

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 28, 2019 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

I have spent a lot of time searching through the Bible for loopholes. — W.C. Fields

No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says; he is always convinced that it says what he means. — George Bernard Shaw

Every verse in the Bible is virtually a concrete faith-event in my own life....I have been personally present and have shared in the crossing of Israel through the Red Sea but also in the adoration of the golden calf, in the baptism of Jesus but also in the denial of Peter and the treachery of Judas....And we shall have to answer this question alone: whether, after the Word of God has sought to provide us with this movement and meaning, we have perhaps evaded it?

— Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*

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, People of the Risen King

Words and Music: Stuart Townend,
Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. Come peo - ple of the Risen King, who de -
 2. Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those
 3. Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and

light to bring him praise; Come all, and tune your
 weep - ing through the night; Come those who tell of
 wom - en of the faith; Come those with full or

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For his
 emp - ty hands - find the rich - es of his grace. O - ver

shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to
 per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er
 all the world, his peo - ple sing - shore to shore we hear them

him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the
 call the truth that cries in ev - 'ry age, "Our

gath - er chil - dren in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -
 cer - tain hope of peace.
 God is all in all."

joice! One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, re - joice!

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Congregation: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Congregation: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

— Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

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

Invocation

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Words: Martin Luther;
Music: *Geistliche Lieder*

1. Lord, keep us steady in your Word;
 2. Lord, Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known,
 3. O Com - fort - er of price - less worth,

4 Curb those who by de - ceit or sword
 you are Lord of lords a lone;
 send peace and u ni ty on earth;

8 would wrest the king dom from your Son
 de - fend your ho ly Church, that we
 sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

12 and bring to nought all he has done.
 may sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Chords: Em, G, Cmaj7, Em, G, Bsus, B7, Cmaj7, Em7, Em/A, Cmaj7, D, B7, Em

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: "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: 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

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: 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.

O God, Beyond All Praising

Words: Michael Perry;
Music: Gustav Holst

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to -
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we
day and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re -
bring, that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our
pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you
King; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or
send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out
ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you
end; we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your
still; to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Offertory

The Lord's My Shepherd
CTK Music Team

J.L. Macbeth Bain

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: 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

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

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,

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

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

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.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Holy Spirit

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. Holy Spirit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
 2. Holy Spirit, come a - bide with - in, may your joy be seen in all I
 3. Holy Spirit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

4 soul. Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re - do. Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each made, show your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause your

7 new my heart and make me whole. thought and deed and at - ti - tude. church to hun - ger for your ways.

9 Cause your word to come a - live in me; Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;

11 give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for your gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

14 pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me. works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do. face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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

Romans 8:5-11 page 944 in pew Bible

Reader: So faith comes from hearing,

Congregation: and hearing through the word of Christ.

Miriam Kreher

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

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.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What do you believe?

All: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.

Minister: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him. — from *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 75, 80*

All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

– *Colossians 1:15-20*

Minister: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

Words of Institution and 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

Allison de Jesus, Ellen Parmar, Josephine Mawutor Ndinyah, Lara Kastelein, Miriam Kreher, Nathan Dicks, Sarah Dicks, T Downs

Deacons' Fund Offering

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

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

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

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,

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;

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.

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 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, or by contacting 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.

When You Pray: "Words fail to explain how necessary prayer is," wrote John Calvin, and the Heidelberg Catechism calls prayer "the chief part of thankfulness." And yet, nearly all Christians struggle to pray. Join us for six weeks in April and May during Adult Education to explore the nature, the necessity, and the riches of prayer. Each week we will set aside some time to pray together, using the Lord's prayer as our model.

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 or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1s, 2s and 3s rooms 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. 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.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Bulletins are available online each Thursday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet. Visit ctkcambridge.org/sermons.

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

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 with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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, Somerville, and Wakefield (ctkboston.org).

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)

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

TUESDAYS

DAVIS :: POWDERHOUSE :: SOMERVILLE :: 7:00P
Eric & Lara Kastelein (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (sarahgoodma@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 6P
Nathan & Leann Barczi (nbarczi@gmail.com)

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

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

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for discipling and growing in faith. Contact rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org.

The **Women's Ministry** has Bible Study groups that meet throughout the city, as well as events throughout the year. To learn more, contact Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com).

A **Youth Community Group** meets monthly at the church. Please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Vocational Fellowship Groups are available for people working within similar fields. For more information, contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

College Students can meet with Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses. Email our campus ministers at BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: jeremy.mullen@ruf.org, and MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

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.

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Nathan & Sarah Brown
(nathan.collin.brown@gmail.com)

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

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)

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

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Alex & Megan MacKay (ajmack@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

BELMONT :: LEXINGTON :: NEWTON :: 5P
Ricky & Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

How to Study the Gospels is a lecture and workshop for anyone wishing to understand the four Gospels and their role in explaining God's plan for our redemption. All are invited! Leaders and Bible teachers at CTK are highly encouraged to come to benefit their own teaching ministries! 7-9 pm on Tuesday April 30th in the Social Hall. Snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Laura Martin (laura.a.martin.87@gmail.com).

On Saturday, May 4 there is a **Women As Forces For Gospel Advance Conference in Melrose, Massachusetts**. The conference aims to help local churches inform, engage, and equip women to be holy and feminine forces for gospel advance. It is designed for both men and women to attend. Contact Laura Martin (lauraamartin87@gmail.com) if you are interested in registering with a CTK group. You can also register individually.

The **Boston Fellows** is a nine-month fellowship for young professionals at CTK and other Boston churches to cultivate the worldview, in prayer and in the community of the local church, necessary for meaningful vocation, in a cohort of peers, spiritual leaders, and professional mentors. **Applications are being accepted now through June 15** for the 2019-20 cohort, which will begin in September. See www.BostonFellows.com to apply or for more information, or contact Nathan Barczi (nathan@ctkcambridge.org).

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun, 4/28, 12p :: **Fourth Sunday Eat & Meet** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/eat-and-meet
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Tue, 4/30, 7p :: **How to Study the Gospels** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/gospels
(Laura Martin, laura.a.martin.87@gmail.com)

5/3-4 :: **Women as Forces for Gospel Advance** ::
Conference at Seven Mile Road Church, Melrose, MA
kalosconversations.com/conference

Tue, 5/14 :: **Women Together** :: Somerville, MA
ctkcambridge.org/women-together
(Emily Stuntz, emily.debaun@gmail.com)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Monday, 6:30p :: **ESL Classes** :: Church Basement
(Anna Boardman, annaboardman11@gmail.com)

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: **Women's Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Jeremy Mullen, jeremy.mullen@ruf.org)

Friday, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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