

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*Left to ourselves, we will pray to some god who speaks what we like hearing, or to the part of God we manage to understand. But what is critical is that we speak to the God who speaks to us, and to everything that he speaks to us... There is a difference between praying to an unknown God whom we hope to discover in our praying, and praying to a known God, revealed through Israel and Jesus Christ, who speaks our language. In the first, we indulge our appetite for religious fulfillment; in the second we practice obedient faith. The first is a lot more fun, the second is a lot more important. What is essential in prayer is not that we learn to express ourselves, but that we learn to answer God. — Eugene Peterson, Answering God*

*I either know about the God I seek from my own experience and insights, from the meanings which I assign to history or nature – that is, from within myself – or I know about him based on his revelation of his own Word. ... [I]f it is God who says where he will be, then that will truly be a place which at first sight is not agreeable to me, which does not fit so well with me. That place is the cross of Christ. — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Circulating Letter, 1936*

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.

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson;  
Music: Asahel Nettleton

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three columns across the systems. Chord symbols (D, A, G) are placed above the vocal line to indicate the harmonic structure. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for  
 come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly  
 be; let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my

songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan - der - Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the  
 strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to  
 feel it - prone to leave the God I love; here's my

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## Call to Worship

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — *Isaiah 55:6, 7*

## Call to Worship

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

## Invocation

### Psalalm 130

Words: Scottish Psalter;  
Music: Christopher Tye

The musical score is written in G minor, 3/4 time, and consists of four staves of music with lyrics. The first staff (measures 1-4) has a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The second staff (measures 5-8) has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The third staff (measures 9-14) has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The fourth staff (measures 15-20) has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Lord, from the depths to thee I cried. My  
2. Lord, who shall stand if thou, my Lord, shouldst  
3. I wait, my soul a - waits the Lord; my  
4. O Is - ra - el, hope in the Lord; the

3 Lord, give ear to me. O hear my voice and  
mark in - i - qui - ty? But yet with thee for -  
hope is in his word. More than the watch - men -  
Lord saves gra - cious - ly. And he shall Is - ra -

6 hear - ken to my sup - pli - ca - ting plea.  
give - ness is, that men may rev - 'rence thee.  
wait for morn my soul waits for my Lord.  
el re - deem from all in - i - qui - ty.

### **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: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — *Hebrews 4:14-16*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your 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: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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.**

# 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-ing 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



joice!  
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.

### 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.

### Offertory

### Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;  
Music: Louis Bourgeois'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.

### Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

### 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.**

# All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music with corresponding lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I knew the  
 ran my hell - bound race, in - diff - rent to the  
 would be yours a - lone and live so all might

5 way; the sin that pro - mised joy and life had led me  
 cost, you looked up - on - mised help - less state and led me  
 see the strength to fol - low your com - mands could ne - ver

8 to the grave. I had no hope that you would  
 to the cross; and I be - held God's love dis -  
 come from me. O Fa - ther use my ran - somed

11 own a re - bel to your will, and if you  
 played, you suf - fered in my place, you bore the  
 life in a - ny way you choose, and let my

14 had not loved me first, I would re - fuse you still.  
 wrath re - served for me, now all I know is  
 song for - ev - er be my on - ly boast is

19 2. But as I grace! Hal le - lu - jah! All I  
 you.

25 have is Christ! Halle - lu - jah! Jesus is my life! 3. Now Lord I

Sermon

Galatians 1:11-24

Rev. Rick Downs

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

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# And Can It Be

Words: Charles Wesley;  
Music: Thomas Campbell

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
 2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, so free, so  
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
 4. No con dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

6  
 in the Sa - vior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 in - fi - nite his grace, emp - tied him - self of all but  
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning  
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

12  
 pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing  
 love and bled for A - dam's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy  
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell  
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap -

18  
 love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
 off, my heart was free; free; I rose, went forth, and  
 proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

23  
 die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 found out me. A - maz - ing love. How  
 fol - lowed thee. own. A - maz - ing love. How  
 Christ, my own.



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be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?

## Benediction

**Benediction**  
We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

# 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).

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning at 8:45am. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education online:

**Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism.** Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion on Zoom! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

### 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).

### 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).

For additional communication and socializing during this period of social distancing, join us on our Slack space: [ctk-cambridge.slack.com](http://ctk-cambridge.slack.com). Email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org) to join.

# 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

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, no groups are meeting in person, but many are meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person for more information.

### 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 Barczy ([nbarczy@gmail.com](mailto:nbarczy@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

*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:** 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 Barczy ([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))

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## 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).

Starting tonight at 8pm, the Adult Education class will be on **Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism**. Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*. Please visit our website for details and links.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon, 5/4/20, 8p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)  
(Laura Martin, [laura.a.martin87@gmail.com](mailto:laura.a.martin87@gmail.com))

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, 8p :: **Adult Education** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/calendar](http://ctkcambridge.org/calendar)  
(Nathan Barczy, [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)  
(Laura Bullock, [laura@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:laura@ctkcambridge.org))

Wed, 1:30p :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Online  
(Kelly Sawyer, [bostonkelly@gmail.com](mailto:bostonkelly@gmail.com))

Fri, 4:30p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: Online  
(Nathan Barczy, [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org))

## DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

*Visit [ctkboston.org/prayer](http://ctkboston.org/prayer) for more information*

Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer**

Tue, Thu, 8a :: **Morning Prayer**

Mon thru Fri, 8:30p :: **Evening Prayer**

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