

CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*What frightens and frees us simultaneously about this new and alien kingdom of God which Jesus preached and told of is the simple fact that it is God's and not our own. That is a dark menace to the complacency and contentment of those who flourish under the kingdoms of this world; a shining vision of release and new beginnings to the victims of the present order; and perhaps also a mocking rebuke to the programs, projects, and pride of those who hope to create a new order by themselves. — Alan E. Lewis, *Between Cross and Resurrection**

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.

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Carl Glaser

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1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
3. Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears, that
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he
5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your

G D G

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris' - ner free; his blood can make the
loo - sened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold, your

C G/D D7 G

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
earth a - broad, the ho - nors of thy Name.
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
Sa - vior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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

Call to Worship

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

Lord, I Need You

Words and Music: Reeves, Stanfill,
Maher, Nockels, and Carson

1. Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my —
— rest. And without you, I fall apart. You're the
one that guides my heart. Lord, I need you, oh, I
need you. Ev'ry hour I need you. My one defense, my
righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you. 2. Where sin runs
deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you
are. And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness
is Christ in me. you. So
teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my
way. And when I can not stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

E A2 E B/D# C#m7 Bsus
A2 E A2 E
Bsus B A2 E A
E B/D# C#m7 A E B E/G# A
E/B A/C# E/B B 1. E A2 E
E A2 E B/D# C#m7 Bsus
A2 E A2 E
Bsus B A2 E/G# Bsus C#m7 E/G#
A2 A E/G# Bsus C#m7
A2 Bsus E

Call to Confession

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 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. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. — 1 *John* 1:5-10

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: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

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.

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.

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Words: William Kirkpatrick,
based on Psalm 146;
Music: Darwin Jordan

D D/C# B m7 D/A G D/F#

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the moun - ing
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -

4 E m A D D/C# B m7 D/A

ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor - ious prais - es
be his aid; He is blest whose hope of bless - ing
pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,
ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor - ious prais - es,

7 G D/F# E m A B m

Of my God through all my days. Put no con - fi -
on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the
makes the sight - less eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah
of my God through all my days. O - ver all God

10 B m/A G D E A

dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that they con - tain;
loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,
reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

13 D D/C# B m7 D/A G D/F#

He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos -
He de - liv - ers from op - press - ion, right - eous - ness he
helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the
un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le -

16 A D

es shall end.
will main - - - tain.
wick - - - ed sends.
lu - - - jahs sing.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here be
low; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly
host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Simeon B. Marsh

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er

bo - som fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll,
soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone,
thee I find; raise the fall - en, cheer the faint,
all my sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound;

while the tem - pest still is high; hide me, O my
still sup port and com - fort me! All my trust on
heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly
make and keep me pure with - in; thou of life the

Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is
thee is stayed, all my help from thee I
is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous -
foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of

past; safe in - to the ha - ven guide,
bring; cov - er my de - fense - less head,
ness; false and full of sin I am,
thee; spring thou up with - in my heart,

O re - ceive my soul at last!
with the shad - ow of thy wing.
thou art full of truth and grace.
rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

How Great Thou Art

Words: Stuart K. Hine;
Music: Swedish Folk Melody

A D/A

1.O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
 2.When through the woods and for - est glades I
 3.And when I think that God, his Son not
 4.When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -

2 D/A A E sus4 E

won - der con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have
 wan - der and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
 spar - ing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it
 ma - tion, and take me home, what joy shall fill my

4 A A sus4 A D/A

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 trees, when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

6 D/A A E sus4 E

thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis -
 gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle -
 bear - ing, he bled and died, to take a - way my
 ra - tion, and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou

8 A A sus4 A D A

played. Then sings my soul, my Sav ior God, to thee; how great thou
 breeze;
 sin.
 art.

11 E sus4 A A sus4 A D

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav ior God, to

14 A C#m7 E sus4 A

thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Benediction

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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 so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting 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.
- 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.
- Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at 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. 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.

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.

For additional communication and socializing during this period of social distancing, join us on our Slack space: ctk-cambridge.slack.com. Email 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 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)

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P

Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P

James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P

Nathan & Leann Barczy (nbarczy@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)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P

Ben Hoover & Jenn Marlow (benhoover34@gmail.com)

THURSDAYS (cont'd)

WATERTOWN :: 6P

Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P

Michael & Anna Whitham (michael.whitham@ruf.org)

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P

Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

MALDEN :: 7P

Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P

Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P

Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

LEXINGTON :: 5P

Ricky & Lindsay Hardy (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)

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

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

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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.

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Please be aware that there are **scam emails being sent from a fake account claiming to be Rick Downs**. The scammers have even taken his profile picture from the website and attached it to the fake email. Please do not respond to these emails. **Rick will never ask for you to spend or send money**. If in doubt, contact office@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, 8p :: **Adult Education** :: Online
ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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

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

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

DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

Visit 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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