

CHRIST THE KING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. — 1 John 4:16a

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

The Glory of the Father
CTK A Cappella Choir

Egil Hovland

Modern man, be he Marxist or technocrat, falsely imagines that through his technology he can wield an unlimited sway over nature and create his own history. — Edward Schillebeeckx

To wield power that is neither determined by moral responsibility nor curbed by respect of persons results in the destruction of all that is human in the wielder himself. — Romano Guardini

There is something which unites magic and applied science while separating them from the “wisdom” of earlier ages. For the wise men of old, the cardinal problem of human life was how to conform the soul to objective reality, and the solution was wisdom, self-discipline, and virtue. For the modern, the cardinal problem is how to conform reality to the wishes of man, and the solution is a technique. — C.S. Lewis

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

Rev. Jeremy Mullen

Leader: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

Congregation: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

Congregation: The one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;

Leader: Who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,

Congregation: So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. - Psalm 65:4-8

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.

Invocation

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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Walter C. Smith;
Music: Welsh hymn melody

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther - of

5 wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our
 light, nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in
 small; in all life thou liv - est, the true life of
 light, thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their

9 eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of
 might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a -
 all; we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the
 sight; all praise we would ren - der, O help us to

13 Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 bove, thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 tree, and wi - ther and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick
and Keith and Kristyn Getty

D A/D D G/D

1. My worth is not in what I own; not
 2. My worth is not in skill or name; in
 3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my

3 D G D G/D D A /A#

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of
 win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing
 worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed - my ran - som

6 B m G D 1,3. D 2,4.

love at the cross. 2. My
 flowed at the cross. cross.
 us at the cross. 4. I
 Christ at the cross. cross.
 paid at the cross.

11 G A B m G D/F# A

I re joice in my Re - deem - er - Great est trea - sure, Well spring of my soul.

15 G A B m D/F# G A D

I will trust in him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis - fied in him a - lone.

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: 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 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: 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: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Words: Isaac Watts;
Music: W.H. Monk

1.I sing the almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains
2.I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories

rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and
food; he formed the creatures with his word, and
known; And clouds arise and tempests blow by

built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom
then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders
or - der from your throne; While all that borrows

that ordained the sun to rule the day; the
are displayed wher - e'er I turn my eye, If
life from you is ev - er in your care, and

moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.
I survey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
ev - 'ry - where that man can be, you, God, are present there.

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.

Offertory

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

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

7 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,

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

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

Chords: D, B m7, E m7, Asus--A, D, B m7, E m7, Asus--A, G2, D/F#, G Maj7, Asus--A, D, D/F#, G, Asus--A, D, D/F#, G, Asus, G2, D/F#, G, Asus, G, D/F#, G, B m7, E m7, G, Asus--A, D

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^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^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^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^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
cannot 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.

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.

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8:1-3, 22-36 and John 1:1-3, pages 532-533 and 886 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

Congregation: **But the word of our God will stand forever.**

Trey Nation

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.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Christ calls the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood.

All: Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that as bread and wine nourish our temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls for eternal life. But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins. — Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 79

Minister: Why do we have such confidence?

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. – from Romans 8:1,28,38-39

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

*Adrienne Mullen, Brent Boswell, Bridget Jackson, Jeremy Mullen,
Nate Jackson, Niklas Blomberg, Nydia Boswell, Phil Ebben*

Across the Lands

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be - fore the world be -
2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the
3. With a shout you rose vic - to-rious, wrest-ling vic - t'ry from the

gan; ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net has been
lost, and ex - changed the joy of heav - en for the
grave, and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en lead - ing

fash - ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -
an - guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the
cap - tives in your wake. Now you stand be - fore the

geth - er by the pow - er of your voice; let the
hun - gry, with a word you stilled the sea. Yet how
Fa - ther in - ter - ced - ing for your own. From each

skies de - clare your glo - ry, let the land and seas re -
si - lent - ly you suf - fered that the guilt - y may go
tribe and tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners

joyce!
free. You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry
home.

man; and your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

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 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 visit the welcome table in the foyer and fill out a visitor card 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 will be standing in the back of the sanctuary. 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. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Starting April 22, Nathan Carter will be teaching a class on **Selflessness**. A sad reality of human life after the fall is our deep self-orientation. As the Holy Spirit works in the life of a Christian, what does it look like to have that self-orientation changed? What makes a journey towards selflessness difficult? We will think through these questions and others with guidance from the stories and teachings of Scripture. We will touch on issues such as service, relationships, prayer, evangelism, and self-control. Recordings of this and past classes are available at ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation.

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–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Kids begin in room 3 / 4 and are picked up from adjoining rooms.

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.

For more information about children's ministry, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

BULLETINS

Bulletins are available on the church website (<http://www.ctkcambridge.org/sermons/>) each Thursday 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/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 MINISTRY

To connect with women in the church and learn about women's events throughout the year, contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. The group does not meet the first Thursday of each month. Contact Becky Williams (john.n.becky@gmail.com).

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 in the social hall. Come for as long as you can. 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.

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.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS

Members and regular attenders have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways on Sunday mornings. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Thursday, April 26 at 7pm, join us at CTK Cambridge for an evening with **Simon Oliver**, Professor of Theology and Canon Theologian at Durham, UK, as he discusses questions raised in his new book, *Creation: A Guide for the Perplexed*. Dr. Oliver argues that shifts in the understanding of God, creation, and science that took place in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries have rendered the notion of “creation” unintelligible, and have given rise to scientism - the view that the natural sciences are the only means of accessing truth. Dr. Oliver will explore how a recovery of the doctrine of creation bears relevance for many of today’s cultural concerns. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/ctk-creation. Please email Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions. Childcare will be available.

Spring is here! Get outside and join the women of CTK on Saturday, May 19 at 11am for a guided tour of one of Boston’s historic treasures, the **Mount Auburn Cemetery**. Learn about Boston history and enjoy the blooming beauty of Mount Auburn’s trees and gardens. Cost \$10. To register email meredithkwyse@gmail.com by May 16th!

Save the Date: the **All-Church Picnic** is coming up on Saturday, June 9th at Houghton’s Pond in Milton, MA. If you would be willing to help in any way, by leading a game or helping with grilling or with set-up/clean-up, please contact Sarah Goodman (sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org).

Parents, if you feel **your child might be ready to join the church** as a communing member, please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) for more details on a communicant’s class starting April 29.

It’s that time again—the bittersweet departures for many CTKers graduating and moving on. If you are **planning to leave the Boston area** soon please email Sarah Goodman to let us know so we can be sure to say goodbye, and continue to stay in touch.

Follow along with a **daily Bible reading** plan designed to complement the current sermon series. Learn more at www.ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacon’s Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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