

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

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*[Christ] is the action of God, coming towards man to save him and lead him to the Father. In Him, therefore, is revealed the fullness of the mystery of God's love. But He is also the Man who, raised up by God, mounts toward the Father and thus fulfills the vocation of man. He is at once – let us repeat – the movement of God towards man and the movement of man towards God.*

— Jean Daniélou, *Christ and Us*

*God is the voice beyond my own who calls me to a life beyond my own through a promise and a command beyond any knowledge or will of my own.*

— Merold Westphal, *Transcendence and Self-transcendence: On God and the Soul*

*Through him we go straight toward him. — Augustine, Trinity*

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*

## **Preparation**

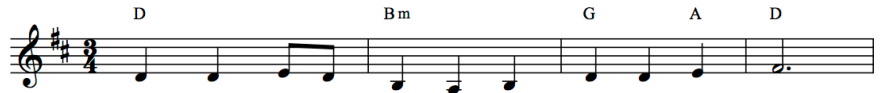
We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

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.

## Be Thou My Vision

Words and Music: Ancient Irish Hymn



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3. Be thou my breast plate, my sword for the fight.  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
 5. High king of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, be thou my might.  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou my great Fa - ther, and I thy true son;  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r.  
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.  
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 Raise thou me hea - venward, O pow'r of my pow'r.  
 high king of hea - ven, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O ru - ler of all.

## Call to Worship

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, the One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever by power of faith Christ's incarnation, his  
baptism in the Jordan river, his death on the cross for my salvation;  
his bursting from the spiced tomb, his riding up the heavenly way, his  
coming at the day of doom I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to  
watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need,  
the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the  
Word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,

Christ beside me, Christ to win me;  
Christ to comfort and restore me;

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three,  
of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word;  
praise to the God of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord!

– *Shield of St. Patrick*

## Invocation

## Call to Worship

God calls his people to  
assemble for worship;  
accordingly the church  
calls itself together.

# Ah, Holy Jesus

Words: Johann Heermann;  
Music: Johann Crüger

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
2. Who was the guilt - y whobroughtthis up - on thee?  
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;

that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed?  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee.  
the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered;

By foes de - rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed,  
'Twas I, Lord Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee;  
for man's a - tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth,

O most af - flict - - - ed.  
I cru - ci - fied thee.  
God in - ter - ced - - - eth.

## **Call to Confession**

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise. — *Psalm 51:16,17*

## **Prayer of Confession**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **Declaration of Absolution**

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to 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.

Amen.

## **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.

# His Mercy Is More

Words and Music: Matt Papa  
and Matt Boswell

(CAPO 4) E(C) A(F) E(C)

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His

3 B(G) C#m(Am) A(F) Bsus(Gsus)

nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown  
Fa - ther so ten - der is cal - ling us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost. We

5 E(C) F#m7(Dm7) E(C) A(F) E(C)

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. Our  
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

8 A(F) E(C) Bsus(Gsus) E(C) A(F) E(C) B(G) C#m(Am)

sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is  
sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is

13 A(F) B(G) E(C) Esus(Csus) E(C) C#m(Am) Bsus(Gsus) A(F) E(C)

2. What more. Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.

18 Bsus(Fsus)B(F) A(F) E(C) B(G) C#m(Am)

Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

21 A(F) E(C) B(G) E(C) A(F)E(C) B(G) C#m(Am) A(B)(G)

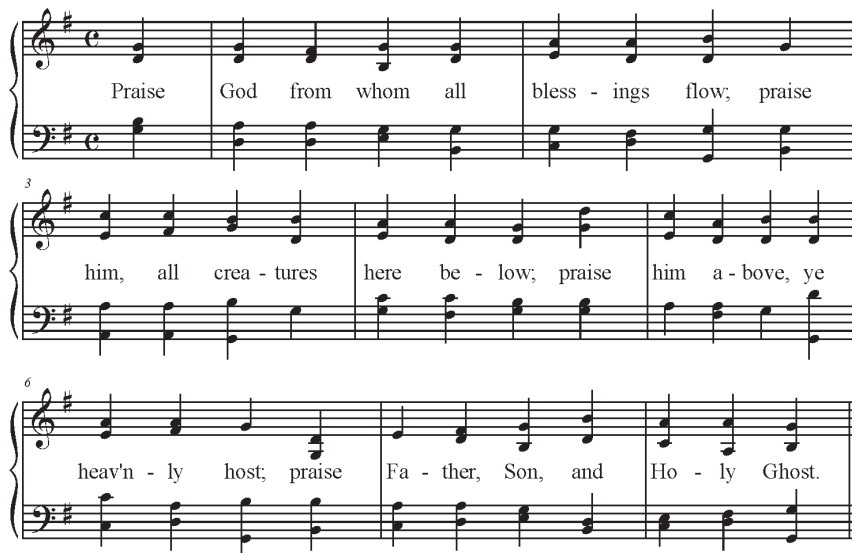
sins, they are man y, his mer cy is more. 3. What

## Offertory

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: Thomas Tallis



Praise God from whom all bless - ings 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.

## 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.**

### 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. We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the *Sermon Worksheet* available at the front of the sanctuary.

# The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Words: Henry W. Baker;  
Music: Traditional Irish Melody

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with  
5. Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; thine  
6. And so, through all the length of days, thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
ran - somed soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
thee, dear Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my  
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and, oh, what trans - port  
good - ness fail - eth nev - er. Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
of de - light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!  
sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

## 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

## Sermon

John 9:41-10:18, 27-30

Rev. Rick Downs



# I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Words: Isaac Watts;

Music: John Hatton

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;  
2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave,  
3. He lives to bless me with his love,  
4. He lives, my kind, wise, hea - ven-ly friend,  
5. He lives, all glo - ry to his name!

what joy this blessed as - sur - ance gives.  
he lives e - ter - nal - ly to save,  
he lives to plead for me a - bove.  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, my Sa - vior, still the same.

He lives, he lives, who once was dead.  
he lives e - xal - ted throned a - bove,  
He lives my hun - gry soul to feed,  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing,  
What joy this blessed as - sur - ance gives,

He lives, my ev - - - er - liv - ing Head.  
he lives to rule his church in love,  
he lives to help in time of need.  
he lives, my Pro - phet, Priest, and King.  
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

## 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

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at [ctkcambridge.org/visit](http://ctkcambridge.org/visit) 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 at the Welcome Table in the back Social Hall, or by contacting [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. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

For the time being, **all Adult Education and Sunday school classes and children's programming will be cancelled.** There will also be no snacks in the back following the service.

For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus).

### 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. For more information, please see [ctkcambridge.org/kids](http://ctkcambridge.org/kids) or email [dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org).

**Nursery (0–3 years):** Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and 1s are upstairs and 2s and 3s are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

**Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2):** Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Please sign-in children then drop off in room 3 & 4; pick-up from adjoining rooms with your parent tag.

**Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up):** Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

### 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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering](http://bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering) for general offerings and [bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons](http://bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons) for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email [giving@ctkboston.org](mailto:giving@ctkboston.org).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and 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.

### MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P  
Rick & T Downs ([cardadowns@gmail.com](mailto:cardadowns@gmail.com))

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P  
Tyler & Amanda Holley ([tylerbholley@gmail.com](mailto:tylerbholley@gmail.com))

### TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P  
James & Sarah Goodman ([ssgoodman617@gmail.com](mailto:ssgoodman617@gmail.com))

### WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P  
Nathan & Leann Barczi ([nbarczi@gmail.com](mailto:nbarczi@gmail.com))

BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P  
Taylor & Audra Wallace ([wallacetaylor89@gmail.com](mailto:wallacetaylor89@gmail.com))

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P  
Mike & Shannon Poor ([pcpoor@hotmail.com](mailto:pcpoor@hotmail.com))

### THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P  
Ben Hoover & Jenn Marlow ([benhoover34@gmail.com](mailto:benhoover34@gmail.com))

### THURSDAYS (cont'd)

WATERTOWN :: 6P  
Matt & Cat Sherrill ([sherrillmatt@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrillmatt@hotmail.com))

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P  
Michael & Anna Whitham ([michael.whitham@ruf.org](mailto:michael.whitham@ruf.org))

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P  
Sam & Steffi Beswick ([sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz))

MALDEN :: 7P  
Andy & Emily Stuntz ([astuntz@gmail.com](mailto:astuntz@gmail.com))

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P  
Susanne van Veluw ([susannevanveluw@gmail.com](mailto:susannevanveluw@gmail.com))

### FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P  
Sean & Nicole O'Hern ([scohern@gmail.com](mailto:scohern@gmail.com))

### SATURDAYS

LEXINGTON :: 5P  
Ricky & Lindsay Hardy ([linsrbins@gmail.com](mailto:linsrbins@gmail.com))  
\*Meets every other Saturday

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

**Men's Fellowship Groups:** Rev. Rick Downs ([rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org))

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

**Youth Community Group:** Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org))

**Vocational Fellowship Groups:** Rev. Nathan Barczi ([nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

**College Students** can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

BU: [nathan.dicks@ruf.org](mailto:nathan.dicks@ruf.org), Harvard: [michael.whitham@ruf.org](mailto:michael.whitham@ruf.org), or MIT: [solomon.kim@ruf.org](mailto:solomon.kim@ruf.org).

**Meals Ministry:** Erin Ward ([meals@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:meals@ctkcambridge.org))

**Overseas Partner Liaison:** Miriam Kreher ([mkreher13@gmail.com](mailto:mkreher13@gmail.com))

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit [ctkcambridge.org/serve-church](http://ctkcambridge.org/serve-church).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For more information on CTK's response to the **coronavirus** – both what we are actively doing now and what we are preparing for in the future – visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus).

If you or anyone you know **needs assistance with regard to the coronavirus** – especially displaced students – please visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus-resources](http://ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus-resources).

Worship—the heart of faith and the Christian life—changes and transforms us. Children need to worship just as much as adults do. With that in view, **Nathan Carter and Dana Russell will be teaching a three-week Adult Education class starting March 22** that will consider the roles of both parents and the congregation in helping children honor and draw near to God.

**Calling All Singers!** We are putting together a choir to sing selections at the upcoming Good Friday (4/10) and Easter Sunday (4/12) services. The first rehearsal will be Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 am. If you are interested in lending your voice, please contact [amanda@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:amanda@ctkcambridge.org).

We're in need of **help with the Easter Sunrise Breakfast** on Sunday, April 12th, or with preparing the meal on Saturday, April 11th. All food will be purchased by the church. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

All events subject to change. Please visit [ctkcambridge.org](http://ctkcambridge.org) for the most recent updates.

Fri, 3/27, 5:30p :: **Fourth Fridays** :: Beat Brew Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/fourth-fridays](http://ctkcambridge.org/fourth-fridays)  
(Susanne van Veluw, [susannevanveluw@gmail.com](mailto:susannevanveluw@gmail.com))

Sat, 3/28, 8a :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/mens-breakfast](http://ctkcambridge.org/mens-breakfast)  
(Rick Downs, [rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org))

Thu, 4/9, 7:30p :: **Maundy Thursday Service** :: Sanctuary  
(childcare up to age 3)

Fri, 4/10, 7:30p :: **Good Friday Service** :: Sanctuary  
(childcare up to age 3)

Sun, 4/12, 6a :: **Easter Sunrise Service** :: Sanctuary  
(hot breakfast immediately following)

Sun, 4/12, 10a :: **Easter Service** :: Sanctuary  
(no Sunday school or Adult Education)

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events)*

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Tue, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall  
(Laura Bullock, [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org))

Wed, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.  
(Mike Poor, [pcpoor@hotmail.com](mailto:pcpoor@hotmail.com))

Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Social Hall  
(Kelly Sawyer, [bostonkelly@gmail.com](mailto:bostonkelly@gmail.com))

Fri, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub  
(Nathan Barczy, [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

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