

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021  
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## **Prelude**

*What he was, he laid aside; what he was not, he assumed. He takes upon himself the poverty of my flesh so that I may receive the riches of his divinity.*

*For that which He has not assumed He has not healed; but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved.*

— Gregory Nazianzen, various sources

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: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you;

Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,

All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory.

Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. — *Psalm 63:1-5*

## **Invocation**

# Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

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

G D G G/B G

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 G/D D7 G G G D7 G

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 G G D G

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 D G G/B G G/D D7 G

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.

## Call to Confession

Leader: “Yet even now,” declares the Lord,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the Lord your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster. — *Joel 2:12-13*

## Prayer of Confession

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. – from John Calvin, *Geneva Liturgy of 1543*

## Declaration of Absolution

Leader: 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.

**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.**

# Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit;  
Music: Kevin Twit



1. A - rise my soul, a-rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
2. He ev - er lives a-bove for me to in - tercede,  
3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - vary.  
4. My God is re - conciled, his pard'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears.  
his all re - deem - ing love, his precious blood to plead.  
They pour ef - fec - tual prayers; they strongly plead for me.  
He owns me for his child; I can no long - er fear;



Be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne  
His blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned  
For - give him, O for - give, they cry, For - give him, O  
With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, With con - fi - dence



my sure - ty stands. My name is writ - ten on his hands.  
for ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
for give, they cry, Nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!  
I now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.



Men: A rise, Arise, Arise, Arise

Women: A rise, Arise, Arise, Arise



mysoul, a-rise. Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise, Arise,



mysoul, a rise. Shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

## Offertory

### 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.**

### A Word for the Kids

# Before the Throne of God Above

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft;  
Music: Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea, a Great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great, un - change - ab - le I



Love, who - ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of Glo - ry and of grace. One with him -



gra - ven on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sa - vior died; my sin - ful soul is coun - ted  
self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his



heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free, for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

## Scripture Reading

*Hebrews 9:11-15*

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Rev. Rick Lints

## Lord's Supper

*Invitation*

All: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: [Christ] was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. - 1 Timothy 3:16

*Words of Institution*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*



# Nothing But the Blood

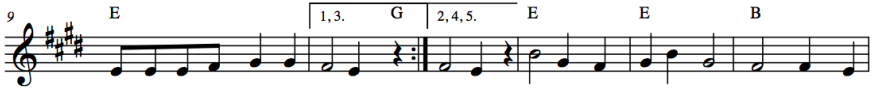
Words and Music: Robert Lowry



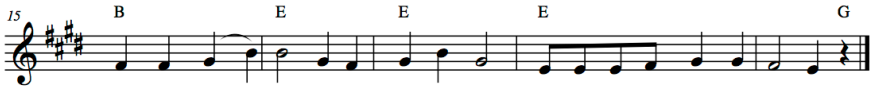
1. What can wash a - way my sin? Nothing but the blood of
2. For my cleansing this I see - Nothing but the blood of
3. Noth ing can for sin a - tone - Nothing but the blood of
4. This is all my hope and peace - Nothing but the blood of
5. Now by this I'll o - ver come - Nothing but the blood of



Je - sus; what can make me whole a - gain?  
Je - sus; For my par - don this my plea -  
Je - sus; Naught of good that I have done -  
Je - sus; This is all my righ - teous - ness -  
Je - sus; Now by this I'll reach my home -



Nothing but the blood of Je - sus. O precious is the flow that makes me  
Nothing but the blood of Je sus.  
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus.  
Nothing but the blood of Je sus.  
Nothing but the blood of Je sus.



white as snow; no oth er fount I know, nothing but the blood of Je - sus.

## Benediction

# WELCOME

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at [ctkcambridge.org/visit](http://ctkcambridge.org/visit) so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org). For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit [ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus](http://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](http://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](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at [ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@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:** Church Office ([office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org))

**College Students** can join Reformed University Fellowships

BU: [nathan.dicks@ruf.org](mailto:nathan.dicks@ruf.org),

Harvard: [michael.whitham@ruf.org](mailto:michael.whitham@ruf.org),

MIT: [solomon.kim@ruf.org](mailto:solomon.kim@ruf.org).

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

**Overseas Partner Liaison:** Morgan Crago ([missions@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [ctkcambridge.org/giving](http://ctkcambridge.org/giving).

**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, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fill in next week

## THIS WEEK AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)*

Sun, 9a :: **Adult Education** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation)

Mon, 7:30p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)

Wed, 9a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

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