his people when they are anything but faithful, lays out the background for our fall sermon series in Jeremiah. We meet at the church office (130 Prospect St., 2nd Floor) through October 18.

Discovering CTK, a class for those interested in becoming a member or learning more about our church and denomination (PCA), meets in the social hall through October 18.

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 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.

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. If you would like a group started near you, email rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org (men) or Cat Sherrill at 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.

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.

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.

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. *The next event will take place on October 10.*

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), Harvard (jeremy.mullen@ruf.org), and MIT (solomon.kim@ruf.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to meet people over a meal? Join CTK members Ryan and Abigail Zhang for **Fourth Sunday Eat and Meet** TODAY following the service. Please meet them at the front of the sanctuary, and then the group will head to a local restaurant. All are welcome!

CTK Educators will begin quarterly meetings with a picnic on Boston Common TODAY at 1pm. If you work in the field of education, you and your family are invited to come and meet colleagues from the congregations of CTK. Bring a picnic lunch, and we'll provide dessert; we will meet at the fountain just outside the Park Street T Station. Please RSVP or direct questions to nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

Join us for a **Day of Apple Picking** on Saturday, October 3 at Apple Crest Farm Orchard in Hampton Falls, NH (1 hr north of Cambridge). If you're interested, meet us up at the farm, or contact Brooke Huskey (brookehuskey@gmail.com) for more information.

Ladies, you are invited to a **Women Together event** at the Somerville home of Jen Gehling on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am. Feel free to invite friends as we casually gather for fellowship. Bring your own mug for coffee or tea! For more information and to RSVP please email jennifer.gehling@gmail.com.

Women's Fellowship Groups meet in Kendall and Davis for camaraderie, discipling, and growing in the faith. The Kendall group will meet weekly (starting Sept 23) on Wednesdays at 7:30am at Clover (email Laura Martin at lauraamartin87@gmail.com). The Davis group will meet every other Thursday at 7:30am at Renee's Cafe (email Emily DeBaun Stuntz at emily.debaun@gmail.com). If you'd like to start a new group, contact Cat Sherrill at bostonsherrill@gmail.com.

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

- **Brookline/Allston-Brighton** - Wednesday evenings. Contact Sarah at sarahgoodma@gmail.com.
- **Teele Square (West Somerville)** - Tuesdays at 7pm. Contact Andy at astuntz@gmail.com.
- **North Shore** - Sundays at 7:30pm. Contact Jeff at whitejd89@gmail.com. This group includes members from several CTK congregations.

CTK is offering **ESL classes** on Monday evenings at 7:30pm as a cooperative ministry between our AM and PM congregations. To register for classes please visit the following link: <https://ctkboston.wufoo.com/forms/esl-registration-form/>. Contact hannah.f.s.nation@gmail.com for more information.

CTK accepts general and deacons' fund **offerings online** through *The City*. To set up a login, visit <https://ctkboston.onthecity.org/kiosk/setup> to create an account and complete your profile. If you have a login, visit <https://ctkboston.onthecity.org/login>, then click on the Giving menu to make online donations, track your giving, and more. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

Parking Note: please do not park in the spaces at the former Lyndell's Bakery (74 Prospect St.). It is private property, and cars will be towed.

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