

CHRIST THE KING

*For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17*

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*What is of primary interest in a technological world is technique, for that, after all, is how we manage everything else. In the kingdom of God things are different. It is not that we do not do things, but that our doing is rooted in our being. Who we are is more important than what we do. — David F. Wells, *The Courage to Be Protestant**

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. — John 15

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

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Congregation: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to the LORD, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Congregation: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

– from *Psalm 34:8; Isaiah 55:1-2,6-7*

Invocation

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: St. Francis of Assisi;
 Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

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

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: 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

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: “Whoever comes to me I will never drive away.” The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

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,



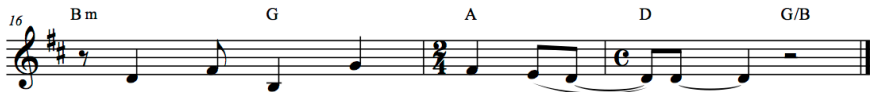
formed thee for his own a - bode. On the rock of
 and all fears of want re - moves. Who can faint while
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his
 I will glo - ry in thy name. Fad - ing is the



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.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *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.

The musical score is written in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-6) has lyrics: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all". The second system (measures 7-12) has lyrics: "crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly". The third system (measures 13-18) has lyrics: "host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with chords in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand. There are fermatas over the notes for "flow", "low", "Ghost", and "men".

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.

A Word for the Kids

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Words: Thomas Kelly;
Music: 17th Century German tune,
arr. by Phillip Palmertree

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. Chord symbols are placed above the guitar line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there
3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly, nor sup -
4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the

4 dy - ing on the tree. 'Tis the Christ by man re -
ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his caused is -
pose the e - vil great here may view its na - ture
re - fuge of the lost. Christ's the Rock of our sal -

7 ject - ed, yes my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the
own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress. Ma - ny
right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the
va - tion, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of

10 long - ex - pect - ed proph-et, Da - vid's son and Da - vid's
hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to
sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful
God, for sin - ners wounded, sac - ri - fice to can - cel

13 Lord, by his Son God now hath spo - ken, 'tis the
save. But the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the
load. 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of
guilt! None shall ev - er be con - found - ed, who on

16 true and faith - ful Word.
stroke that jus - tice gave.
Man and Son of God.
him their hope have built!

Scripture Reading

Psalms 1

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

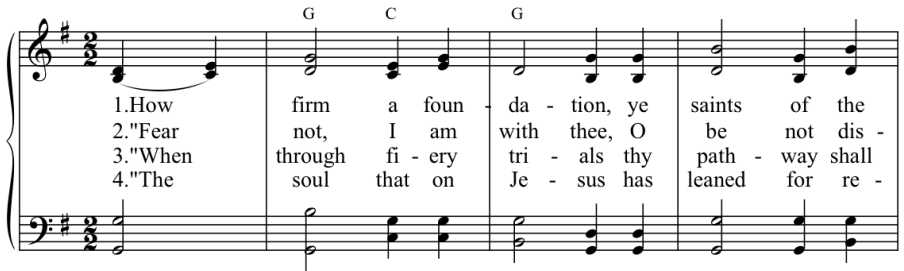
Sermon

Rev. Omar Ortiz


How Firm A Foundation

Words: John Rippon;
Music: Traditional American Melody

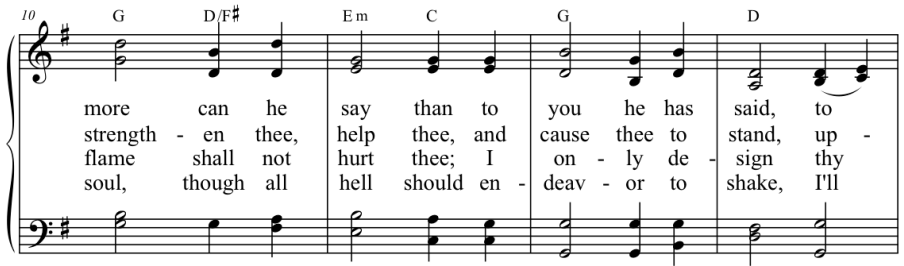
1. How firm a founda - tion, ye saints of the
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis -
3. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall
4. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re -



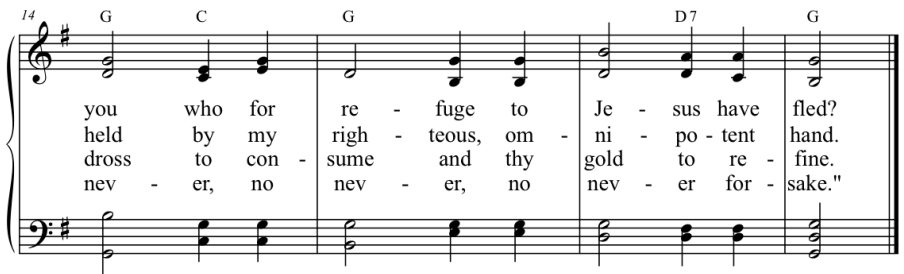
5 Lord, is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
mayed; for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll
lie, my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the
pose I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes; that



10 more can he say than to you he has said, to
strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll



14 you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."



Benediction

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org. For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus.

SUNDAYS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education and Sunday school gatherings on Sunday mornings via Zoom:

The elders and others are team-teaching an Adult Education class on **Christ in the Psalms**. They're exploring some of the traditional "messianic" psalms, as well as questions raised by the psalmist that can only be answered in Christ. Come and see the promised Savior in the songbook and prayer book of scripture.

FOR FAMILIES

Parents, you might try some of these ideas to help your child(ren) understand and better connect with our worship service.

During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. During the sermon, children might then complete one of the worship activities provided at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids.
- For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.

After the service / During the week

- Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIV available at biblegateway.com.
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids) to help children understand each part. Have everyone recall a part of the service that stood out to them.
- Listen to and discuss the songs from the service at ctkcambridge.org/songs. Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, Wakefield, and Quincy. We also have sister congregations worshipping in East Boston (in Portuguese), Newton, Hanover, West Roxbury, and Somerville. See ctkboston.org to find out more.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Now as always, Community groups are central to our life together at CTK as a way to study and pray together and serve each other and our communities. Right now, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Currently there are no groups meeting in person, but some ministries and groups are still meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person to learn more.

Men's Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships

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Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org,

MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Morgan Crago (missions@ctkcambridge.org)

ONLINE RESOURCES

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with **the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit ctkcambridge.org/giving.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please join the elders **this Sunday (3/14) at 7pm for an important informational meeting regarding the interim pastor.** Email office@ctkcambridge.org for the link.

Due to renovations and repairs in the sanctuary, **Sunday services will be online-only until late March.**

Ceiling repairs and painting in the sanctuary are nearly complete. Before the new carpet can go in, **we're looking for up to 10 volunteers to help reinstall the pews on Saturday, March 27th from 9am-1pm** -- if you're willing to help, email us at deacons@ctkcambridge.org.

Calling all singers, far and near! Although we are not able to put together our annual cappella choir for this year's Holy Week services, we'd love to have you join us by participating in **CTK's online choir**. We will be preparing selections for our services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Check out www.ctkcambridge.org/online-choir for more information and resources, and email amanda@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

Women's Ministry will be hosting backyard gatherings on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21 for a time of fellowship. One gathering will be on Saturday, March 20 from 2-4p at Amanda Holley's home in Wakefield. Two gatherings will be on Sunday, March 21 from 2-4p at the homes of Catherine Cook in Somerville and Laura Martin in Belmont. Email office@ctkcambridge.org to sign up for a time slot on the google spreadsheet and get the information for the locations. Sign ups are intended to keep the events within city/state gathering limits. Looking forward to seeing many of you!

The CTK Cambridge elders appreciate the difficulty of participating in the life of the congregation during the pandemic and in the many transitions we are experiencing. **Over the next 2 months the elders will be contacting CTK Cambridge members and regular attenders to arrange brief calls (by phone or Zoom) to "check in" and encourage the congregation in our walks with Christ.** Going forward we intend to periodically touch base with individuals and families in a more systematic manner. We continue to encourage you to connect with a Community Group if you haven't already.. As always, the deacons are ready to assist with financial and other needs you may be facing. In fact, deacons will frequently participate with the elders in the visits we are planning. We intend for these visits to help us fulfill our responsibility to "shepherd the flock" (I Peter 5:2) and ask for your prayers for the session as we serve our Lord together.

THIS WEEK AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation

Sun, 7p :: **Informational Meeting with Interim Update** :: Zoom

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/prayer

Wed, 9a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/women

To contact staff or officers, please visit ctkcambridge.org/staff-officers